

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this week we continued to think about Thankfulness.

I asked the children to think about why we give presents, I really enjoyed their answers! Together we reflected that the Wise Men took gifts to Jesus, but we also thought about Christmas being the time when God gave us the biggest gift of all, Jesus. As we thought about the gift of Jesus we remembered that all our Values come from him and the way that he lived his life.

As part of our thinking about presents we read the story 'You are Mine' by Max Lucado. The story features the Wemmicks, who find themselves upset and overwhelmed by the acquisition of things. When one of the Wemmicks realises that carrying all his boxes and balls has not brought him the pleasure that he thought it would, he talks to his maker the wood carver, who says to him 'You've been thinking that the more you have, the better you are and the happier you will be.' The young Wemmick realises the error of his thinking and also comes to recognise that having lots of 'things' has not made him happy at all.



As we thought about Christmas, children could readily think of presents they would like, but they were also very quick to think of many other things that make them happy, or which they are particularly looking forward to over the Christmas season. Most of the things that they thought of had no financial cost attached to them at all. In this time of increasing financial pressure, it is such a relief to pause and be thankful for the many things that we have and can give to one another that won't impact on the purse strings and yet will bring great joy.

As we continue to journey through Advent together, I hope that each of us will discover afresh the attitude of gratitude that can transform not just this Christmas season, but our daily lives. The challenges are real and at times it is not just the 'things' we acquire that can feel like they are weighing us down. I hope and pray however that as we will together celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas, we will find time to remember with thankfulness all the blessings that we do have and that we can share with one another, for free!

Values Award

Congratulations to all the children who won a Values Award this week. There were lots of awards to children for showing courage and perseverance in relation to their performances, but it was also a joy to give awards for kindness and compassion. At this busy time of year, when everyone is tired, these Values are especially valuable.



The Friends

The next winner of the 100 club draw was Michelle Silverwood, mother of James Franklin in Year 5, with ticket number 6 – she wins £30.50 to spend on some Christmas sparkle! Congratulations Michelle.

We are very grateful to The Friends for organising our Christmas raffle again this year. Please do return ticket stubs, with the correct money to school as soon as possible. You can pick up additional books of tickets from the office if you are able to sell more.

The draw will be made as part of our after school celebrations on Thursday when everyone can enjoy listening to the choir sing.

Shoe box thanks



Please don't forget that term ends at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20th December.

Everyone is back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

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Save the children

Our thanks to all those who chose to donate when their child wore a Christmas jumper this week. We are sending £65 to this very worthwhile cause.

Strep A

Please take time to read the information sent out earlier this week. Most coughs and colds will get better on their own, but if you are worried your child does not seem to be recovering as usual, please do contact your GP or 111.



There are lots of Christmas decorations and cards being made all round the school – we love the cards being made by Years 2 and 3...



...we also love these candle holders that have been made by the children in Year 4.

