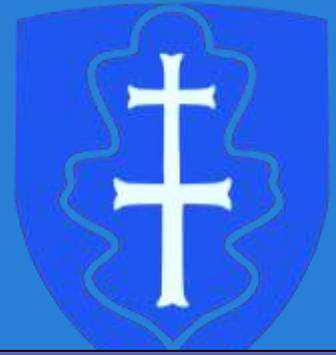


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Head Teacher's News

Now that we are in December, we can actually say it: Christmas has well and truly arrived this week. From Christmas cards to decorations, Nativity rehearsals and even a Christmas Crafternoon, there has been plenty of Christmas spirit on display. As well as the Festive Season, we have also had all sorts of exciting events taking place in school this week.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Emily Hobbs, our new Forest School Leader, for the first sessions. We are all delighted to have Forest School back on our timetable, and it was delightful to see the children flourishing in these sessions. We have slightly changed the way we deliver Forest School, meaning shorter sessions with smaller groups. It worked really well. We have also decided that, instead of just offering Forest School to a selection of the older children, all children in KS2 will be able to participate on a rota after Christmas. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to have their weekly sessions, and we will have a fourth session which will be split between the KS2 children. We are in the process of timetabling this rota, and will send out the details with plenty of advanced warning. You can find photos from Forest School on our Facebook page and on our website [here](#).

This week, we also started our trial of now>press>play. This immersive learning experience has been very well-received by the children who have already participated in the sessions. So far, Year 5/6 have travelled back to Ancient Greece (and been Sherlock Holmes for a bit of Maths), Year 3/4 have travelled to the rainforest and Reception took part in the Christmas Story. The feedback from the children and staff has been incredibly positive so it looks like this may become a permanent part of our curriculum! You can find photos and videos on our Facebook page and on our website [here](#).

There is plenty to look forward to next week, with further now>press>play sessions, a Year 5/6 Ancient Greek Day and Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. I know how tired all of the children are, but they are doing fantastically well and focussed beautifully throughout the week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday

Sam Browne

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Star of the Week

With no celebration assembly on a Friday, we're having to do Star of the Week in a slightly different way, but make sure you visit our Facebook page to see the celebration.

Kane for setting a great example when walking around school and being curious when asking questions to find the answers

Jordan for being kind, respectful and helpful to our new Forest School leader

Archie for answering lots of questions during our rainforest experience

Zack for being respectful and kind to his classmates

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One way in which we can raise funds for the school is through Amazon Smile. Most of us use Amazon rather a lot, and by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and then searching for Radnage, you can raise funds for us simply through your normal shopping habits. Make sure you select Radnage CE Primary School Parent Teacher Association and, if possible, install the Amazon Assistant extension to your Chrome browser.

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
December 2020			
Mon 7th	Deadline for hamper items	School Office	Everyone
Thurs 10th	Year 5/6 Greek Day	Classroom	Year 5/6
Fri 11th	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 11th	Last day to post Christmas Cards	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 11th	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw	School	Everyone
Fri 18th – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Everyone

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