



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 26th November 2021

Headteacher's Thoughts

This time last week, we were raising money for Children in Need by coming to school in our own clothes. This year, we raised **£311.86**, which is great – thank you to everyone that contributed either on the gate or by ParentPay.

Casting our minds back before half term, the church set the Christmas Card competition. The judges were thrilled with all the designs they received, which made their decision very challenging. I am pleased to announce that the winner of the competition is **Deya Mccay** (Y4) (see photo of the card below). If anyone would like to buy some of these cards this year, they are 60p each or £3 for a pack of 5 from the office.

Yesterday, you would have received a letter about our Christmas activities, which is always an exciting time – please let us know if you did not receive this. Of course, the fun starts next week with our trips to the Chipping Norton Theatre to watch the Pantomime 'Rapunzel'. Just as a reminder that Years 1, 3 and 5 will be going on Wednesday 1st December and Years 2, 4, 6 and Reception will be going on Thursday 2nd December. Please note that the expected time back at school on each day will be around 5pm and as part of the theatre guidelines and risk assessment (as well as schools), we are unable to take anyone that is unwell or has a fever/cough.

Please could I remind everyone that if your child develops any of the symptoms of COVID even if they are mild, we will need a PCR test to be completed, the advice is still that the Lateral Flow tests are not appropriate or effective for younger children and should not be accepted. Thank you for your support in this.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Forgiveness

We will be thinking about how important it is to forgive people who upset us and how we need to say sorry if we do things to hurt others. We will be learning about how Jesus is a great inspiration to Christians to forgive others. We will also think about God's all-forgiving love.

*"Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us."
Luke 11:4*

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 29th November – Governors Meetings

Wednesday 1st December – Pantomime (Y1, 3 & 5)

Thursday 2nd December – Pantomime (Rec, Y2, 4 & 6)

Friday 10th December – Nursery Storytime visitors

Thursday 16th December – Christmas lunch and jumper day

Friday 17th December – 1:30pm End of term.

Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Cygnets:	Isabella Attwater
Ducklings	Flora Bynorth, Henry Lloyd
Owls:	Ruby Milner, Ted Mercer
Mandarins:	Maddison Knight, Mia Castle
Eagles:	Dorian Borowik, Charlotte Strainge
Robins:	Soufiane Aidi, Lucian Newman
Kingfishers:	Romeo Fisher, Daniel Evans
Red Kites:	Malak Semlali, Archie Fisher

COVID reporting

Although, this year schools are not responsible for track and tracing of classes etc. – it would be useful to know if children have been close contacts of a COVID case and details of their subsequent PCR test for our records

Deya's Christmas card design



Around the School

During the lunch break, we are really lucky to be supported by a team of Year 6 Playleaders, who help Mrs Houston set up the playground for the younger children's activities as well as supporting them to play together. So, in recognition of their amazing help and teamwork, Miss Stephen's invited them for a hot chocolate as a special thank you.

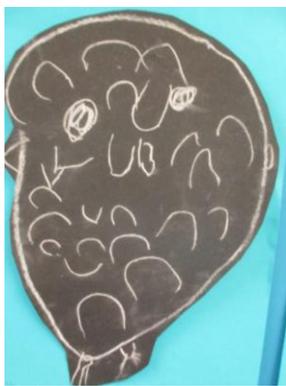
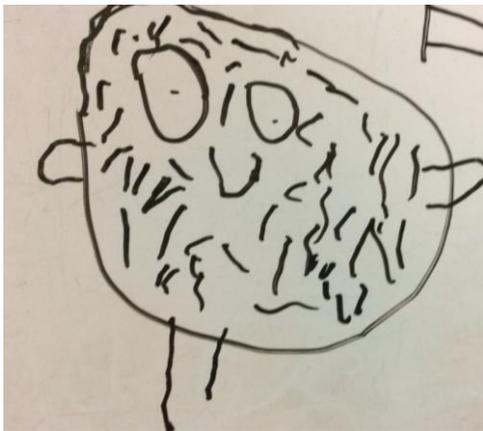


Ducklings News



The children are enjoying our topic on 'Woodland animals'. Currently we are learning rhymes about owls, finding out lots of information, reading owl stories and widening our vocabulary.

The children have particularly enjoyed drawing pictures of an owl using chalk and on whiteboards.



Year 4

Thank you to everyone who donated cash for us to count for Children in Need. It was fantastic for the children to use their maths skills in a "real life" situation. The amount of maths we used was amazing: Counting in 2s,5s,10s, 20s and 50s. Adding amounts of money in groups. Rounding amounts to estimate the total. Column addition to work out the grand total.



Church News

The following services are being held in church during Advent and the build up to Christmas. Everyone is welcome to come and worship together.

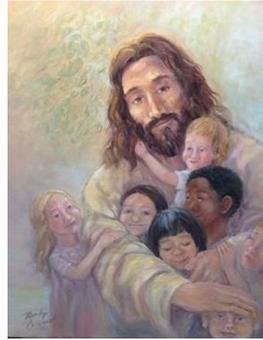
- November 28th: Christingle service at 4pm
- December 19th: Carols by candlelight at 6.00pm
- December 24th: Crib service at 5pm
- December 25th : Christmas Day service at 9.30am

'MESSY DUCKS/CHURCH' IS BACK!

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021

3.20-5.00PM

IN ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, DUCKLINGTON.



COME AND JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
BUT CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

TEA, COFFEE, SQUASH AND CAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Just a reminder:

'Messy Ducks/Church' is:

- A form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't necessarily belong to church.
- It typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables.
- It's fun.
- It's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age
- It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND BEING CREATIVE TOGETHER.

WE WILL FOLLOW WHATEVER THE CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES ARE AT THE TIME OF THE SESSION.

PLEASE BRING A MASK TO WEAR AS YOU ARE MOVING AROUND THE CHURCH SO THAT WE CAN CONSIDER EVERYONE'S SAFETY.

YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SANITISE YOUR HANDS BETWEEN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES.

THANK YOU.