

Dear Families,

The Christmas Spirit has certainly hit! Our Christmas Tree sales are going well, the children who sang at Studley Green Garden Centre did us proud, the Christmas Craft Market was a wonderful evening and the Christmas Fair was a great success raising £1000. Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair by sending in goodie pots, setting up, helping on the day and/ or spending your money at the Christmas Fair. It was a busy weekend but worth the hard work!

We have a few trees left, so please don't forget to let your friends and family know about our wonderful trees!



Thank you for the donations for the Secrets Room, the children have enjoyed telling us what they have donated and what they are looking forward to buying.

The Secrets Room will be open next Friday and the children will have the opportunity to buy gifts for loved ones. Each gift is priced at £5, please send your child in with £5 in an envelope or purse/wallet. If you would like your child to buy more than one present, please send in extra money, they will be able to visit the Secrets Room again once everyone has visited once.

We will also be holding our annual Christmas Crafternoon on Friday 13th December. As the children will all be making a wealth of Christmas crafts, we are asking for a contribution of £5 per child, this is payable via iPal (under the school shop tab), please do get in touch if you feel you are unable to contribute.

Crib Festival

It has been an honour to take the whole school to Holy Trinity Church in Lane End over the past two days, the children have been amazing. They have looked carefully, been respectful and shared their extensive knowledge about Christianity and the importance of the Christmas Story. If you have a chance to pop in to visit, it is a very humbling experience. We all took a moment to reflect and think about those in the rubble and the lives of refugees around the world.





Nativity rehearsals are underway and the EYFS & KS1 children ventured down to the church today to practise their Nativity. KS2 are very proud of their progress in rehearsals and are looking forward to heading to Garsington Studios for the afternoon on Monday 16th to practise where they will be performing. We will be asking parents to collect KS2 pupils from Garsington Studios at 3pm on Monday 16th, an email will be sent out next week.

Finally, please remember to book tickets for the Nativities via iPal.

EYFS & KS1 – Tuesday 17th at 2pm, St Nicholas Church

KS2 – Wednesday 18th at 5pm, Garsington Studios

Weekly Round Up

Pebbles

Pebbles have been practising their Nativity this week. They are enjoying learning the songs. It has been lovely to hear them singing these songs in their free play time too! We have enjoyed exploring outside and have use pipettes to squirt water on big ice cubes to melt it. Using the pipettes helps develop our fine motor skills!



We have also made some amazing pictures and different designs and sculptures using a large array of loose parts!

Ladybirds

This week in Ladybirds we have been finding out about different habitats; we enjoyed making different homes for different animals. We listened to There's a Rumble in the Jungle spotting rhyming words. The children all thought about their favourite wild animal, we had some super pictures of these and some amazing fact writing.

In mathematics we have been exploring 2D shapes, we found out what shapes we could make by folding and cutting a square. We have loved making pictures with shapes. We have also been working on our fine motor control skills and enjoyed decorating Christmas trees using buttons, gems and tongs!

In phonics we have been recapping on past sounds, finding out about plurals and how sometimes it sounds like z when we add s. Our tricky words have been we, me and be.



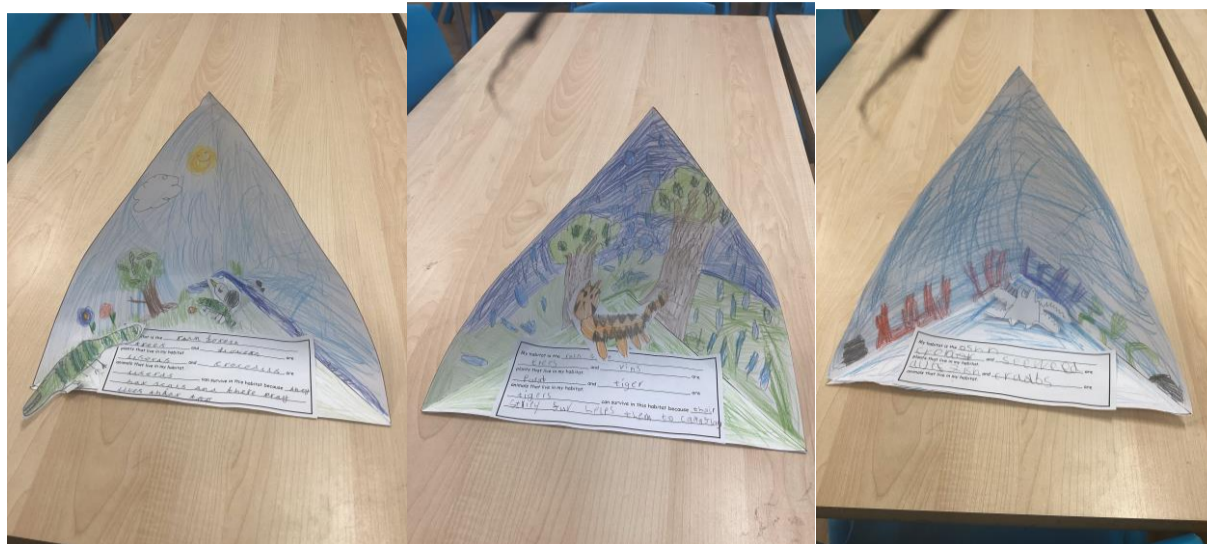
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 Philippians 4:13

Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been learning how to use question marks to write questions about their newly discovered creatures. They have also been learning how to join two sentences together using conjunctions such as 'and', 'because', 'so' and 'when'.

In mathematics, Year 1 have started their unit on shapes and have been identifying and sorting 3D shapes. Year 2 have been learning how to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers with and without exchanging.

In science, the children have been using all of their knowledge from this term to create a habitat triorama. The children chose from four different habitats rainforests, oceans, the arctic and deserts. They then drew pictures to show the habitats before identifying animals and plants that lived there.



Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have been learning their new focus text 'Jungle Log: 18th February 2020'. As a class we have been creating our text map and using this alongside actions to learn it. They have also started looking at some of the features of personal recounts; so far we have focused on fronted adverbials of time and similes.

In mathematics, Nemos have been focusing on different times tables. This week's focus was the 3 times table and they also worked on related division facts. Frogs have finished their multiplication and division unit by looking at dividing a number by 1 and itself and multiplying three numbers. When multiplying the three numbers, they learnt that it can be done in any order because multiplication is commutative.

In science, the children continued to learn about electrical circuits. This week they learnt about complete and incomplete circuits. The children explored the different things that need to be true in order for a circuit to be complete. They then looked at diagrams of different circuits and had to decide whether it was complete or incomplete and then explain what was wrong if it was incomplete.

Osprey Class

We have been working really hard this week, particularly in mathematics. We have been focusing on adding and subtracting fractions. It has taken a lot of concentration, but we have done it. The Year 6s have also been looking at how to multiply and divide fractions, impressive!

In English, we have edited our brochure paragraphs and will get to write them up into a brochure next week. We also looked at how to use apostrophes for possession of a single object, next week we are going to take our learning further by using them for possession of plural objects.

In geography, we started to learn about the prime meridian being a line of longitude. Next week we will find out about why we have different time zones, based around the prime meridian.

In art, we continued our retro-futurism project, by painting some of the planets, we looked closely at which colours and tones would be best to use for the different planets.



Barn Owls

In mathematics this week, we have been working on our arithmetic skills. We have been adding and subtracting numbers to build our confidence. We completed an adding three numbers challenge too.

In English, we have worked on instructions. We had a message from an elf who needed our help. He had been put in charge of making sandwiches for all the elves but he really didn't know what to do. We tried to write instructions for some delicious sandwiches for him to make. We then moved on to exploring instructions that had already been written so we could identify the key features of instructions. We sequenced instructions for making hot chocolate and followed instructions for making paper snowflakes.



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Community Matters Foodbank Wish List

They are currently in need of the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kitchen roll• Fruit Juices• Sugar free Squash – any flavours | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Washing up liquid• Biscuits – any sort (Christmas themed would be lovely)• Tins of potatoes• Tins of hot dogs |
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Headteacher's Awards



Runners of the Week



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
December 2024		
6 th	Wreath Making	Grown Ups
12 th	School Nurse check for Y6	Y6 pupils only
17 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity	Families of EYFS & KS1
18 th	KS2 Nativity	Families of KS2
19 th	Pebbles' Nativity	Pebbles Families
19th	Norden Farm Trip – letter sent 29/11/2024	EYFS & KS1
19 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch PTA Discos – email sent 28/11/2024	Everyone
20 th	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2025		
6 th	Back to school	Everyone
February 2025		
3 rd	Children's Mental Health Week – more information to follow	Everyone
11 th	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
11 th	Parents' Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
12 th	Parents' Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
14 th	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
March 2025		
6 th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
April 2025		
4 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 nd	Back to school	Everyone
May 2025		
12 th – 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4 th	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibifest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 st	Leavers' Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only