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HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents,

Well Christmas has certainly begun. The children and staff so enjoyed Christmas lunch as well as the special visit from Santa and his Elf.

I was lucky enough to have a special visit of my own from Michelle Parker who is responsible for school performance and development across Telford. She spent time discussing what we had been doing in school recently with regards to our curriculum. She felt it was broad and balanced and she was keen to hear about developments that we are working on such as Maths Mastery. Michelle also spent time talking to children about their experiences at Church Aston and looking at their books. I am pleased to say she saw a great deal of progress, super strategies used in maths and excellent writing. She was keen to congratulate school on their results both at the end of EYFS and KS1 and of course in Phonics.

Wow, what a fantastic Christmas nativity! The children spoke, sang and danced beautifully. I am sure everyone feels very proud of them. My thanks go to staff for all their hard work leading up to the performance. Also, thank you to Reverend Zoe, Liz and Katie for their musical input. A great joint effort. I hope you enjoyed the Friends of School Christmas activities afterwards, always nice to take time for a mince pie and a chat.

Jenny Griffiths

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the children that received an award today.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish you a very happy birthday.





CLASS 1

In maths we started to look at 6 as 5 and 1 more. The children are so good at recalling their number bonds to 5 and will be applying this knowledge to larger numbers.

We have had lots of Christmas activities including a special visitor. The children have enjoyed our interactive Christmas decorations this year

These are some of the children's finished Rapunzel towers.

We are sure you are as proud as we are of the children's performance of 'Whoops a daisy Angel'.



CLASS 2

We're on our countdown to the end of term and the children have worked so hard, I am so proud of them all! This week we have been checking our letter formation to ensure everyone is able to join when they are ready. The children checked they were sitting on their chair correctly, holding their pencil with the correct grip and the other hand holding their book. We particularly focused on ascenders and descenders (f g j p q y) to check they were written on the line correctly and ascenders (b d f h k l t) are taller than the other letters. We finished our Peter and the Wolf work, writing instructions for making a theatre using command sentences with imperative verbs. In maths we have continued looking at patterns and adding by partitioning the single digit $38+3$ $38+2=40$

$40+1=41$. The performance of Whoops A Daisy was amazing, well done!



BRONZE AWARD



SILVER AWARD

MATHLETICS

Well done to all the children that received their bronze or silver Mathletics certificate today.





Just to keep you posted!

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Friday 20th December—last day of Autumn term

Monday 6th January—back to school, first day of Spring Term

Wednesday 15th January –Class 2 first swimming session

Monday 20th January—Whole School trip to Cosford (further information to follow)

Monday 20th January—Bags2School collection (further information to follow)

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS



CHRISTMAS SCHOOL PARTY

Thanks to Friends of School for organising yet another wonder event.

The children had a lot of fun at the Christmas party and enjoyed taking to the dance floor to dance the evening away.



FRIENDS OF SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friends of School have produced a calendar for 2020 with fun photos of the children. We have attached an order form to this email, if you would like to order one please complete and return to school. Thank you.

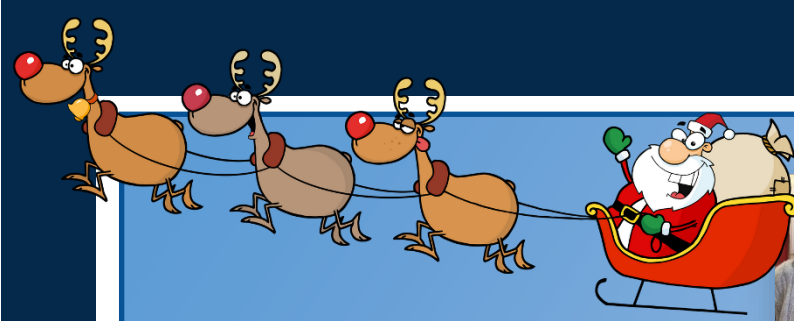


Well done this week to...

BLUE TEAM

For winning the Team Challenge.

Well done!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH & SANTA SCHOOL VISIT

We all really enjoyed our Christmas Lunch today in school. Natalie the cook had been working very hard making our lovely festive food.

During the afternoon, it was a wonderful surprise to see Santa and his Elf pop in to see the children with a very heavy sack of presents.

We were thrilled that he found time with his busy schedule to call into school to see us.

Santa really enjoyed hearing the children singing Christmas songs and chatting to them.



During his visit we took photos of all the children with Santa. These will be available to purchase on Friday from Friends of School after the Christmas Play at a cost of £1 for one photo or £1.50 for two (extra copies can be ordered at a cost of 50p each) If you are unable to attend the village hall after the play then you can purchase these from the school office.



WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

Please can you send your child to school with a water bottle to enable them to drink during the day. Children are always encouraged to drink throughout the day and having a water bottle in class helps with this. Bottles can be refilled in school using the water machine.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—SPRING TERM

When we return to school in January it will be the start of the Spring Term and new booking forms and payment will be needed for all after school clubs.

We would like to thank everyone who gave us feedback about our after school club provision at parents evening. Following this we have discussed alternative clubs with our Coaching provider. Lego was a popular choice so we will be introducing this on a Tuesday. We are also now able to offer new options on other nights so will be introducing Basketball and Unihoc jointly on a Friday night to see which the children enjoy most. Please be assured that the very popular Football and Art Clubs will continue. We will review this again for the Summer term to provide some variety through the year.

Following our recent change to our new coaching company we have also needed to review the costs related to our after school club provision to ensure that they are cost effective and that we are able to maintain this facility for you as parents and carers and that it remains cheaper than/competitive in relation to other local provisions. As a result of this review our after school club costs will be as follows starting in the Spring term:

3pm to 4pm After School Clubs—£3.00 per session.

4 O'clock Club—£4.00 per session.

There will be no change to Breakfast Club charges.

We hope lots of children come to try the new clubs, registration forms are attached to this email, please complete one for any club you would like your child to attend next term and return it, with payment, to one of the class letterboxes. Thank you.

ART CLUB SNAP SHOT

Over the last term we have created some beautiful Autumn art using a wide variety of paints, inks, clay and natural materials.

We have now moved onto Winter art. Children have really enjoyed making snowmen and these will come home with them next Friday.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Just a reminder that the online admissions application forms are now available at www.telford.gov.uk/admissions. The following deadlines apply this year:

- Applying for primary school places to start in September 2020 (starting school for the first time) - **closing date 15 January 2020**
- Applying for infant to junior school places to start in September 2020 (current Year 2 pupils) - **closing date 15 January 2020**

