



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 12 - Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week the school has been filled with children's singing in preparation for upcoming productions – it doesn't get much better than that! Please note that this year there is a change to proceedings as the **YR and Y1 performances are at the church.**

Then today, we had our Christmas Decoration Day which was a huge success. Each child has made 9 decorations using a range of materials and here's a sneak preview!



Last Saturday, a number of children sang at the church Advent Fayre. It was a lovely occasion and a great opportunity to be part of the wider community. I am very keen to build strong links within the village and beyond so if you know of local people who might be interested in getting involved with the school please let us know. We are always on the lookout for people who can share their skills; especially hearing our children read.



We are currently looking for additional staff for 'Allsorts'. If you or someone you know would be interested in working 3 afternoons a week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 3-5pm), please speak to the school office for an application form.



The easy way to fundraise for your school. (See Newsletter 11 for details)



**Monday 9th December** is a **Meat Free Monday** and there will be **Homity Pie** or **Cheese and Tomato Pizza** served with **Carrots and Peas** or **Falafel & Pitta Bread** served with **Hummus and Carrots** followed by **Homemade Flapjack**. Please double check your child's menu choices to ensure they get what they like best!

If you're not sure what Homity Pie is, it's a delicious combination of potatoes, cheese, onions, garlic and cream in a pastry pie. Those who've tried it love it, but if you're not sure that your child will, there's always the pizza option!

Please remember that there is a 7 day cut off period – **The last day changes can be made is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, so check now whilst there's still time! *(You might want to check that you have ordered Christmas dinner too!)*

### **Our Learning**

In Ladybirds this week, we have been exploring how we use lights in celebrations and making Rangoli patterns for Divali.

In Bumblebees this week, we have been looking at the importance of giving gifts in the Christmas Story and learning the significance of each gift.

In Grasshoppers this week, we have had a wonderful wow day on a Polar theme. This involved finding out about the Inuit culture, and igloos of different sizes and materials were constructed. Thank you to our parent helpers.

In Scorpions this week we have successfully held a debate on the effect of deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. The children assumed the roles of different stakeholders and the children were able to demonstrate just how much they have learnt this term.



### **Key dates:**

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| <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <b>Y3/4 Samba concert (11:30-12) all parents welcome - it is likely to be loud!</b>               |
| <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>     | <b>Year 3 / 4 team to TAG rugby tournament at CMS</b><br><b>Mufti Day 2 for Christmas Hampers</b> |
| <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | <b>Ladybirds and Bumblebees Christmas Production at St Mary's Church 2pm / 6:30pm</b>             |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | <b>Grasshoppers and Dragonflies Christmas Production</b><br><b>School hall 1:45pm / 6:30pm</b>    |
| <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>    | <b>Whole school sing to Chase Community of Friends 11am</b>                                       |
| <b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> | <b>School Christmas Lunch</b><br><b>Whole school Carol Service at St Mary's at 2pm</b>            |
| <b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | <b>Whole school trip to the pantomime:–</b><br><b>'Robin Hood' at Salisbury Playhouse</b>         |

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachael Musselwhite'.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)