

'Everyone makes mistakes in life, but that doesn't mean they have to pay for them the rest of their life. Sometimes good people make bad choices. It doesn't mean they are bad... it means they are human.'

Mindful Christianity Today

Next week the children in:

Reception will be writing letters to Father Christmas.

Year 1 will be creating an amazing Advent calendar.

Year 2 will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Clelland and welcome back to Mrs Hill.

Year 3 will be thinking about how Light is important in our Christmas celebrations.

Year 4 will be looking at the amazing science of sound and investigating how sound travels...we will actually see sound moving!

Year 5 will be delving into the fantasy world as they embark on their own winter adventure.

Year 6 will be illuminating and sparkling all week!

This term is flying by and we are so proud of the children and all that they have achieved.

Next week we look forward to welcoming Mrs Hill back to work following her maternity leave.

On behalf of all the children, staff and governors I would like to thank Mrs. Clelland for being such a wonderful teacher during such strange times. She taught the current Year 3 from January to March and then provided amazing remote learning during lockdown. Mrs. Clelland then supported Year 1 when we partially reopened in June and then Year 2 when they were able to return in July. She has been an amazing teacher to the current Year 2 but is now moving on to a range of new ventures. We wish her all the best. In January we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Dinham back to school following her maternity leave. We are delighted that Mrs. Williams has agreed to remain, to teach Year 5 one day a week, whilst Mrs. Dinham returns for 4 days a week.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND POSTING

Traditionally we have always had a Christmas Post Box in school so children can send each other cards. This year we will approach this differently to remain COVID safe! There will be two post boxes in each key stage area which will be emptied and sorted on a Monday morning and then distributed to each class. The final date for posting will be the **15th December** allowing us to keep the cards safe for distribution on the 18th December. Thank you.

Congratulations to our newly elected **School Councillors**. In class ascending order they are: **Jacob F, Rosie S, Anthony O, Naya G, Megan G, Daniel F, Joshua S, Molly H, Evie W, Harry W, Poppy M, Joel L, Chloe C** and **Joe P**. They will be ably supported by our ex-officio councillors **Martha** and **Jaxon** from Year 6. Well done to all of the children who stood for election – we are very proud of you. 😊

IMPORTANT HOLIDAY DATES

15th December – Christmas Dinner

Christmas holidays – 21st December - 1st January inclusive

Monday 4th – children return

INSET DAY – 12th February

Half term – 15th – 19th February inclusive

Monday 22nd February – children return

Thursday 18th March – Class Tempest photographs

Friday 19th March – Comic Relief

Easter holidays – 2nd – 16th April inclusive

Monday 19th April – children return

INSET – 28th May

Half term – 31st May – 4th June inclusive

Wednesday 21st July – children BREAK UP for the summer

Every year staff are very humbled by the gifts they receive from children at Christmas but we all know things are very different this year. On behalf of everyone we ask that families do not buy gifts for the staff. If you feel you would like to make a donation to the Saltash Foodbank instead we would be thrilled. There are so many who have so little at the moment and, as a staff, we know how fortunate we are in the current climate. Your kind words are the best gift we can receive. Thank you.

Saltash Library Christmas Drawing Competition

More details are on the Saltash Library Hub facebook page about the Saltash Christmas Library Drawing Competition.

Under 5's, 5-8 years, and 9-11 years are all invited to enter the best colouring, drawing, painting, or sticking Christmas picture.

Last day for entry is **Thursday, 17th December, 2020**. Please drop your pictures into the library where they will be judged.

Prizes are Duplo Heart Box for the under 5's, Lego Toy Story 4 Buzz and Bo Peeps Playground Adventure box, for the 5-8 yrs, and Lego Harry Potter's Forbidden Forest with Giant Grawp box, for the 9-11 yrs.

They are really looking forward to seeing your pictures, which will be displayed in the Library.

They also have free Christmas activity packs, which include lots of colouring pages, dot to dots and a wordsearch – all are Christmas related, along with some free felt pens and a small bag of sweets!

A Poem about Flanders Fields by Wyatt

In the fields of war, where flowers used to grow, hell has been unleashed.
Bullets rage across the battlefield, bombs whistle as they hurtle into the abyss.
Death is all around. Hope is frail. Lives are lost.

All through our conflict with the foe led to hundreds of crosses, row on row.
We still have hope and we hold it high.

Those who died for us by Isaac

There was peace before the war.
The flowers shone brightly, their faces gleaming happily as the horizon emerged elegantly above the meadow below.

Tranquility shattered.

Gunshots triggered.

Bullets pierced.

The sky grew as black a star.

Everywhere the sour sounds of bombs echoed through the darkness.

The disgraceful razor-wire guarded soldiers from the dreadful gunfire.

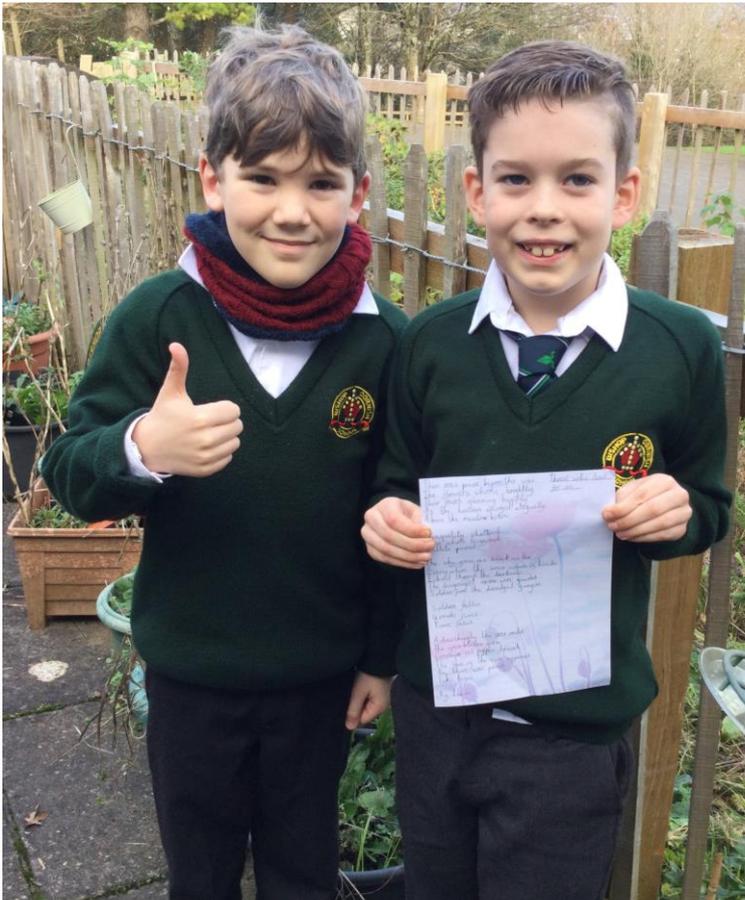
Soldiers fallen. Grenades fired.

Peace faded.

Astonishingly the war ended.

The green blades grew and crimson red poppies danced. The face of the sun appeared.

Now there was peace – like before.



Year Five were tasked with making the decorations for the Bishop Cornish Christmas Tree for the festival in St Nicholas and St Faith Church. They have worked so hard and produced some amazing decorations which we hope you will go and see when the festival opens.

Quick reminders: Online orders for Tempest photographs can be placed up until Tuesday 1st December to ensure free delivery to school. If ordering online after this date a fee of £5 postage will be applied.