

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024



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Learning and living as children of God

(Ephesians 5:1) (You are God's children whom he loves. Try to be like God)
OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS Respect



Sun Shine Awards

Reception: Hendrix,

Class 1: Sam,

Class 2: Hope,

Class 3: Zahara,

Playtime trophy goes to Class 1 & Reception class.

The school sports award goes to Maddie & Luke.

A huge well done to Nancy who has successfully been awarded her Level 5 Learn to Swim.



The elf has been naughty in school!



The children enjoyed a visit from water safety staff, working at Tewkesbury Leisure Centre. The team were really good talking to the children about flooding in the area and tips around keeping safe near water.



After School Club T3

03/01/25-10/02/25 Camp Kindness Yr 3 3.15- 4pm **FULL**

07/01/25-28/01/25 Hockey Club Yr3,4,5&6 3.15-4pm

07/01/25-04/02/25 Dungeons & Dragons Yr4,5,6 3.15-4pm

08/01/25-12/02/25 Sports Club Yr 1 & 2 3.15-4pm **FULL**

09/01/25-13/02/25 Sports Club Yr 3&4 3.15-4pm **FULL**

Future Dates/Notifications

20/12/24: Celebration assembly @2.50pm

20/12/24: End of term 2

06/01/25: Term 3 Starts 8.45am!

10/01/25: Eco Non Uniform Day for £1 donation

School Lunches

Please order school meals for term 3 before 2nd January 2025. Thank you

School Day

Just a reminder that the school day starts at **8.45am** this is the time children need to be in class, children can arrive at 8.40am.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who came to listen to their children singing in singing club. The children were truly magnificent! Thank you to Miss Rimmer who ran the club.



Thank you to every one who donated to **RAGS2RICHES** we raised £62.88.

Congratulations to Amelia, Nancy & Estee for achieving their apprentice scribe!

Head Boy & Head Girl Blog!



Everyone had an amazing time taking part in the Cinderella panto! We had some super turkey and sticky toffee pudding for our Christmas lunch - it was yummy. The verdict on Glow Dodgeball was very entertaining for all of the children and they would like it again!

The children had a wonderful time at the Cinderella production held in school. The Rainbow Theatre presented a very funny panto and the children spent the afternoon laughing!



Christmas lunch was wonderful! The children enjoyed a festive feast with crackers and juice. A big thank you to the PTFA who supplied the crackers and juice for the children.



Honours List

Each week, awards for children's achievement will be presented in Celebration Assembly. We will also recognise children who have demonstrated our value for each term in the everyday life of our school - our value for Term 2 is Respect.



Award winners for w/c 2nd December - 20th December 2024

Achievement:

Reception - All of Reception for a lovely nativity. Archie, Oliver & Charlotte for super ideas in RE.

Class 1 - All of class 1 for a beautiful nativity. Quinn for super reading & Arlo for super cursive handwriting.

Class 2 - Poppy, Ernie & Ellie for their incredible start to their quest story. Otis for his perseverance in his sewing!

Class 3 - Ellis & Edie for their amazing knex model. Annabelle for her thoughtful reflections in her value journal.

Values:

Reception - Kit, Delilah-Rose.

Class 1 - Wilfred & Filip, Felicity & Ayda.

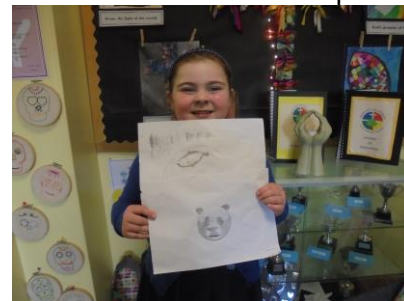
Class 2 - Amelia & Hugo, Ellie & Theo.

Class 3 - Eleanor & Molly S, Edie & Olivia.

Congratulations to Poppy who has been awarded a special medal for effort and enthusiasm during her horse-riding lesson. Well done Poppy!



A big well done to Ellie-Kate who has been creating some wonderful drawings using lines and shading. She made a beautiful fish and panda!



Everyone had a great time with Mr Clark playing Glow dodgeball. Thank you Mr Clark.



Little Deers and Class 2 Morning

Little Deers had great fun with Class 2 making decorations, sharing stories and using icing to make penguins. It was wonderful to share the morning together and create some brilliant decorations.



Little Deers and Reception Visit from Rev. Kay

Rev. Kay brought her Nativity set to share with Little Deers. They retold the story together and sang some songs. Rev. Kay then joined them for some Christmas activities.



Thank you to the wonderful pianists, Olivia, Leila and Zahara who all played for us at the end of term celebration.



Little Deers Nativity

We are so proud of all our Little Deers who were brilliant in their Nativity. They sang so well and remembered their words. A huge thank you to Mrs Tyler who sewed all our costumes for us.



Class 3

PC Pete visited Class 3 this week to talk about internet safety. They found out the age recommendations for different apps they might use and how they should never post anything online which might identify who they are - including photos of our pets!



Knex Challenge

Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed this year's Knex Challenge. The task was to design a machine that uses a crank or similar mechanism to help move a heavy box. There were some very ingenious designs and choosing a winner was a really tricky task. Congratulations to Edie and Ellis who were, after much deliberation, chosen as the winners.



Class 1

Calon and Edith have been using their geographical knowledge to match human and physical features. Felicity and Evelynn have been retelling the story of the Lost Sheep, exploring the idea that everyone is valuable and how this is reflected in different faith communities. Well done!



Also Daisy has been discussing the properties of 2 and 3-D shapes whilst making their Christmas cards.



Class 3

Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their music unit this term. They have found out all about rock anthems, learned to sing and play along with Livin' on a Prayer by Bon Jovi, and even used sign language for the chorus. But everyone agrees that the best part was being able to play air guitar!



Congratulations to Ed for achieving Chiefs Scout's silver award. This is the highest award a Cub can earn. To complete it, you need to earn six Activity or Staged Activity Badges of your choice, as well as all seven of the Challenge Awards. The Chief Scout's Silver Award shows that you've given new things a go, played your part, and stuck it out, even when the going got tough. It's a really big achievement well done Ed!



The children in school and pre-school had a visit from two lovely elves. They gave each of them a chocolate reindeer! They were all very excited!



Thank you to the PTFA who have bought school a wellie stand and bean bags for the new reading hub.



Class 2 had an interesting session with Severn Trent this week, all about water ways related to Christmas. They were all very lucky and received a pack and Severn Trent book.



Congratulations to the following children who have received their Numbot certificate -

Filip - Glass & Tungsten.

Sebastian - Tin, Brass & Copper.

William - Glass, Tungsten & Aluminium.

Wilfred - Iron.

Daisy - Steel.

Felicity - Iron.



Foodbank Collection

George has been collecting special Christmas treats for the foodbank. He dropped off a huge donation this week ready for the Foodbank to give out. He was kindly supported by Tewkebury Fields Care Home, a local business, the Scouting community and many of the villagers. A big thank you to everyone who supported George.

Class One have enjoyed making and decorating Christmas biscuits this week.



Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas carol service it was a great success.



Thank you to the parents of class 1 & 2 for the lovely hamper and gifts to staff and also for the hamper for reception class.

What amazing winter projects this week from Reception class from photos of extreme weather to a life size Emperor Penguin! They have learnt lots of new facts as well. As told by Kit "The Emperor Penguin is tallest and the heaviest of all the penguins"



Please find a link of Reception and Class 1 Nativity performance 'The Sleepy Shepherd'. The children sang with lots of joy as we shared the story of the importance of Christmas.

<https://t.ly/ADXhg>



Archie and Thomas have been busy authors - working together to write an adventurous story for Reception class.



SAFE GUARDING CORNER

Your child's mental health

Signs of depression or anxiety in children can sometimes look like normal behaviour, particularly in teenagers who might keep their feelings to themselves. So, knowing how to talk to your child about their mental health is important.

Many children or young people will feel stressed or anxious about things like exams or moving to a new school. But while these experiences can be challenging, they're different from longer-term depression or anxiety, which affect how a child or young person feels every day.

It can help to think about what's normal for your child and if you've noticed signs that they've been behaving differently.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-mental-health/>

Have you seen this about gambling? It is worth a read.

<https://news.sky.com/story/illegal-casinos-are-using-roblox-to-draw-children-into-online-gambling-13273519>



Thank you to everyone for all the gifts and Christmas wishes.

The Governors, staff and I wish you a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

J Neveu



TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2024

Christingle at Deerhurst Church, 4pm

We are inviting all the children who come along to the service, to dress up as one of the characters from, and (if they want) take part in the Nativity Story.

Some of you will already have costumes that can be used or adapted. But, if you don't, please, please, do not go to any great expense. Most of you (I'm sure) will have everyday items at home which can be transformed. Keeping it simple is the key. We look forward to welcoming you all to Deerhurst church on Christmas Eve afternoon.

Kay Mundy & Mary-Ann Preece.



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