



AUTUMN TERM

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School Newsletter

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER	
Mon 13	Nursery & Class 1 Trip to Safari Park
Mon 13	Classes 2 -5 Santa Dash
Tues 14	Mix-up Christmas Day - am
Tues 14	After-School Club Christmas Party
Weds 15	Christmas Dinner - book on blackpepperlunches.com
Thurs 16	Christmas Card Delivery
Thurs 16	Carol Service - 6pm
Fri 17	Christmas Movie Morning & Carols by Candlelight
Fri 17	FoCS Christmas Hamper Raffle - 3pm
Fri 17	End of Term
JANUARY	
Wed 5	Term starts
Tues 18	Swimming starts for Y3/4
Thurs 20	Rags 2 Riches Collection
FEBRUARY	
Fri 18	Half-Term

Message from Mrs Jones

Dear Parents,

We did it! Despite Covid and a sickness bug we managed to pull off the Nativity this week with a live audience too. The children were amazing and I am extremely proud of the way they were able to adapt and carry on. Thank you to all the staff involved in the production and parents for organising costumes and following the preventative measures put in place.

Next week we have something happening every day to try to make Christmas at school a memorable event. Please check Tapestry for more detailed information.

As we approach the end of term I would like to say a huge thank you to staff for all their hard work this term and to the whole school community for your support.

Have a very Happy Christmas and stay safe everyone.

God Bless,

Mrs Jones

VALUE OF THE MONTH

PEACE

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16 v 33



Stable Boy

This week we managed to go ahead with our Nativity play - Stable Boy. The children were all amazing and did us and themselves proud! We hope you enjoyed it parents.





The camels continue to appear, the stars come out and the narrators deserve an OSCAR.

I was able to watch from home on zoom, a great treat.

The children loved it, they sang with enthusiasm and they clearly enjoyed themselves.

To produce The Nativity this year was a challenge for everyone but the result was so enjoyable.

Thank you children, thank you staff, thank you parents.

Eryl Copp

COVID Update

We are pleased to tell you that the Covid outbreak we have suffered over the last couple of weeks is under control and cases are decreasing. However, please do remain vigilant and if your child has any of the following symptoms please keep them off school and arrange a PCR test for them:

- ◆ A new continuous cough
- ◆ A high temperature
- ◆ A loss of or change in taste and/or smell

Please also ensure you let us know the result, especially if it's positive, as soon as you hear. Your child must stay off school until you get the result, and if it's positive then they must stay at home for 10 days.

Thanks for your support.

Attendance

Well done to Class 2 who have had 95.27% attendance this week. They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear next week.

Please can we remind parents that **arrivals after 8.45am are counted as late and arrivals after 8.55am once registers close count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.**

Class 1 – 77.97% Whole school – 85.45%

Class 2 – 95.27%

Class 3 – 67.82%

Class 4 – 90.23%


Class 5 – 89.8%



Christmas Card Post Box!

Please post your Christmas cards into the special post box **by Monday.**

Please do not give cards out in the playground as they will need to be quarantined before being delivered by the Year 6 post people on Thursday 16 December.



Clubs

Please note that all clubs have now finished for the term. We hope your children enjoyed them! There will be a new timetable of clubs in January.

Illness

Please ensure you either telephone the office on 01886 880315, email admin@cradley.hereford.sch.uk or pop a note on Tapestry if your child is unwell or not at school for any reason. We need to hear from you every day that they are off. Please make sure you let us know by 9.00am. Thank you.

Reminder: your child needs to stay at home for 48 hours following sickness.

Teeny Tots Toddler Group

We are a friendly, local toddler group that meets in Storridge Village Hall. We welcome little ones from 0-5, accompanied and supervised by their parents/carers, to stay and play. We meet on Thursdays from 10:30-12 during term time, for a charge of £2 per family, which includes a craft activity, songs, snacks and drinks.



STARS OF THE WEEK



NURSERY	Ezra for showing confidence when tackling new activities. Jonah for building friendships with his peers in nursery.
CLASS 1	Stan for his excellent listening skills. Robbie for his beautiful singing in the Nativity.
CLASS 2	Sofia for stepping in at the last minute in the Nativity. Arthur for super independent writing of a persuasive letter.
CLASS 3	Blake for taking such pride in his Christmas decorations. Jack C for taking such pride in his Christmas decorations.
CLASS 4	Mia for always being polite and impressing us with her care and effort in art. Nelson for an outstanding journal entry to finish our travel topic - we kept re-reading it for inspiration!
CLASS 5	Van for his positive attitude to his tests this week. Sienna for her positive attitude to long division in maths.
HEADTEACHER'S AWARD	All of Year 4 for coping so well with the disruption over the last couple of weeks.





NURSERY NEWS



Christmas has started this week in Nursery!

On Monday the children joined Beth for PE in the hall. They warmed up to Christmas songs and showed us all their best dance moves! Once they were all warmed up the children practised their throwing skills with different coloured beanbags. The children also practised their balancing skills and had a go at weaving in and out of cones while balancing a beanbag on their head. After PE they all enjoyed toast and fruit in the hall.

Tuesday was all about our story of the week, Stick Man. The children listened to the story and then painted their own picture of Stick Man.

On Wednesday the children listened to The Nativity Story with Beth and then had a go at ordering pictures from the story. They did a brilliant job. They also took part in the final performance of Stable Boy and they were all superstars. Well done everyone.

Thursday was a busy day as the children helped to put up the Christmas tree and decorate nursery. They made their own Christmas tree decorations with Katrina. This week the children have been brilliant at recognising numerals on the advent calendar and each day two children have taken home a pot of playdough. Who will it be next week?

On Friday the children finished off their week by role playing in the Christmas Toy Workshop and made some Christmas pudding cakes with Kelley.



Friends of Cradley School

NEWS

Dates for your Diary

We hope the children had a successful visit to Santa's Secret Pop-up Shop in school today. There was something for everyone - even a little gift for parents of those who weren't able to bring in their money. Huge thanks to Anna, Kitty and all the pop-up team for all their hard work.

Fri 10 Dec	Christmas Pop-up Shop
Thurs 16 Dec	Carol Service
Fri 17 Dec	3pm - Christmas Raffle Draw
Thurs 20 Jan	Rags 2 Riches Collection

We had a fun day at Cradley village Christmas fair on Saturday and would like to thank all of our volunteers - especially those who stayed that little bit longer to help cover. Thanks too to those who donated goodies, visited our stall, bought apple juice, tuck, and joined in the games. The number of Lindor balls in the jar was 109 and was won by Toby S (some of you may remember Quinn and Anna's Dad from school) who had the closest guess. We took approx. £70 in addition to selling a whole box of school apple juice.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Please return all raffle ticket stubs with cash/cheques (payable to Friends of Cradley School) to the office by Tuesday 14th December. All children should now have been given a book of 5 raffle tickets to sell. If you have not received raffle tickets yet, please ask at the school office – we have some super hamper prizes and would really appreciate it if everyone sells at least one book of tickets to friends, family, neighbours etc. We have extended the return date to Tuesday, as the current Covid situation has disrupted our process slightly! Any unsold raffle tickets must also be returned to school please, by Tues 14th Dec. We will hold the draw on the last day of term in the school playground. Please stay and join in the prize draw.

CAROL SERVICE

The school carol service is still going ahead, but unfortunately due to the current Covid situation FoCS will not be able to serve warm drinks or mince pies.

APPLE JUICE

We still have some apple juice for sale - £2.50 a bottle - please buy it from the school office.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Kitty, Emma, Annie & all the FoCS Team

Please remember to use easyfundraising when purchasing Christmas pressies on line, it doesn't cost you any extra and is a simple way to raise a bit extra for school.

Please take part in **Easyfundraising** - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcradleyschool>

And **School Lottery** <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/cradley-ce-primary-school>



Breakfast and After-school Club



Did you know, we offer Breakfast Club (7.45-8.30am) and After-school Club (3-6pm) every day of the week? It runs in the school hall and is staffed by Donna and Dale. It costs just £4 per hour and you book online through School Money.

Every day there are a selection of crafts, activities and games available for the children.

ASC Christmas Party!

After-school club are holding their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday 14 December 2021.

There will be food, lots of games, and a film to finish. If you would like your child/children to join in the fun then please book the usual way on School Money. Normal charges apply (£4 per hour).

We will be asking for food contributions towards the buffet over the coming weeks.

Numbers are limited so book now to guarantee a place!