

St Mary's Church of England School Newsletter 13 – 6th December 2019

This Week's News:

Thank you so much for all of the science homework that has been returned so far. We've enjoyed reading through them and been very impressed with the standard of work! Please remember to return any outstanding homework by Friday 13th December.

We've had a good response from relatives who are happy to come in and talk to the children, about their profession and how it uses science. If you too would be willing to give up some of your time, to talk to our pupils, then please tell your class teacher or contact the school office - we really would appreciate it.

Don't forget we'd love to see some photos of your children trying out the experiment featured in last week's newsletter. Please send these into school via the school office. Thank you!

Florence Nightingale Hospice

Every year we raise money for the Florence Nightingale Hospice by selling novelty Christmas items. This year we are selling Flumpets (£2.00) and pencils (£1.00). We start selling on Tuesday so, if your child wants to buy one, please send them in with the correct change. We have been sent 300 Flumpets and they have been very popular in the past, so to start with we will be limiting them to one per child.

EYFS Nativity

Well done to the EYFS children who performed their Nativity to parents and family this week. They performed with such confidence and enthusiasm and they had worked so hard to learn the words and actions.

We are now looking forward to rounding off the week with Year 4's Christingle Service at the Church on Fairford Leys at 4.30pm today.

Christmas Post Box

If children would like to send Christmas cards, please address the card to the child they are sending to, with their full name and class clearly written on the envelope .

The Christmas post box will be available from **Monday 9th December until Wednesday 18th December** for the children to post their cards in during the school day. Please do not send in any Christmas Cards for the post box before or after these dates.

Christmas and Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 11th December, a Christmas lunch will be served for those who have ordered a hot meal. **All children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper that day but the school uniform of trousers and skirts should still be worn.**

Holdenby House

This Friday Year 6 visited Holdenby House. The children looked amazing in their costumes and they all enjoyed a very informative day learning about World War 2.

PTA Bottle Challenge

1B, who won the PTA 5p Bottle Challenge, have spent their £50.00 prize money on board games and jigsaw puzzles for the class.

4J won £25 for almost filling their bottle and have spent the money on a globe.

PTA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the PTA and volunteers for their efforts at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. It was a wonderful success and we look forward to hearing how much money was raised.

Dogs On School Grounds

Please could we remind parents that no dogs are allowed on the school grounds, apart from Assistance Dogs. Thank you.

After School Clubs

All teacher led clubs and gymnastics have now finished for Christmas. Game On will continue until the 13th December.

Head Lice

There have been several incidents of headlice in the school. Please could parents check their children's hair and if found, treat accordingly.

Thank you.

Learning Power Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Poppy M, Lucy D, Ellie U T, Anish G, Teagan B, Imogen F, Braxton D, Kirsty A, Freya T B, Sri E, Ava A, George P, Luca N.

Star of the Week

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Abbie-Mai F N, Holly S, Jude D, James F, Emily-Rose K, Noah R, Aeshah M, Calleigh C, Joshua P, AJM, Lyvia W, Chloe W, Lucas H.

HERO Attendance Bear

This week the class with the best overall attendance is 4J with 100%. 4J will therefore be awarded the Attendance Bear to keep for the week.

Please see attached the average % attendance for November 2019.

Lunchtime Award

This week the class who have won the Lunchtime Award is 5R . This has been awarded for excellent lunchtime behaviour.

House Points

This week's results	Number of points	Running Total
Lee	357	1722
Rothschild	302	1352
Cook	272	1294
Hampden	262	1192

The house with the most points at the end of the term will win a Mufti Day.

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PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

Mon	9 th	Yr 5 Space Centre Visit
Tues	10 th	KS1 Christmas Concert 2.00pm
Wed	11 th	Christmas Lunch/ Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs	12 th	KS1 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Fri	13 th	Y3 Carol Concert 9.15am
Mon	16 th	Y3 Carol Concert 2.30pm
Tues	17 th	Y5/6 Carol Concert 7.00pm Fairford Leys Church
Thurs	19TH	LAST DAY OF TERM

JANUARY 2020

Mon	6 th	INSET DAY
Tues	7 th	SCHOOL OPENS START OF SPRING TERM