

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 8th December 2017

Extreme Weather Forecast

We have received Met Office advice that snow is forecast for over the weekend and particularly for Sunday in this region. If school needs to close we try to make a decision as early as possible based on the current conditions and the forecast. We will notify all parents via email/text message, an update on the school website as well as notifying the Council and local radio stations.

Class 4 Trip

Last Friday, Class 4 travelled to the Judge's Lodgings in Presteigne, dressed in their fabulous Victorian costumes. After they arrived, they were shown around the beautiful Victorian house which gave them an insight into how the Victorians worked and lived. They learnt that Prince Albert introduced the Christmas tree to England in 1840, that all Christmas decorations were hand made and that Christmas stockings consisted of pieces of fruit and a lump of coal! The children had a great time and have used the trip to help build their Victorian dolls' houses back in school.



Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday afternoon, the Girls' football team travelled through the bitter weather to take part in a football tournament at John Masefield. The team performed brilliantly, winning three and drawing two of their five matches. At the presentation at the end they were crowned as champions! Well done girls; Lily, Chloe H, Emily, Amelia, Annabel, Olivia, Mimi and Sofia.



Sportshall Athletics Event

Well done to the 12 children who competed in the Herefordshire Sportshall Athletics tournament on Monday morning at John Masefield. Despite losing teammates to illness and injury, the team showed great resilience and competitive spirit, putting in a series of great performances. Congratulations to: Finlay, Connor, Max, Lorenzo, Oliver, William, Lily, Chloe H, Chloe BM, Phoebe BM, Annabel and Amelia.



Nativity Play

The children were today able to watch the Key Stage 1 Nativity play - *It's Christmas!* The KS2 children said how much they loved the acting and the singing. Make sure that you have your tickets for the performances on Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Christmas Concert

Every year, we put on a small concert in school for the elderly residents of The Leys. This has expanded to include a care home in Malvern as well. If you know of any other elderly people who would enjoy coming to school on Thursday 14th December (10am) please can you let Mrs Booth know. They are very welcome to join us.

The Car Park

Please do not walk through the car park at any time. Yesterday morning, members of staff were unable to enter the car park due to cars blocking the gate. They also saw children walking through the car park rather than around the path, which is much safer.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch takes place next Wednesday 13th December.

Christmas Dress up Day

On the last day of term, Friday 15th December, to raise funds for FOCs we are having a Christmas non uniform day. Please come dressed in a little bit of Christmas, this could be a Santa hat, tinsel in your hair, a Christmas jumper, jingly socks or all of the above. The fine for doing so is £1.

Tidiest Classroom

The winner's this week were Class 5.



Nursery

This week has followed a festive theme. We have played pin-the-nose-on-the-reindeer, made our own Christmas cards, wrapped presents and written our Christmas lists. The children decided that the wooden playhouse must be made into an Elves' workshop and so have been working hard to decorate it. This has resulted in children having lots of fun with paint - thank goodness for aprons! Festive dough disco has been a hit, rolling play dough into a snowball and pinching it like the Grinch. We have been singing lots of Christmas tunes, too. We are learning the signs to *Away in a Manger* and couldn't resist making up our own actions to *Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer*. On Friday the children made their own stick men, stick

ladies and stick children. Julia Donaldson's book has been so popular that we will continue with it next week, too. We were very proud of all the children who bravely sang their song during the dress rehearsal on Friday in the school nativity. They will be the best singing farm animals ever when they perform in front of all the parents next week.



Class 1

We've had a busy week preparing for our first performance of the Nativity in front of an audience! We just hope that the snow forecast for the weekend doesn't stop us from putting on the show next week after all our hard work!

In phonics this week we have been reading sentences and looking at punctuation. In maths we have had fun with the twelve days of Christmas! The Year 1s have been busy writing up their festive recipes in English and in maths have been problem solving with clock times and days of the week with *The Hungry Caterpillar*. In RE we have been retelling the Christmas story both verbally and written and linking it to our experience of our Nativity this year. We have talked about how one story can have lots of different versions. We are looking forward to our last Christmassy week next week, complete with Nativity, Christmas lunch, Carol service and animals on the last day of term.



Class 2

It's been a full-on week of rehearsals and costume tweaks as the performance of the year takes shape. We hope you have your tickets for our nativity safe because we are selling out fast! Thank you for the egg-box donations; our miniature nativity scenes look just perfect. We have still found time to study list poems in English and have been describing arrays in Maths.

Class 3

Class Three have worked hard at their assessments and have finished writing their myth. They wrote their own version of the poem, The Night Before Christmas and illustrated then beautifully. We have learnt a new song for the Carol Service and are busy learning all the words. We loved watching Key Stage One's Nativity this morning.

Class 4

During the past few weeks Class 4 have been developing their narrative skills by creating their own Victorian stories. We have improved many aspects of speech, characterisation and paragraph skills to help bring work to life. Moreover, we have also become expert in our times tables and we are now putting these to great use in our fraction problem solving skills.

Class 5

This week in English we have been writing poems about modern-day communication via texts, following the structure and rhythm of W.H.Auden's poem 'Night Mail'. In maths we have been working with fractions and in science we finished our robot dodos and had fun trying to get them to move fast enough to 'race'! In topic we created Viking animal art, adding snake, dragon and horse heads to knot patterns.

Value of the Month

Thankfulness

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Psalm 107:1

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Isla Blakeman for being positive
Tessa Unwin for taking a risk

Class 1 Charlotte Clayton for being
Hugo Seldon for co-operation
Harry Purser-Wall for being positive

Class 2 Stanley Bently-Price for co-operation
Luca Rankin for his positive attitude

Class 3 Eddie Wilson and Bryn Richards for having a positive attitude

Class 4 Quinn Stephenson for persistence
Demi Leigh-Smith for persistence

Class 5 Connor Hewitt for reflective working
Logan Dawe for a positive attitude

Dates for the Future

DECEMBER

THANKFULNESS

11 th	Nativity 13:30
12 th	Nativity 13:30
13 th	School Christmas Lunch
14 th	Concert for the Community 10am Carol Service 6pm
15 th	Break up ASC Film Night - Nativity 2-Danger in the Manger

JANUARY

ENDURANCE

2 nd	INSET Day
3 rd	Term Starts
9 th	Football matches@ Bosbury
24 th	Class 5 Collective Worship - parents welcome
29 th	Multi-Cultural Week
30 th	Football matches @ Bosbury
31 st	Trudge Cross Country competition @ JMHS