

Dates for the diary.....

Monday 2nd Dec. – Whole School Mass in Church

Monday 2nd Dec. – Year 5 Trip to World Museum

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING IN DECEMBER



THANK YOU in advance to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts by attending the **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**. We really do appreciate your support.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – Congratulations to Year 4 who win the cakes and Michael Bear!

Foundation 1 – 86.1%

Foundation 2 – 95.0%

Year 1 – 92.6%

Year 2 – 95.2%

Year 3 – 92.4%

Year 4 – 98.0%

Year 5 – 94.3%

Year 6 – 88.1%

*******NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE AUTHORISED DURING TERM TIME*******

We are gradually building up to Christmas and the preparations have

begun. The sound of Christmas Play songs and Christmas Carols is starting to be heard across the school. But there is still lots and lots of learning happening!



We have many talented artists in school who excel in art lessons. In Year 4, they have been learning about the famous artist Leonardo Da Vinci who used his knowledge of mathematics to create some of his drawings. Last week, Year 4 used their maths knowledge of coordinates to copy the famous Mona Lisa. Then this week they have been using oil pastels and soft lines to add colour and depth to their Mona Lisa creations.



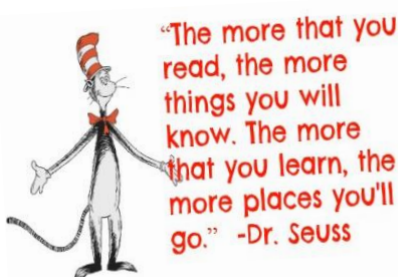
In Year 3, the children have been experimenting with different painting techniques this week.



On Wednesday, the whole school well and truly got into the Christmas spirit watching the Christmas Panto 'Cinderella'.... "Oh yes we did!" It was a lovely and well-deserved treat for everyone. It is always so magical hearing the children's laughter and watching their animated faces!



On Thursday, our Year 6 class went over to Church to take part in a Class Mass. They were praised for their beautiful singing and reading.

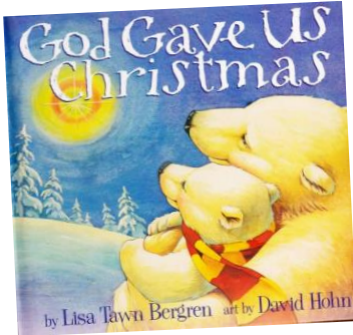


We work very hard in school to **promote reading** and encourage children to want to read for pleasure. Mrs Young has started a new campaign of 'Recommended Reads' where the children and staff are being invited to recommend books they have read to others. We are really enjoying hearing their recommendations!



On Sunday we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent.

This week in school we have been thinking about Advent and have linked our preparations for Christmas with our value of the month 'Patience'.



Advent is a Latin word that means “coming.” It is time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus. Advent officially begins four Sundays before Christmas.

We started the week in assembly, thinking about how we prepare for Christmas at home, in school and at Church. We read the story ‘God gave us Christmas’ and thought about why we celebrate Christmas.

Advent Wreaths – On Thursday, Mrs

McNulty spent time with each class helping them create their own advent wreath. They thought about the symbolism behind the advent wreath and the meaning behind each candle – hope, peace, joy and love. They will now look forward to lighting a candle each week as we count down to Christmas.



Travelling Crib - From Monday, our Foundation Stage & KS1 children will have the opportunity to take home a ‘travelling crib’. Please share the special story inside the pack and use the figures to help in the telling of the story. It would be lovely if you could take a photo of your children enjoying the story at home and share it with their class teachers in the morning.

Mrs McKee has been busy preparing our Advent Trail.

These beautiful prayer spaces, which the children visit, help them reflect on the Christmas Story.



If you ever have any concerns or worries, do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Young, Mrs Bennison or myself.
Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph