



Religious News

In Collective Worship this week, we introduced the children to the fact that, in celebrating the first Sunday of Advent, the Church has just started a New Year – Year C.

We looked at the component parts of the Advent Wreath before it was assembled by David H and Mrs Stead and discussed the symbolism of the circle, the evergreen leaves and how we use the candles to count down the Sundays to Christmas Day.

In addition at Collective Worship, we introduced the Jesse Tree which is another very old Christmas Tradition which first started in medieval times. We used a branch from our tree from the playground to form our tree and we hung pictures on it linked to the stories of The Creation, Adam and Eve and Noah's Ark representing different stories from the Bible. Before the end of Advent, we will hang further pictures with links to stories from the Bible.

Classes are continuing their preparation for our end of term services in hymns. These services will take place for EYFS and KS1 at 9.15am in school and at 10.15am in Church.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

ASSORTED

The Eco Council met yesterday to judge the entries in this year's competition and they were very impressed by both the quantity and the quality of the entries. Congratulations to the following four boys who were all judged the winners: Freddie R (EYFS), Eli J, (KS1), Brooklyn A-D (LKS2) Nathaniel B (UKS2).

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded their Raving Reader Awards today: Harrison R, Jay W, Anna J, Tilly McC and Harriet K.

Next Friday, 14th December, is our Christmas Dinner which coincides with Christmas Jumper Day. If your child would like to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on that day, please feel free to do so. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day, just an opportunity to wear a jumper instead of a sweatshirt. This is a charity fundraising day for Save the Children so **if** you would like to send a **voluntary** donation for the charity, we will collect these and send them off.

Achievers of the week for 3rd December.

This week we have awarded our certificates to children who demonstrated creativity and imagination in different areas of the curriculum.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates:

FS2 Martha H, Joshua F

Y1 Phoebe W, Joshua F

Y2 Jay W, Ella A

Y3 Elsa T, All of 3W

Y4 William R, Joshua C

Y5 Lucy B, George I

Y6 Grace P, Iosac O'M

Next week our certificates will be awarded to children who demonstrate motivation during the week.

PALM OIL - Many of you will be aware of the Iceland Christmas Advert which was banned earlier this term due to it being described as being 'too political.' However, the debate has raised issues which we, as a school, feel that we need to consider and the part which we can play in trying to do our bit for the environment. Nathan has started to run down the use of palm oil in his cooking by replacing it with fresh ingredients and he hopes that he will be able to have eradicated the use of this controversial ingredient by the end of this term.

ATTENDANCE Week of 26th November

F1am	81.54%
F1pm	93.33%
F1 30 hours	87.50%
F2P	99.31%
F2Py	98.28%
Y1M	93.23%
Y1S	97.74%
Y2F	96.67%
Y2D	96.67%
Y3HM	96.67%
Y3W	94%
Y4HW	97%
Y4M	98%
Y5B	97.33%
Y5G	96%
Y6B	99.33%
Y6V	100%

Congratulations to F2P who won the attendance cup again this week in EYFS and KS1.

Congratulations to 6V who had 100% the attendance last week. Well done!

Our weekly attendance last week was 96.63%.

PTFA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Winter Fair which made a staggering £3006.19 profit.

The next meeting of the PTFA will take place on **Tuesday, 15th January 2019** at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All are welcome as the PTFA plan some events for the remainder of the year.

E SAFETY TOP TIP

With the increase in number of digital presents which will be bought this Christmas, NOS (National Online Safety) have produced guidance for parents on protecting their children after they unwrap their digital gifts. This guidance, (which includes information about security, passwords and setting up parental controls), can be found at

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/stay-safe-at-home-on-devices-this-christmas/>

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE RECENTLY TO MAKE YOU FEEL PROUD?

The position of Headteacher is one of responsibility whilst also being one of huge privilege and I constantly feel extremely proud to be connected to our great school. Last week, I accompanied 59 Year 6 children on residential to Robinwood in Wrexham where they were an absolute delight to be with and wonderful ambassadors for their families and our school. Not only did the staff from the Centre praise them for their attitude, behaviour and manners, but, so also did the staff from the other school who were using the centre at the same time. The children supported and encouraged each other in the activities and all children overcame their own personal challenges in the course of the three days.

On Monday, I was also fortunate enough to be at Bradford College for the Royal Shakespeare Company's performance of Comedy of Errors where, Mrs Adams had choreographed one of the scenes with 6 children from Baildon and 18 children from neighbouring schools. It was a very entertaining performance and the children, once more, were a real credit to families and school.

Both of these occasions also reinforced how lucky we are to have such talented and dedicated staff. Thank you everyone.

A Rainbow Unit at St John's Church Spring 2019

We look forward to starting this new Rainbow unit early in the New Year. Rainbows is a fun and exciting programme for girls aged 5-7, which is all about learning by doing.

Venue: Upper Room, St John's Church Hall

Day and Time: Tuesdays (term time) 16.45 – 18.00

If you are interested in a place for a girl in the Unit or in becoming a volunteer, you are welcome to attend the Open Meeting on Tuesday 8 January 2019 at 7.30pm St John's Church Hall or you can express an interest by contacting Heather Hows: tel 01274 427239 (warranted leader)

For more information about Rainbows

www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/rainbows-5-7/

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr Buckley recommends for adults, a book called "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. It tells two interwoven stories of ordinary people during the Second World War and has some of the finest use of imagery and figurative language I've ever seen. Unmissable!