



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15th December 2023

Headteacher's Thoughts

On Tuesday and Thursday, Reception to Year 6 travelled to the theatre at Chipping Norton for the pantomime of Cinderella – oh no, they didn't! We all had a great time, loving the costumes and songs as well as shouting and booing at the evil stepmother. I was so proud of the way the children represented our school on both occasions and a special mention to all our Year 6 and Year 5, who looked after a member of either Year 1 or Reception throughout the adventure with such care and consideration – it was a joy to watch. Also, a thank you to the staff for organising the children especially getting from the coach to the theatre.

Wednesday was a very busy day with Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch and the making of our Christmas hats. As always it was great to see the sea of colour within all the festive jumpers and the smiles on the children's faces and of course the eagerly awaited turkey hat made its annual appearance.

As this will be the last newsletter before the end of term next week (Wednesday 20th at 1:30pm), I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - please keep yourselves safe and those around you. I look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 9th January from 8:30am

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.

Tuesday 19th December

9:30am Years 1 & 2 Nativity in church

10:30am Nursery Christingle in church

5pm KS2 Carol Service in Church

(information below)

Wednesday 20th December – End of Term – 1:30pm

Monday 8th January 2024 – INSET DAY

Tuesday 9th January – Start of Spring Term

Thursday 25th January – Y2 Lego Morning –

Corinthian Partnership at Cokethorpe

Achievements Assembly

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

Ducklings	Whole class for a fantastic week of activities
Owls:	Whole class for a brilliant pantomime visit
Mandarins:	Eve Jackson, Henry Lloyd
Eagles:	Whole class for a brilliant pantomime visit
Robins:	Whole class for the brilliant transition from Y3 to Y4
Kingfishers:	Jacob Moss, Isaac Pavia
Red Kites:	Whole class for supporting the Y1 children

KS1 Nativity

This is being held in church at 9:30am on Tuesday, however there will be some drinks provided by the church before the performance.

KS2 Carol Service

On the 19th December at 5pm, we have the KS2 Carol Service in the church. We would ask that the children wear their school uniform for the service. As usual, the children will sit with their parents, so they are able to share the experience together. During the carol service, there will be readings, carols, as well as songs from the Choir. I am looking forward to these events and hope to see you there.

Around the school

The **Reception** children had a wonderful visit to the church where they listened to the Christmas Story. A very big thank you to everyone.



Year 4, also headed to church to help decorate the outside Christmas Tree with their decorations (as well the Year 6 collection).



Year 1

Another busy few weeks has whizzed by in year 1! We have been busy learning all about 2D and 3D shape, making flat shapes from sticks and trying to remember how we pronounce our 3D shapes correctly! We still find it difficult to say 'sphere' but we are doing our best!



We shared some time on i-pads with year 3 and had lots of fun sharing our knowledge! Year 3 were very helpful too!



We really enjoyed making our hats to wear for the Christmas lunch. We really concentrated on making our hats very carefully and with considerable artistic flair!



The pantomime was such fun too! Here is what we thought about our trip to see Cinderella at Chipping Norton:

- 'I liked it when they told jokes' – Seb
- 'I liked the magic bit – the dress changed from a bad one to a beautiful one.' - Ernie
- 'I liked it when they met and kissed.' – Evie
- 'They told Mrs Moore to say something – it was funny!' – Poppy
- 'My favourite was when the ghost came out, we had to say behind you.' Jack T
- 'I liked when the spider came out.' – Harley
- 'I liked it when they threw sweets out.'" – Penny
- 'I liked the little donkey crying. It was funny. I waved at him.' - Sophie

