

Happy Christmas Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

What a wonderful end to 2024 in school today has been. The children looked amazing in sparkly and bright Christmas tops – it really added to the festive spirit in school. It was great to see children and staff enjoying their Christmas lunch together, chatting noisily (!) about their plans for the coming two weeks and sharing happy memories. Our thanks to Margarita, Kim and Sadie for all their hard work in the kitchen not just today, but every day.



In Collective Worship this week we have continued our Advent journey, lighting the candles on our Advent wreath and thinking about what they represent.

On Monday we thought about Joy, remembering the importance of taking pleasure in the simple things like being with our friends, a beautiful sunrise, a lovely walk or hugs from our family. We thought about the parts of the Christmas story where there would have been joy and I shared the Christian belief that the Christmas story does, in the words of the carol that we enjoyed listening to, bring 'Joy to the World'.

During Collective Worship today everyone enjoyed not only listening to the choir, but joining in with singing some great Christmas carols and songs – it was a lot of fun.

During this week our children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 spent time in church with parents, grandparents and friends celebrating the Christmas story in readings and song. Thank you for sharing in those occasions and for being part of the re-telling of the great story.

Thank you to all those of you who have sent in cards or gifts to the staff team this week, you have been kind and generous in your words and in your presents. Thank you.

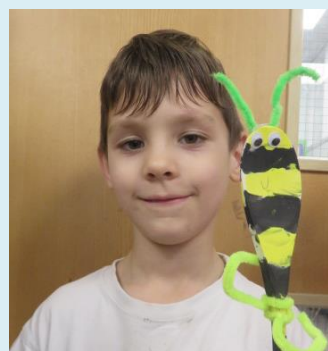
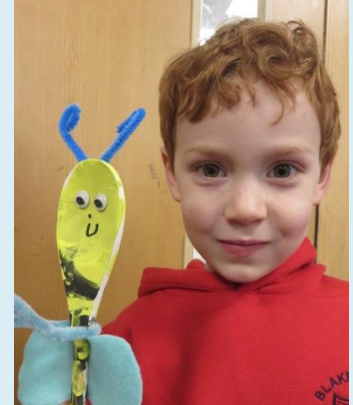
As the Christmas holiday begins I would like to wish you all a 'quiet' and peaceful family time. As we reflected in school, there is a lot of noise around Christmas and some of that is great, but we should take time for the quieter things, being with each other and making memories together. I hope you will also find time to reflect on the wonder of the Christmas story, of God, coming to earth as a baby, to live as one of us. It truly is a remarkable and life-changing story. Happy Christmas to you all!

Values Awards

Well done to all our Values Awards winners this week. It was very exciting this week to have some additional Values Awards, given by staff members to children who, outside of their classrooms, have shown our Values and tried to live according to our school vision. Well done to them all.



News from Around the School



Thank-you for your generosity

After each of our Christmas performances and services there was an opportunity to give a donation to one of the causes that we are supporting. Thank you to everyone who donated.

£19 was raised by parents who watched our Early Years children perform, the money will go to the Witney Food Bank. £69.34 was raised following the performances by our children in Years 1 and 2, the money will go to Stepping Stones in Nigeria. £177.74 was raised following our carol services. The money raised will allow for us to twin three toilets – look out for more details of this in the New Year.

News from Around the School – Carol Services



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