



Another week ticked off —only one more to go until we reach the final month of the year! Staff in school can't believe how quickly time is flying.

Early years children have been carrying out lots of experiments involving ice. For example children froze gloves of water then investigated what did and did not make the ice freeze. Years 1 and 2 have been doing lots of division and subtraction in maths. They have also been creating pictures to tell the Creation story.

Years 3 and 4 have been doing short multiplication. They have been looking at Ballard poems in English and have just received their 'Stop and Write' books.

HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA (HBT)

I spent the day on Tuesday at a training course which focused on equipping staff to celebrate difference and challenge homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in primary schools. Ofsted's framework directs inspectors to tackle HBT bullying and how the school supports the needs of distinct groups of pupils such as pupils with same sex parents or trans pupils.

The public sector Equality Duty requires all schools to eliminate discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

We will be holding an information evening in 2018 for parents to explain the rulings and our school procedures.

For more information log onto www.stonewall.org.uk or phone 08000502020 or tweet @stonewallukinfo

CHRISTIAN VALUES

As you know, our Christian value this half term is **GENEROSITY**. We are constantly overwhelmed by the generosity of our school family and the wider community. Thank you!

BOOK FAIR 7th—14th December.

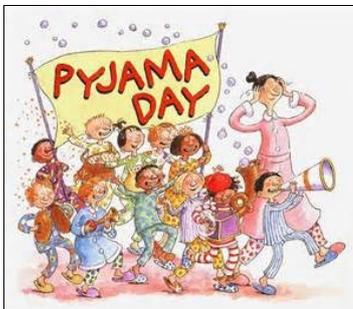
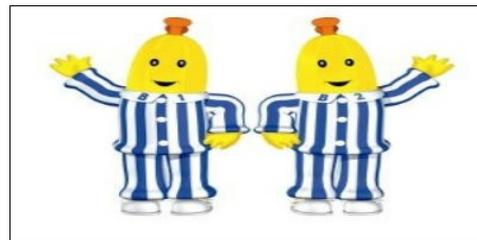
For those who have not experienced a school book fair before—it is a fun, pop-up event with a selection of over 200 of the newest and best children's books suitable for all ages and abilities. Prices start from £2.99 plus every book sold at the fair can help to earn free books for our school.



We need to sell over £300 worth of books to benefit from the sales made over the week. Please support us if you can. Please also spread the word as we wish to involve the wider community. We will be sending home preview catalogues the week before the fair to whet your appetite. There is sure to be a book perfect for every child!

PYJAMA DAY

I think it is safe to say that most people (if not everyone) enjoyed coming to school in their pyjamas today! Thank you to you all for your donations of filled gift bags. We look forward to seeing them out at the Christmas Fair.



We look forward to seeing your CHRISTMAS JUMPERS next Friday! Children can wear their own trousers/skirts—but we do ask that they are sensible and in keeping with the weather! The top half should be Christmas related.

SCHOOL FAIR—ADULTS
SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 11am—1pm

We desperately need additional volunteers if we are to make this year's event a huge success. Hopefully you all received a letter asking for helpers earlier in the week. We still need more!! If you can help—even if it is only for half an hour—we would love to hear from you. Not only do we require help on the day, but also in the setting up and dismantling of the event.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

We are hoping that as many children as possible (preferably everybody!) will join us in a short performance at 12pm. Not only is it a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform for their family, friends and wider community, but it will also add additional festive cheer to the occasion. Please inform a member of staff (via their communication book) by Wednesday if your child will not be able to attend.

READING BOOKS

We have now had 2 stages of our training for the new system and are now in the process of assessing all children in years 1 -4. The results of the assessments will be shared with you once we have received the next stage of our training (scheduled to take place next week). Thank you for your ongoing patience.

ENTRY TO RECEPTION

Those looking to join our reception class in September must register their interest/application via Staffordshire County Councils website. Please note no places are guaranteed—therefore it is crucial that you apply for a place. Further information can be found on our school website. Information leaflets have been sent home via book bags tonight (EYFS only).

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

At this time of year, when people are considering which computer games they can buy for children, the National Crime Agency has advice on the type of games that are age appropriate. You can read the advice at this web address - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child/>

MANIFOLD PRE SCHOOL

Please see attached a quiz sheet. Entries must be returned to the pre school by 11th December.

Good luck!



If you have any recommended gift ideas including subscriptions that you are willing to share—please get in touch and we will generate a shared list.



THE BIG DIG—Wednesday 29th November at 9:30am

A reminder that our 'Big Dig' as part of National Tree Week takes place this week. If you are able to join us, we would love to see you. The kettle will be on and the biscuits have been bought ready to keep your energy levels up! Please come prepared to dig holes and bring any spare spades and gloves.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to this week's worthy winners.

Star Award Early Years

Jayden

Star Award Year Three/Four:

Margaux

Lunch time award:

Archie and Adam

Star Award Year One/Two

Daisy

Christian Value Award:

Joseph

Happy birthday to Archie, Joseph, Jack P, Sophie, Margaux and Mrs Joyce. We hope you all had fantastic birthdays.



Well done to Archie who won 1st place in the Leek United Christmas colouring competition! Archie's artwork will be professionally produced and displayed in the windows of all Leek United branches from Monday 11th December throughout the festive period. Archie will also win a framed, full sized poster to keep as a memento of his achievement and our schools wins £100 towards the cost of purchasing art material for use within school. Wow! Well done and thank you, Archie!

Well done to our KS1 Benchball team who represented our school so well on Tuesday. All did an amazing job resulting in a 2nd place finishing position. Well done! Thanks to Mrs Marchant, Mrs Hambleton and Mrs Bennett for assisting with transport.



SNOW WARNING

According to the weather forecast we are expecting some light snow this weekend. In case the weather does start to worsen, please make sure the contact details we hold for you are kept up to date. Thank you. Have a lovely weekend.