

# Newsletter

## News from Mrs Henderson

This week in Collective Worship we lit the second of our Advent candles and we continued our journey through the Christmas story by thinking about the birth of Jesus, as told in Luke chapter 2 verses 1-12.

Together we reflected on how Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem and how Jesus was born in a simple manger because there was no room at the inn. As we thought about what that must have been like, we remembered our Value of the month, Humility.

The children thought carefully about what Jesus' humble birth shows us and tells us about simplicity and what really matters at Christmas.

They shared thoughtful ideas about how we can "be present" rather than focus on big, expensive things. Their suggestions included helping those who made the meal to tidy up, making someone a cup of tea, listening and talking to family and friends who join us, and showing love and kindness to those around us.



## Values Awards

The children who were given Values Awards this week look rightfully delighted. Well done to each and every one of them for continuing to live by our Values amidst the excitement and tiredness of the end of term.



## Upcoming goodbyes

Next week we will be very sorry to say goodbye to two members of our community.

Since September, Mrs James has taught one of our Reception classes alongside Mrs O'Connor. Mrs James is moving on to a new role in another school as Mrs Fuller comes back to The Blake having been off on maternity leave.

Whilst we are really looking forward to welcoming Mrs Fuller back, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs James.

In Year 2, over the past couple of years, Mrs Reynolds has been teaching Mrs Castree's class on a Friday.

Mrs Reynolds is also moving on to a new role in another school, we wish her every happiness as she takes on a fresh challenge, we will miss her.

In January, Mrs Castree is reducing her hours and will be working Monday to Wednesday. On a Thursday and Friday Mrs Hunter will be teaching. We are all enjoying getting to know Mrs Hunter ahead of the New Year.

## News from Around the School

Last week, our children in Year 3 had a wonderful 'Roald Dahl Day'. The children (and adults) dressed up as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book and spent the day enjoying a whole range of activities relating to Roald Dahl. The day was a lot of fun, and everyone looked great.



## Thank you

We really appreciated the extra consideration you showed on Thursday when the last of our surface drains were being cleared. Your children were amazing adapting to things being very different for a day – we were especially impressed with understanding of our Year 6 children who missed their football day. Thank you!



## More News from Around the School

And this week in Year 3, children have been making cakes! The school has smelled amazing...



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