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This week's news

We have quickly come to the end of another term, and another year full of fond memories. Just like the year, this week has been an exceptionally busy one with lots of fun and excitement alongside regular aspects of the curriculum continuing to the end of term. Oak and Ash Classes enjoyed a super Nutcracker workshop kindly led by Jenny Murphy. I was very impressed by the way in which the children were able to enjoy a routine in just an hour.

Well done to Gabrielle who was in the chorus of the pantomime performance. We all particularly enjoyed her amazing dancing.

2016 has been a happy and exciting year as we have continued to develop many areas of our curriculum and provision. I would like to thank you for the part each of you has played in supporting the learning of each child in our school. A successful year has been underpinned by the hard work and dedication of children, staff, governors and parents working together and where the best provision for each child is at the heart of what we are striving to achieve.

I would like to wish you a very 'Happy Christmas' and New Year.

Class Highlights of the Week:

Oak Class: We started the week by walking to the post box to post our letters to Santa. Thank you to all my helpers. We also enjoyed a Nutcracker workshop and dance session with Lily Fish's mum, before our Christmas lunch. Party day and the panto finished off our very busy and fun packed week. Mrs Batts and her Early Years team would like to thank everyone for their kind gifts and wishes.

Wanted Next Term

Named Traditional Tale costumes e.g. Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, king or a wolf.

Ash Class: Year 1 and 2 recreated the Great Fire of London on Monday thanks to the Fire Service. We set out Pudding Lane with our twenty model Tudor houses and watched the fire spread and the buildings collapse. The children were thrilled but also a little sad to see their models destroyed by the fire.

Dudley Class: A brilliant end to a hard working term! The pantomime was brilliant, very enjoyable indeed. Well done to every member of Dudley class who have worked their socks off this term. A particular highlight has to be the magnificent Neolithic coin purses, which they have taken home.

Waller Class: This week we have completed our hot task in literacy, writing a short story.

In maths we have been investigating symmetry, coordinates and sequences of numbers by solving coded messages.

We have made pop up cards in DT and completed our work on the Stone Age by writing evaluations of our art work.

Wise Class: In Wise Class, we have been in full Christmas mood this week. We designed and created our own tessellated wrapping paper and adorned individual Christmas trees on our cards.

We sadly took apart our Lego Mind Storm robots after a very successful term of computer control and modelling. The children's skills have developed and grown enormously and all programmed their vehicles successfully to perform realistic 3 point turns.

Have a well-earned break Year 6!

SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK THIS CHRISTMAS

To everyone that donated to the FoodBank this month, we would like to say a massive THANKYOU!! In just 2 weeks we managed to donate nearly 100Kg of food and toiletries to those in desperate need. This equates to approximately 8 hampers. We did it, we made a difference!!! Lauryn will continue to volunteer 1 hour per week at our local FoodBank site, sorting and loading for items to be distributed to local centres to complete her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Many thanks and Merry Christmas.

The Mafe Family. x

Well done to Lauryn who had this thoughtful idea.

Countdown to Christmas

Friday 16th December Christmas Jumper Day

2.15 Christmas Singalong

A whole school afternoon of informal fun. Parents are invited. Break up for Christmas at 3.15.

Sunday 18th December

9.30 All Age Communion and Children's Groups

6.00 Service of nine lessons and carols

All Saints' Parish Church

Saturday 24th December 4.00 pm

BLESSING OF THE CRIB with Children's Nativity

Come as Shepherds, Angels, Kings or animals from the Stable and join the celebration of that first Christmas.

11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

9am Christmas Communion

11am All Age Worship

Tuesday 3rd January Staff INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January Children return to school

All Saints' Extra All Clubs end at 4.30pm, Chill Out ends at 5.15pm.

Mrs Garlick is available by email on garlick.a@welearn365.com or via the school telephone number 01926 400498.

P.T.F.A: Making a difference!

7.30 Tuesday January 24th P.T.F.A

Steering Group. Help us to plan events for the term. All welcome, please come along to 'The Hub'.

FUNMATS

Due to unforeseen circumstances with the supplier who has been unable to source cork for the mats, some of the Fun Mat orders will not be fulfilled until January. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Christmas is on the way.... Shop the easy way.

Use our Virtual Shop. www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Just go to the site and register, we are listed as All Saints Leek Wootton.

Safeguarding Corner

It's that time of year again . . .

As we get ever closer to Christmas 2016, the ICT Development Service have provided advice regarding safe settings for all of the new devices Father Christmas may be bringing their children on 25th December. Once again, They point you in the direction of www.internetmatters.org.uk as it provides some of the clearest guidance, images and instructions.

<http://www.internetmatters.org/controls/interactive-guide/>



Another good link for parents to find some very good advice on games, suitability, age recommended and content is

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews>

Parents can look up games they are considering buying and find out about them -or select an age appropriate game and pick from the list. A really useful pre Christmas checklist.

Site Health and Safety in bad weather

In the event of heavy snowfall or icy mornings we endeavour to grit paths from the pedestrian gate to the front entrances and from the car park to the KS2 entrances.

Please be aware that it will not be possible to grit the playground, access roads to the car parks or the parent car park by the time children arrive at school. In the event of snow children should not use the playground when arriving at school. Please take extreme care when entering the school

Emergency Closures due to severe weather

If it is necessary for a school to close. We will alert the LA of school closures. So, in times of severe weather you can obtain additional information by:

- Visiting the website

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

We already have text contact details for most parents and are able to text information about closures and other events. If we don't have yours please contact Mrs Hancocks on admin3588@welearn365.com

Deciding whether to close is always very difficult. When we remain open I would urge you to make your own risk assessment of travelling conditions dependent on your own context, which is different for each family.