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Words of Welcome..... Today we have welcomed the children to school in non-uniform to raise money for Children in Need. If you have been watching or listening to any of the various fund raising activities that have been going on during the week, you will be aware of how important this cause is. All children face challenges, but some a lot more so than others. So, as we donate to this very worthy charity, we encourage our children to think of other children less fortunate than themselves. As a school, we are very much thinking of one of our children, Kodi, as she has just undergone major surgery. We wish Kodi a speedy recovery and we look forward to welcoming her back soon. Your donations today, for non-uniform and both the discos, have raised a fantastic £800.68.



Diary dates:

Mon 21 st Nov	Absent children photos
Wed 23 rd Nov	2 nd Reception Parents Phonics Session 9:05 a.m.
Wed 23 rd Nov	Sports Hall athletics competition - Trentham
Thurs 24 th Nov	Governing Body Meeting
Fri 25 th Nov	Youth Club on
Tues 29 th Nov	Y4 to DEWA Centre, Chester
Mon 5 th Dec	Bingo
Tues 6 th Dec	Senior Citizen's Party watching Y2 Assembly
Wed 7 th Dec	Early Years to Cannock to visit Santa
Wed 7 th Dec	KS2 Christingle Service at church
Fri 9 th Dec	Christmas Jumper, Dinner and Arts Fayre Day!
Mon 12 th Dec	Senior Citizen's Pie and Pea Supper

Christmas Concert Dates

EYFS	Tues 29 th Nov
EYFS	Wed 30 th Nov
Year 1	Wed 7 th Dec
Year 2	Tues 6 th Dec
Year 3	Thurs 1 st Dec
Year 4	Thurs 8 th Dec
Year 5	Tues 13 th Dec
Year 6	Wed 14 th Dec

All concerts will start at approximately 9:15 a.m. once the children are changed and ready.

Discos are ON tonight

Christmassy Cake Off!

Have you started planning your Christmas Cake Off entry yet? If not here's a few ideas.



Cakes need to be brought in on Thursday 8th Dec, when winners from EYFS, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will be judged. Cakes will be sold at our Christmas Fayre and Art Gallery on 9th Dec.

Children in Need Discos tonight Friday 18th November

Child collection arrangements at the end of discos:

- KS1 - 4:15 p.m. from your child's classroom;
- Y3/4 - 6:30 p.m. wait outside the hall;
- Y5 - 6:30 p.m. from first downstairs classroom;
- Y6 - 6:30 p.m. from first upstairs classroom.

Christmas Helpers Urgently Needed for Chat'n'Wrap

As we prepare for all our Christmas activities, we have a great need for volunteer helpers that can spare a bit of time during the day. Our Chat'n'Wrap sessions are on:

- Wed 30th Nov 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
- Mon 5th Dec 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- Wed 7th Dec 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

If you are able, please do come along and do some wrapping for as much time as you can make. Thank you.

'Blog of the week'! - This week is awarded to Mrs Hassall's Maths group for sharing their learning of fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence when playing 'Doughnut Percents'. Why not check it out on our blog and then leave us a comment?

Mr Wardle's Tougher Maths Challenge

At the school fayre, people were asked to guess how many peas there were in a jar. No one guessed correctly, but the nearest guesses were 163, 169, 178 and 182. One of the numbers was 1 out, one was 3 out, one was 10 out and the other was 16 out. How many peas were there altogether in the jar?



Mr Wardle's Simpler Maths Challenge

What's the missing number?

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + 3 &= 28 \\ 9 + 1 &= 810 \\ 8 + 6 &= 216 \\ 5 + 4 &= 19 \\ 7 + 3 &= ??? \end{aligned}$$

'Tweet of the Week' is awarded to all of those children who featured on our Twitter feed, having successfully completed the newsletter maths challenge. Why not have a go yourselves this week?



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Thoughtfulness and Respect



School Attendance					
Our weekly school attendance for last week was 96.6% which is above our school attendance target of 96.5%.					
F1/1	94.7%	Y1/1	96.0%	Y4/1	100%
F1/2	96.0%	Y1/2	98.0%	Y4/2	96.3%
F1/3	91.7%	Y2/1	98.7%	Y5/1	98.7%
F1/4	92.7%	Y2/2	98.0%	Y5/2	97.3%
F2/1	94.7%	Y3/1	98.0%	Y6/1	98.5%
F2/2	95.3%	Y3/2	98.0%	Y6/2	90.3%

The Tony Hughes Award:

This medallion is presented each week, in memory of our former Chairman of the PTFA, to a child from each class who has shown 'Thoughtfulness and Respect'.

Class	Award Winner	Class	Award Winner
FS1/1	Alecia Owen	Y3/1	Manni Reynolds
FS1/2	Sophia Lomas	Y3/2	Takudzwa Nyamayaro
FS2/1	Kaytee Lofkin	Y4/1	Ashton Burton
FS2/2	Erin Latham	Y4/2	Byron Craggs
Y1/1	Blake Wray	Y5/1	Ruby Booth
Y1/2	Amelia Miller	Y5/2	Aimee Bloor
Y2/1	Brodie Berrisford	Y6/1	Olivia Pointon
Y2/2	Alfie-John Griffiths	Y6/2	Carla Cooper

News in Brief

• KS2 Christingle

On Wednesday 7th December, our KS2 pupils will be taking part in a Christingle service at St. Mary and St. Chad's church at 1:30 p.m. Christingle is a celebratory event that takes place in thousands of churches and schools, to raise money for The Children's Society. Tonight, all the KS2 children are bringing home a collection candle box to assemble. Please could the children fill the box with loose change to donate to The Children's Society. Thank you. The candles need to be returned to school by **Tuesday 6th December** so that we can take them to church as part of the service. More information can be found at:

www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-you-can-do/fundraising-and-appeals/events-and-activities/get-involved-christingle



• Parents' Phonics Session

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to welcome so many parents/carers who came to watch the children in a Reception class Phonics lesson. Thank you so much to all those parents that attended. We really appreciate your support and we hope you found the session and resources useful. Next Wednesday, the parents/carers of the children in Miss Hodgson's, Mrs Powell's and Miss Chidlow's phonics group are invited to attend. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations

- Well done to **Madison Street** who has passed her Level 5 in trampolining. Congratulations Madison.
- Congratulations to **Callum Williams** who has received his 1st Beavers Badge. Well done Callum.

And Finally

There are some amazing sights and experiences around us all the time for those that are interested and inquisitive. I was excited about seeing the full moon of Monday night, 14th November, as it was not only the biggest, closest and brightest supermoon of this year, but it was the closest supermoon since 26th January, 1948. Sadly, it won't come this close to Earth again until 25th November, 2034. What a disappointment the sky was too cloudy to see it.

On Monday our KS2 children had their own amazing viewing experience, of virtual locations around the world and back through time, using special viewers and Google expeditions. The children were captivated by images and especially shocked when a shark swam straight at them in the underwater location. A big thank you to Miss Hodgson for organising this experience and I wonder what new technological developments will happen before the next supermoon in 2034 - teacher robots perhaps!

Best wishes a pleasant weekend.

Mr Wardle

Thoughtfulness and Respect

