



School Newsletter



Road to Christmas event, with the children in KS1 learning about the Nativity

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Year 6 Residential at Thorpe Woodlands

The Year 6 children had a simply amazing time last week at Thorpe Woodlands. Despite the cold, the weather was crisp, clear and beautiful, with the autumnal leaves adding to the atmosphere. The children loved exploring the woods in the darkness and then warming themselves by the campfire in the evening. They also really pushed themselves in trying new challenging things and trying to be as brave as possible. There was, importantly, a huge amount of teamwork seen between the children, which is exactly what we wanted to see them develop this week. This should set them in great stead for the remainder of the year and all the challenges that they will face. Here are just a few pictures from the 3 days, many more are available on Dojo.



A Christmas tree plee

Last year we were very kindly donated two Christmas trees for the school, which the children loved. We do have an artificial one, but if someone were again able to donate one (we don't really need two) that would be lovely. Thanks



Christmas Events

Firstly, the Nativity Carol Concert at St Mary's will be on the afternoon of **Friday 15th December**. This will start at 2pm and all are welcome to attend this beautiful seasonal event.

On the morning of that day we are also having Breakfast with Santa at the school from 8am. The kitchens will be preparing pastries and coffee/tea for adults and Christmas biscuits and juice for the children. Santa will be popping along to meet everyone. Coffee and a pastry will be £2 for adults and a drink and a Christmas biscuit will be £1 for children. On that day **all drop off will be on the Colleges playground** with food and drink served from the Mix. The Mix will be relocated to the school hall for that day. This is part of a fundraiser for the Friends that day, which will also include a Christmas bake sale after school when we all get back from St Mary's. The Friends of Feoffment will need some volunteers to help with the running of these events, so please look out for the request message and help out.

After the breakfast the children will be visited by Santa in their classrooms and they will be able to give a personal Christmas letter to Santa to take back to the North Pole. We will be writing the letters to Santa in school, which will be a combination of questions for him to answer, a Christmas present request and a wish for something lovely to happen in the year ahead. Santa will be taking these letters with him, but if you would like to have a copy of the letter your child will have written then please request a copy on Dojo by messaging me directly.

The day before (**Thursday 14th December**) will be Christmas dinner at school and our Christmas jumper day. As usual children can pay £1 to wear their jumper, with all proceeds going to the Friends of Feoffment. The children can order a Christmas dinner on the day as usual.

In the last week of the term, Year 2 will be performing their Christmas play 'A star for the Carpenter's Arms'. Tickets will be £2 each and families will be limited to two per performance initially. Performances will be on **Monday 18th December at 6pm and Tuesday 19th at 2pm**. Book tickets on school money from the 6th December. There will also be a raffle at each performance for the Friends of Feoffment, so please bring £1 for a ticket for this too.

There will also be a Christmas Elf raffle on each of the last three days of the term. Children can pay £1 to enter all 3 raffles. There will be a prize for the winner, but also the children will put a member of staff's name on the back of the ticket and this person will be transformed into an elf for a day. This will be repeated for each of the last three days.

House Points Trophy

Congratulations the Rubies house for winning the last two week's House point trophies back to back. They now lead the hunt for the termly win.



Messy Messiah



Our Year 5 children and choir had a wonderful time at the Messy Messiah service recently. They played their full part in this multi-school service and made a huge impression.



Year 1 Cars through History

Our Year 1s have been learning about changes across living memory in History lessons, and as part of this they were visited by three cars from different eras across the last century.



The children loved exploring these vehicles and asking questions about how they worked and changed over time.

A huge thank you must be said to the adults who shared their lovely cars with the children and made this so memorable.

Friends of Feoffment news

The Friends are also starting to plan events for the new year. We are starting off with planning three cinema nights in the school hall. These will be performances for KS1, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 respectively. Please look out for more details about these dates.

The next Friends meeting is at the Dog and Partridge at 7pm on the 8th January. Please come along and share your ideas and support.

Year 2 Fire Service visit

As part of the Fire, Fire topic, our Year 2 children enjoyed a visit from the Fire Service. They were able to learn about the workings of a modern fire engine and compare this to the level of fire protection available during the Great Fire of London.



Road to Christmas

Our Year 1 and 2 children have had a very informative session at St. Mary's learning about the nativity story. The Road to Christmas event allowed them to learn from a number of different adults, who all explored different aspects of the story with the children as they moved around the church.



Medical appointments requests

Can we please request that you try, wherever possible, to book medical appointments outside of school hours. We completely appreciate that this is really not possible sometimes, but where there is flexibility to do this it really helps us out, both with the education of the children but also the pressures on the school office. On that subject can I also ask that your children bring in all that they need at the start of the day, so that we don't have a queue of people dropping items into school for their children during the day.

Year 4 trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum

The Year 4s recently went on a school trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. This was a great opportunity for them to engage with some real Ancient Greek artifacts and get some hands on learning with their History.



SumDog

As some of you in KS2 will know we have been trialing a app for helping build the children's confidence and fluency with number skills in three classes this term. The trial for SumDog is now over, but we will be rolling it out across Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 after Christmas.

The app allows the children to access some practice maths games at their level and develop their fluency in this area. It is based around a very game based model which the children really enjoy. The trial ran for three weeks and across the three classes 14,000 questions were answered. The children will get given a login fairly soon and will do an assessment task in school. After that they will be set some homework of playing the app for a period of time. This can be played on a tablet, phone or laptop.

Please look out for more about this if your child is in one of those year groups. Further details will be shared on Dojo.



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