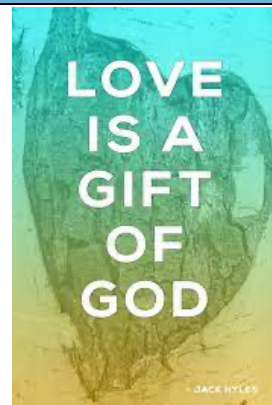




It has been another non-stop week with Santa dashes, Christmas jumpers and Christmas dinners! Thank you to Mr Hinds and Mrs Bennison who organised this years Santa Dash. The children were amazing and we were amazed as always, by some of the incredible runners! Next week, the Christmas Nativity

plays begin. We are very excited to share the children's wonderful performances with you. Entry will be via the front door but for those of you who have been through our front door lately, you will have seen that the automatic door has stopped working. A new replacement door is being put in but the earliest date we have been given



for this to happen is January therefore we will need to use the side door. If you or any members of your family are disabled and attending the Nativity, please let staff in school know so we can make alternative entry arrangements for you.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – MOVIE NIGHT until 5:15pm

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 1:30pm KS2 CAROL SERVICE – Parents are welcome to join us and can take children home straight after the service. Foundation 2 & KS1 children will also be attending and watching the service.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes to pupils for the Christmas Holidays

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – INSET Day (Staff Only)

**ATTENDANCE - Well done to Year 6 who had the best attendance again this week.**

Foundation 2 – 68.2%	Year 2 - 90.6%	Year 4 – 90.8%
Year 1 – 93%.	Year 3 – 92.3%	Year 5 – 88.8 %
		Year 6 – 93.4%

**IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION** - The UK Health Security Agency are reporting that we are seeing a higher number of cases of group A strep this year than usual in the North West. The bacteria usually causes a mild infection producing sore throats or scarlet fever that can be easily treated with antibiotics. Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, please look out for symptoms in your child which include - a sore throat, headache and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

In very rare circumstances, this bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause serious illness – called invasive group A strep (iGAS). This is still uncommon however it is important that parents are on the lookout for symptoms and see a doctor as quickly as possible so that their child can be treated and we can stop the infection becoming serious.

We have had one confirmed case of Strep A within school. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.



This week in assembly we lit the second candle 'LOVE' on our Advent wreath. We thought about how we can show love to others through our actions and words. Thank you to Foundation 1 who created our beautiful school value display this month.



This week in school.....  
**everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner that was cooked by our lovely kitchen team – AnnMarie and Nicky. We love the fact AnnMarie always goes above and beyond to ensure every child enjoys what they eat.**

**We have loved seeing the photos of the children using and enjoying the 'Travelling Nativities' at home. It looks like there has been some wonderful acting out of the special story of the First Christmas!**

**In Forest school, our EYFS children attempted to make their own Christmas tree using sticks and logs they found from around the forest. They sorted them into different sizes and worked as a team to build it together. Foundation 1 wrote and drew their own letters to Father Christmas this week. They couldn't work out how to send them to the North Pole but luckily a magic Christmas Post Box appeared in their classroom so they could post them straight there!**

**Nursery Class have been making Christmas decorations and reindeer food ready for Christmas Eve in class this week.**

**Foundation 2 spent time this week thinking about how it was important that the shepherds were the first to hear the news of Jesus's birth. The shepherds show love, care and kindness to their flock. F2 thought about how Jesus is like the shepherds and we are part of the flock.**

**On Wednesday, Little Angels had a magical trip to see Father Christmas in Liverpool. This week, Deacon Pat and Deacon John visited Year 5 to join their Advent Service which the children had prepared and led.**



**Enjoy the weekend, Mrs Ralph**

