

It has been a challenging week in school this week for many reasons. Whilst it is so lovely to hear the Christmas songs and see the excitement of the children, we have obviously once again been thrown into times of uncertainty as restrictions grow in the wider community. This resulted in me making the decision yesterday to cancel the KS2 Carol Service which was not a decision I wanted to make, however covid has clearly not gone away and isn't going away any time soon. We so badly wanted to go ahead with all our 'Christmas Plans' but this is just not possible and we thank everyone for their understanding with this.

On a positive note, we only have 5 days of school to go. Please note that it is non uniform for party day on Thursday but Friday (our last day) is normal school uniform.



Tuesday 14th December – EYFS Play at 10am for 2s & F1 Parents/Carers

Tuesday 14th December – KS1 Play at 2pm for Year 1 Parents/Carers

Wednesday 15th December – EYFS Play at 10am for F2 Parents/Carers

Wednesday 15th December – KS1 Play at 2pm for Year 2 Parents/Carers

Thursday 16th December – Christmas Party Day (own clothes)

Friday 17th December – Break Up for the Christmas Holiday

Christmas Plays – In our efforts to reduce audience sizes, only those with tickets will be allowed into the Nativity Plays (this includes younger siblings). 2 tickets have been provided per child. You will not be allowed entry without a ticket and everyone must wear a face covering. If you are exempt, you will need to provide proof of this. We would also ask you to take a LFD test on the day of the play if you can in order to protect everyone. If you have any covid-19 symptoms, please do not come. The hall will be well ventilated with the outside doors open so wrap up as it might be cool in the hall! The play is being professionally filmed and we will inform you of how these copies can be ordered as soon as they are made available to us. We are relying on everyone to act responsibly so we keep everyone safe and protected.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas with elves getting up to mischief and the children creating decorations and enjoying Christmas activities.





In other learning this week..... In Year 2 the children have been very busy! They have finally finished their world tour, visiting every continent in the world. This week they finally arrived in Kenya and have created some beautiful, joyful artwork in the style of Gakonga, a Kenyan artist.

Year 2 have also been busy making puppets for Santa this morning. Using their DT skills from the past few weeks, they have used a running stitch and

demonstrated lots of patience!



In maths in Year 5, they have been using a song to help them remember their cube numbers!



We have been overwhelmed again by your generosity for the CARITAS Toy Appeal.

CARITAS will be collecting the toys on Monday and therefore if you do still want to donate we can still accept them on Monday morning. I know they will be greatly appreciated by the children who receive them on Christmas Day. Thank you

Our value for December is Peace.....

Thank you to Year 6 who have created our beautiful whole school display.

We focus on 'Peace' as this is the time of year when 'Peace on Earth' is a message heard around the world as we head towards Christmas.

The Hebrew term for peace, 'shalom', has a deep and complex meaning, encompassing much more than simply the absence of hostility or war. Shalom includes ideas of healing and health, wholeness and well-being. It means harmony, stability and security within a community.



We have talked about how we can show peace by:

- Not fighting with others or upsetting them.
- Getting along with our friends and playing nicely.
- Accepting and celebrating our differences.
- Working calmly and peacefully.
- Being still and quiet



This Sunday marks the third Sunday in Advent. Advent is a time of preparation: looking forward to remembering Jesus' birth and being ready for when He comes again. When we light our Advent Wreath on Sunday, the candle is pink so different to the purple candles we have lit the previous two weeks. It is a candle of JOY to remind us that Christmas is coming and the Lord is very near. There is a special name for the third Sunday in Advent: Gaudette Sunday which means 'rejoice!' We are to rejoice – to 'have joy' – at Jesus' presence among us.



Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph