



Autumn Term Newsletter No.11

Have you noticed something different in our orchard? Year 3 worked with Mark Jeffrey's (a local craftsman) on Wednesday to build a wattle fence. Originally this type of fencing would have been used to pen in pigs and other farm animals. The children worked together in teams and ended the day with a traditional campfire and sing song!



Now we are looking forward to the next part of our programme with Dartington Trust - building a cob oven! Building will start on Friday 1st December with Matthew from coboven.co.uk. On Friday 9th December the oven will be lit for the first time and the children involved in the project will be tasting their first wood fired pizzas! You can pop up and have a look during the school fair—there might even be some pizzas left to try! We are really looking forward to the new learning opportunities this outdoor oven will give us.

This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Lilly Ann Le-Feuvre
Pine — Justin Rooke
Apple— Dylan Ryle-Sweeting
Oak— Orah Bartlett-Phillips
Birch— Oliver Mason
Rowan — Rufus Moore
Cherry— Lottie Smyth
Maple — Alfie Bartlett
Holly— Nesta Knight
Willow — Lily Barnes
Hawthorn — Cindy Nguyen
Hazel — Kye Graham

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 28th December—Y5 and Y6 Girls Football match 3:05pm (Home game)
Friday 2nd December Y5 and Y6 Boys Football match (Away game)



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Beech Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.
The whole school achieved 95.3% attendance overall which is just below our target of 96%.



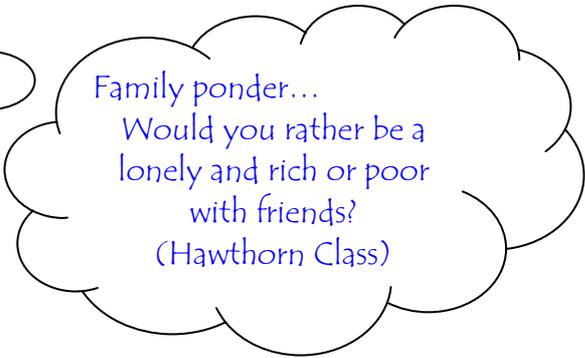
Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>



Thank you for supporting this charity. We raised £35.65 through your donations.

Our next charity event will be on Christmas Dinner Day (Thursday 8th December) when the children can wear a Christmas jumper or decorate their school uniform and donate £1 to Save the Children.



Y6 Intra-School Sports Hall Athletics Competition

In PE lessons, Year 6 have been focusing on Sports Hall Athletics. They have been competing in a range of running, throwing and jumping events. As part of the module, all children from Year 6 have been competing in an Intra-school competition through a class vs class format. The skill level was very high and after some great individual and team performances - Hawthorn class won with 307 points and Hazel were not far off with 282 points. Competitive challenges help children learn the skills of the game and achieve their personal best. They also help develop an understanding of how to win and loose with grace. This challenge lead to an inter-school competition at St Cuthbert Mayne where we achieved 2nd place. Well done St Margarets!

Mr Mayling
PE Coordinator



Years 3-6 Athletics Competition



On Thursday 17th November 2016 St Margaret's Academy took part in an athletic competition at St Cuthbert Mayne. We did a variety of different running, throwing and jumping events like: chest push, speed bounce, standing long jump, standing triple jump and a lot of races to. We competed against three other schools: St Marychurch, Priory and Homelands. We did very well with both of our Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams coming second. St Marychurch came first and Priory and Homelands shared 3rd and 4th positions.

When we went to the competition the Sports Leaders from St Cuthbert Mayne were very encouraging and helped us through it. It was extremely fun, tiring but totally worth it and our legs killed the next day! Finley Herbert Y4 got a special mention for his sportsmanship and teamwork.

Mr Mayling commented: "I felt very proud of both teams, their skill level was very high and they all put in a special team effort to do their best and not to let their team down".
by Angel Y6 & Darcey Y6

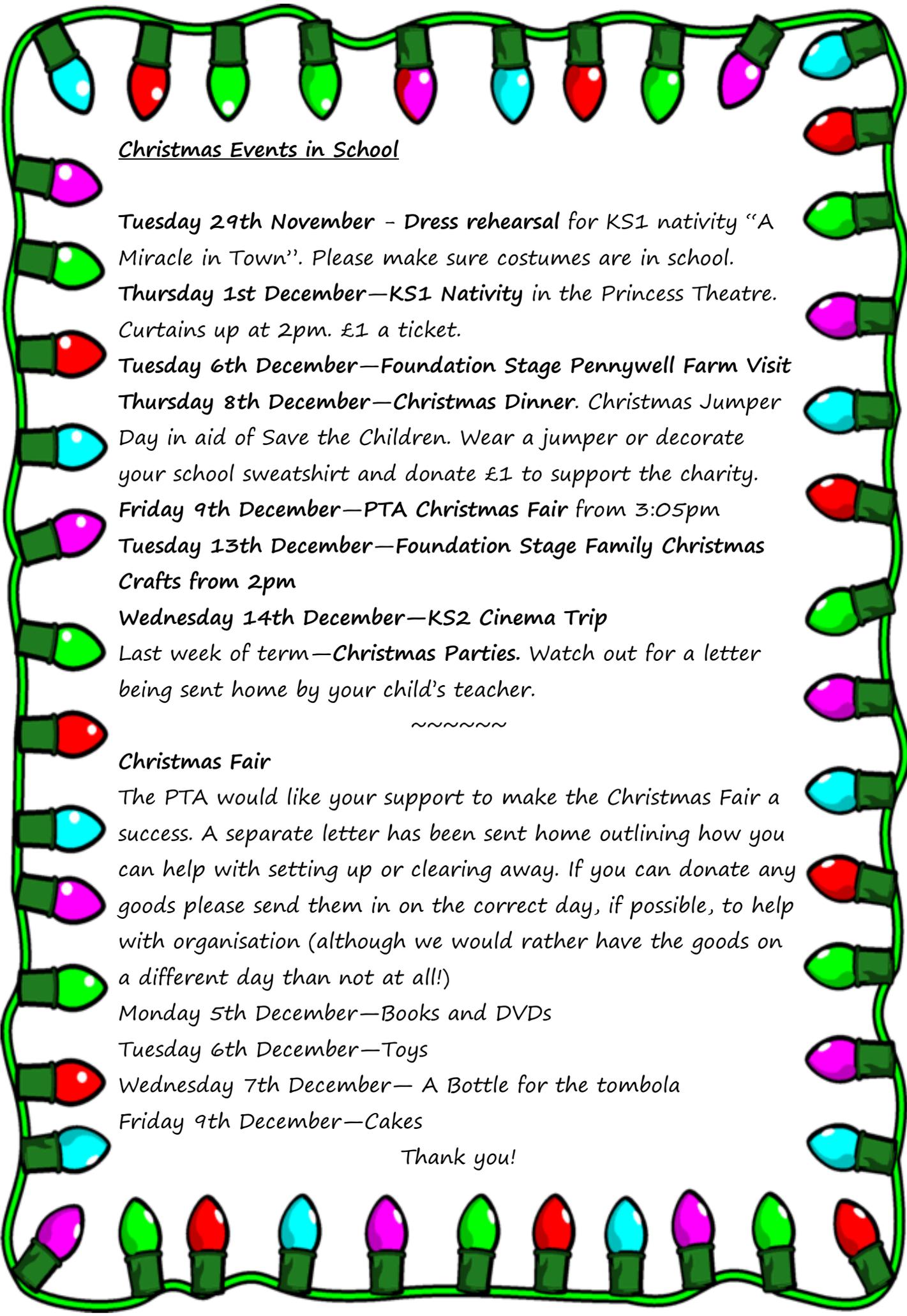
Y6 Challenge

The children have been challenged to find other words they could use instead of 'said' in their writing. We are astounded by how many words they could think of—some children found more than 200! In Hawthorn Class Natasha found 261 words, Lottie 231 words and Scarlett 207. In Hazel class Lewis found 227 words and Jess 200 words. Let's hope they now remember them and use them in their writing!

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Christmas Events in School

Tuesday 29th November - Dress rehearsal for KS1 nativity "A Miracle in Town". Please make sure costumes are in school.

Thursday 1st December—KS1 Nativity in the Princess Theatre. Curtains up at 2pm. £1 a ticket.

Tuesday 6th December—Foundation Stage Pennywell Farm Visit

Thursday 8th December—Christmas Dinner. Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Wear a jumper or decorate your school sweatshirt and donate £1 to support the charity.

Friday 9th December—PTA Christmas Fair from 3:05pm

Tuesday 13th December—Foundation Stage Family Christmas Crafts from 2pm

Wednesday 14th December—KS2 Cinema Trip

Last week of term—Christmas Parties. Watch out for a letter being sent home by your child's teacher.

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### **Christmas Fair**

The PTA would like your support to make the Christmas Fair a success. A separate letter has been sent home outlining how you can help with setting up or clearing away. If you can donate any goods please send them in on the correct day, if possible, to help with organisation (although we would rather have the goods on a different day than not at all!)

Monday 5th December—Books and DVDs

Tuesday 6th December—Toys

Wednesday 7th December— A Bottle for the tombola

Friday 9th December—Cakes

Thank you!