

Christmas Newsletter December 2020

We are finally here! It is perhaps sad that so many of our usual shows have been compromised due to Covid-19 but I do hope you all enjoy what we have produced electronically – links to follow!

My lasting memories of this term will be of children getting back to school routine so successfully, tenacious and valiant colleagues and a hugely supportive parent body. My message of huge thanks therefore, goes to *all* members of our school community.

Current guidance from the Department is clear that we must carry on as we are into the New Year. I regret that our extra-curricular programme is compromised still, but this is for the best in the immediate term. I am looking forward though, to additions to our offer with specialists in Table Tennis and Mandarin instruction as we move forward.

It is always sad to say goodbye to valued colleagues and the close of this term sees the departure of Mrs Clare Harsley, Miss Rebecca Brown and Miss Paige Wright. Many of you will be aware that Mrs Harsley has been making wonderful music with our young people for eighteen years and we are so grateful for this. It is consoling at least, that I have Mrs Harsley's blessing for my choice of replacement! Many thanks all three and do please stay in touch.

Some news topics follow, then Christmas messages from each class, and lastly, links to our class videos. The children are simply amazing!

Wishing you all the very best for Christmas.

Festive Pets Competition

First place: Harrison Holman (Rhubarb the dog)

Second place: Zach Lloyd (Poppy and Nala – cat and dog)

Third Place: Daniel and Joseph Neethling (Edith the dog)





Highly commended (chocolate lollies from Mrs L)

Anouk –P4 Scarlett- P4 Aaron – P4 Lily M- P4
Daniel B – P3 Evie – P2 Mark – P4 Stanley – P3

Charity Work

Many thanks to Mrs Bradbury for organising a 5k run, in the cold and dark! Well done too, to our children for all their wonderful Christmas jumpers last week. £212 and £184 were raised for Street Child and Save the Children respectively.



PTA Mince Pie & Coffee Takeaway

Huge thanks again to our fantastic PTA for organising this event - we raised around £400.00 for PTA funds!

The winners of the raffle are as follows:

- Large Hamper – Graham Family
- Small Hamper – Oliver Family
- Gingerbread House – McLaren Boyd Family



Merry Christmas from Caterpillars

The children in Caterpillars have had lots of fun preparing for Christmas; we have enjoyed many Christmas crafts and regularly getting covered in glitter! We have also been singing Christmas carols as well as dancing along to Christmas songs. The Christmas lunch (and the crackers!) was a particular highlight. The children have made their own sparkly crowns to wear at the Christmas party on Friday – we can't wait! We would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas.



Merry Christmas from Butterflies Nursery

Everyone in Butterflies Nursery has had a very busy and enjoyable Autumn term. The children have made lots of glittery crafts to take home. They are all very excited and looking forward to the presents Father Christmas might be bringing them, as they have all been good.

We have had fun practicing songs and actions for our Nativity performance, which I hope you will enjoy watching....

On behalf of Mrs. Pittaccio, Mrs. Lambert and myself, we wish you all a merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you again in January - JS.



Happy Christmas from Prep-Prep

From all the children and staff in Pre-Prep we wish you a happy and relaxing Christmas. After a busy term which has finished with lots of fun filled days creating crafts for Christmas and practising our Nativity play we are all eagerly anticipating visits from You Know Who.... I know lots of little girls and boys who have been extremely good this year! Enjoy your time together and I, along with Miss Grand, Miss Horne and Miss Grange look forward to seeing you all again in January. LC



Merry Christmas from Prep 1

What a busy Half Term Prep 1 have had. Prep 1 have been very busy writing instructions on 'How to think well,' using the book Henry Finch. The adults in school also found this advice extremely useful, in particular; sit down, be still and quiet, take a deep breath, count to ten, and think happy thoughts. How lovely when we can learn something back from the children too! Prep 1 had such fun learning about old and new toys, played with my Grandparents and Parents, and learning why some toys have really stood the test of time!

Recently, Prep 1 have been practising our Nativity Play and making lots of exciting Christmas keepsakes. These included; Christmas puppets – building on our toy topic, which the children were able to sew on their own. Christmas tree hangings with beautiful pictures of the children inside. Handprint salt dough decorations, which the children transformed into Christmas characters of their choice. And finally....how can we not mention....'Sparky The Elf.' He has become infamous in NDPS amongst every year group, with many slowly wondering past Prep 1's classroom to see where he would appear each day.

We have loved welcoming Miss Sibanda into our Prep 1 team, and look forward to even more exciting topics and learning to take place in the Spring Term.



Merry Christmas from all of Prep 2!

The children have had a busy term working hard and have had a lovely time enjoying some Christmas fun, games and crafts in the last couple of weeks. They have become such confident artists and have created some amazing artwork, including wintery self-portraits, snowy landscapes and a whole range of heirloom Christmas decorations!

Prep 2 really enjoyed dressing up for their Nativity play, and did a great job of learning their lines. They have been superstars!

I am sure that they will all be appearing on the 'Nice List' this year! Wishing you all a well-earned break over the Christmas Holidays.

Love from Mrs Laudan, Mrs Rowley and Mrs Potter.



Merry Christmas from Prep 3!

Prep 3 children have been working very hard over the last few weeks finishing our topics for this term. We have created beautiful landscape pictures, tried hard to understand fractions, written stories about being Stone Age children and tested our reflexes in Science. In addition, we have created lovely Christmas crafts, worked hard to learn our words for our Christmas Performance and enjoyed the fun of Christmas Jumper Day. A very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year to you all. From Mrs Thornton, Miss Pink and Prep 3.



Merry Christmas from Prep 4!

Wow! What a busy and exciting half term it has been. Prep 4 have enjoyed continuing their learning about the Romans where they transformed into Roman soldiers one afternoon. They were put through their paces by Emperor Donovan who was very impressed with the enthusiasm and discipline within the ranks. I imagine some of the children would be terrifying to come up against in battle! We have spent the last couple of weeks preparing for Christmas. A highlight has been helping the children design and make their very own Christmas decorations; I hope these will still be hanging on the tree for years to come!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from myself and all of the Prep 4 team. I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2021, here's hoping for a healthier and more sociable year.

Mrs D



*Prep **5** Golden Rings!*

Prep 5 have been engaged in lots of activities since September. From coding and crafting, art adventures and active PE, crazy comics and terrible jokes, building bridges and building friendships and even tending to tadpoles – it's time for a well-earned break!

Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and I hope you are looking forward to more learning and fun in the new year. Mrs Johnson, Miss Potter and I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Mr McGrane



Merry Christmas from Prep 6

All the children and staff in Prep 6 wish you a joyful, peaceful
(and healthy) Christmas



What a term it's been! In spite of all the challenges, Prep 6 have worked incredibly hard, learned so much and come a long way already.

It's been a term of many enjoyable and memorable moments. We have enjoyed having Mr Osborne (who joins again for our last days) and we will see him again in the second half of the Spring term.



Enjoy your time together and I, along with Mrs Williamson, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Oliver, look forward to seeing you all again in January. Best wishes and Christmas blessings. Mrs Bradbury

Links to Christmas Videos (Private Listings)

Prep 6: <https://youtu.be/bGvIQ0Y3Qlc>

<https://youtu.be/h8jhnWwFYg>

<https://youtu.be/Pnrqwn6JUGs>

Prep 5: <https://youtu.be/v83adVLNr8l>

Prep 4: https://youtu.be/bd_Ko6SpH98

Prep 3: <https://youtu.be/W863X-s0SW8>

<https://youtu.be/Z3uL8WbB5B0>

Nursery: <https://youtu.be/Mgyo5nHbC7k>

<https://youtu.be/COeeZomkoMk>

Pre-Prep, Preps 1&2: https://youtu.be/AuYQ533_jUY

Pre-Prep, P1&2 Pics: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/hoBJUzV8aBPB5htd9>

Christmas Lunch Pics: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/Ef59UussV1RSUo356>

