

St. Mary's (Endowed) Church of England VA Primary School



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2023, hasn't the year flown by? Thank you to everyone in our community for welcoming me this term, it has been a real pleasure to join the team and so many events over the term, such as the singing at the crematorium and our nativity have made me very proud to be Headteacher of such a wonderful school.

This week we have enjoyed many festive events. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the nativity with Ash class and Elm. Both performances were amazing and the children should be very proud of their courage and talent! The same can be said of the children who sang at the crematorium on Tuesday and added beautifully to this memorial service. As always, these events don't just happen and I would like to thank all of the staff who have helped the children with their performances, supported each other and attended events outside of the school day, we are very grateful for their time and energy.

Thank you also to the Friends who helped to decorate our Christmas lunch and have organised an exciting Christmas party for this evening.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas period and a wonderful new year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on January 4th 2024!

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This week in class...

Ash Class - In Ash class, we have been getting into the festive spirit by rehearsing for our Nativity performance and our songs for the end of year church service. We have also been making lots of Christmas crafts including salt dough Christmas decorations, paper snowmen, tree and sheep accessories for the Nativity and Christmas light paintings with repeated patterns. We have also continued to talk about the importance of Christmas to Christians and the significance of Nativity performances. We are so proud of how hard the children have worked on the Nativity and of their fantastic performance. We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year.

Elm Class - This week Elm Class have been working hard to prepare for their Nativity performances, and were very excited to show off their singing, dancing and acting skills. They have also been learning about shape and have been naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.

Beech Class - Some of the children in Beech were lucky to complete their Bikeability Level 1 training this week. They learned how to check their bike is in good condition and how to safely manoeuvre when cycling.

Willow Class - On Wednesday we had a visit from Mrs Skillman who talked to us about the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah. Mrs Skillman brought a special candle stick called a Menorah and we lit the candles and then made our own Hanukkah cards using paints. Mrs Skillman explained that at Hanukkah children enjoy sweet treats, we enjoyed eating a doughnut to celebrate!

Oak Class - This week in Oak we have been practising for our Christmas Service which we are looking forward to, especially the very end and Holiday Time! We are finishing up a balanced argument about endangered species and also our class trade, all about three children travelling to Egypt at the time of the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. In PE, after a lot of skills work, we are really enjoying playing basketball matches with each other.

Day	Clubs	Leader
Monday	Lego & Crafts	Sam Rose
Tuesday	Creativity club	Active Education
Wednesday	Netball	Sarah Lynes and Bethany Lewis
Thursday	Creativity club	Active Education
Friday	Dodgeball Stay & Play	Active Education (Childcare only)



Silver awards this week go to...

George A Willow Pow, Ruby, Alice

Jigsaw awards this week go to...

Macey, Gabriele, Charlie G, Teagan, Lilly, Cawlie, William

Smarties awards this week go to...

Nahla, Anthony, Tomos, Tia, Logan Lee, Millie

Bronze awards this week go to...

Henry, Millie P



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Carols at St. Mary's church, 2pm

Wednesday 20th December - end of term

Thursday 4th January - Back to school

Wednesday 24th January - Rearranged football tournament at Happisburgh (Y4/5/6)

w.c. 5th February - Mental Health Awareness week

Wednesday 31st January - Y1/2/3 Dodgeball tournament @ Happisburgh, details to follow

Wednesday 7th February - Y4/5/6 Dodgeball tournament @ Happisburgh, details to follow

Wednesday 14th February - Netball tournament @ St. Mary's, details to follow

Friday 16th February - End of term

Monday 26th February - Back to School



Memorial Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who brought their children out on a chilly Tuesday evening to take part in the annual carol service at Cromer crematorium. The children sang and read beautifully and we received many compliments.



Thank you to Mrs Skillman for sharing her knowledge of Hanukkah with the children in Willow class. They enjoyed the session a learned a lot.



Well done to the children in Ash and Elm for their wonderful Christmas production. They did so well in spite of all their coughs and colds.

