

Christmas is definitely on its way and the excitement is building! It is the start of Advent on Sunday, and this is always a special time in school. It has been lovely to hear all the Christmas music playing around school and see the children practising for plays. There is still lots of work to do though and over these final three weeks of term, the teachers will be completing assessments to check on children's progress. I have had the pleasure over the last two weeks of visiting classes to observe learning in RE. It is always a privilege to go into different lessons but observing RE is particularly special as it is so wonderful to see the awe and wonder that the children demonstrate and observe them being so prayerful and reflective.

ADVENT
IS A JOURNEY TOWARDS
BETHLEHEM. MAY WE LET
OURSELVES BE DRAWN BY THE
LIGHT OF GOD MADE MAN.
Pope Francis



Friday 3rd December – Non Uniform in exchange for cakes/sweets

Week beginning 29th November - Year 5 will be swimming every afternoon

Christmas Fayre (during the school day) – Friday 3rd December

Christmas Movie Night – Thursday 9th December (further details will be sent out)

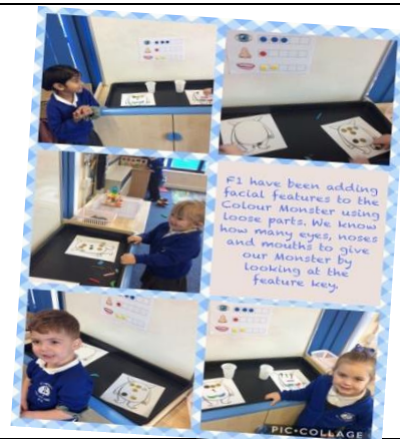
ALL CLUBS FINISHED THIS WEEK. THERE ARE NO MORE CLUBS NOW UNTIL JANUARY.



Here are just some of the things we have been doing in school this week...

Our Two's have been exploring transport. They have been recognising different shapes, sizes, colours and counting how many wheels. They used ramps and practised their sharing skills "ready, steady, go!"

In Foundation 1, the children have been demonstrating some excellent mathematical skills.



It was a rainy afternoon in Forest School for EYFS! They played bug bingo, went on a treasure hunt, extended their den and balanced using the monkey bars.

We have also seen some fantastic maths skills in 'Little Angels'!

In Year 2 the children loved Miss McGowan's science lesson. She asked them 'How can we make a dull coin shiny?' and there were some wonderful predictions. The children loved being scientists for the afternoon.

In Year 6 we have seen the children compose and play their own music.



It was the last session in STEM club this week and the children used the website 'Phet Simulations' to explore balance and then built some electrical circuits.

Don't forget to keep up to date with what the children are doing via our Facebook and Twitter pages.





CHRISTMAS FAYRE – Friday 3rd December



The children will be taken in classes to the Christmas Fayre throughout the day. They can bring in some money if they wish to buy any treats!

We have lots of exciting things including.....

Sweets – prices range from 10p to £1

Bags of Fun - £2

Teddy Tombola - £1

New Toys including fidget pops, cars, keyrings and lots more prices range from 50p to £2

Cakes – prices range from 10p to 50p

And lots, lots more goodies!

Thank you in advance for all your support. The money raised is going to be used to purchase additional resources for school. We have also used some of the money to update some of the costumes for Nativity plays.

******SPECIAL NOTES – Father Christmas is very busy at the moment and so won't be coming to the Fayre but will be making a visit to school before the end of term and will have a special treat for all the children in school******

Thought for the day..... This Sunday is the start of the season of Advent, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is the time to start making preparations to celebrate Christ's birth – God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions until the New Year. Now, Advent is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes. The message is clear for all of us: we are to 'stay awake!' Pope Francis reminds us to be awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter." Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world. Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome Jesus, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God, through living a good life!



Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph