## Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It was a real pleasure to this week welcome members of the Cogges team into school to lead Collective Worship. The team shared a very familiar story with us, reflecting on when Joshua led the people of Israel around the walls of Jericho. Rather than fighting a battle, the people of Israel walked around the walls blowing their trumpets and praising God. As God promised they would, having walked around the walls again and again, the walls of Jericho fell down. It was a lot of fun watching the marching around the walls of children with party blowers hooting until the 'walls' fell down!

There was time to think about how the people trusted God, even though the instruction seemed completely topsy turvy! Whoever heard of winning a battle, not by fighting, but by marching and blowing a horn? We were all reminded that the things God asks of us are often topsy turvy, that God asks us to love our enemies, to forgive those who hurt us and to give and not count the cost.

As we finished Collective Worship we paused to think of all the places in the world where there are battles and in the silence we prayed and asked God to bring peace. Very often we cannot do anything about world issues except entrust them to God. We remembered however that we do have responsibility to work for peace where we are and to live at peace with one another. As Christmas lights are lit, my prayers echo the song of the Christmas angels, for peace on earth.

## Diary dates

Please make sure that you have all of these Christmas dates in your diary.

# 1<sup>st</sup> **December** - Pantomime (Years 1 – 6 in school). *Please* make sure that you have made payment for this on *ParentPay*.

6<sup>th</sup> December - After school event, choir singing, raffle draw and stalls - look out for raffle tickets soon. **12<sup>th</sup> December** - Fun Run (More details coming soon) 12<sup>th</sup> December - 5:30pm Early Years performance to parents 13<sup>th</sup> December - Years 1 and 2 evening performance to parents 14<sup>th</sup> December - Years 1 and 2 afternoon performance to parents 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas lunch. *Please make sure that* you have made the right menu choices on ParentPay. **18<sup>th</sup> December** - Years 4 and 6 carol service in Church (afternoon) **19<sup>th</sup> December** - Years 3 and 5 carol service in Church (afternoon) 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term (1:30pm finish)

## Values Awards





As ever, well done and thank you to the children whose behaviours this week have really demonstrated our Values.

## News from Around the School

Every week, the children in our Early Years spend time thinking about a different book. This week, their book was 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We absolutely love the children's stick men. Great work!



### Christmas lunch

Now that we have organised our Christmas lunch for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, all lunches that had already been ordered for that day have been cancelled. If you want your child to have a school Christmas dinner, you therefore need to go into ParentPay and book it, even if you have previously ordered meals to the end of term! You also need to re-book the meal that you had booked for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, as we have moved the Friday menu choice to Wednesday. Many thanks!

## News from Out and About

Our Year 3 children this week spent a very exciting day learning about all things Roald Dahl. The children were transported to magical places and have come back to school excited to continue their learning. It was a great day out!



























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Come join us for crafts, games, hot chocolate, mince pies, second hand uniform, and a performance by our amazing student choir! And of course we'll be drawing raffle prizes... will YOU be a lucky winner?

> Wednesday December 6th After school in the hall

