

This week was:

Christingle

On Thursday 5th December, Year 6 worked with Reverend Mark, Leslie and Sandra from the church to learn about Christingle and we even got the opportunity to make one.

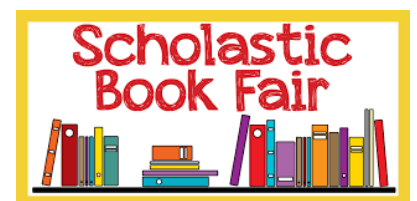
We learnt that the orange represents the earth, the ribbon represents Jesus' blood, the cocktail sticks represented the 4 corners of the earth and food and the candle represents Jesus' light.

The first Christingle was made in 1747 and the German people created it. We really enjoyed Reverend Mark coming in and teaching us all about Christingle.

By Daisy H, Class 6.



Thank you to everyone that popped in to look at the Scholastic Book fair, we hope you enjoyed finding a good book. There is one last opportunity to make a purchase on Monday after school so please feel free to have a browse.



Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Our school choir sang some Christmas songs yesterday around the tree at the village hall. They joined with the Clarborough Scouts to enjoy some festive singing. It was great to see so many people supporting this event, thank you!



Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Nativity rehearsals

Play rehearsals have been in full swing this week and it is starting to come together!

Key Stage 1 children are working very hard and can't wait to perform at the church next Friday and in school the week after.

Next week is:

Foundation will be continuing to talk about the Nativity story, before performing our own Nativity show for our parents. We will also be talking about our family's Christmas traditions and the similarities and differences between the ways we celebrate, before ending the week with our Christmas party!

Class 1 children will be working independently, as their knowledge in reading, writing and maths is assessed. The children will also follow instructions to plant a seed and the rehearsals will continue in preparation for the nativity performances.

Class 2 are having assessment week next week. This is nothing for the children or you to worry about but a good practise of answering questions in test conditions. The results will inform planning for next term. We will continue to practise the Christmas play ready for our first performance in Church on Friday (2pm). In our environmental work the children will consider what we can do to protect the environment such as recycling and saving water.

Class 3 will be learning about natural disasters during topic work; including earthquakes and volcanoes, and exploring how and why they occur. On Thursday, they will be performing their class assembly, they hope you can join them to celebrate their knowledge and understanding of the environment.

In Maths they have moved on to the 4 x table and will continue to use their taught methods. In English they will be focusing on their speaking and listening skills through the use of scripts and role play.

Class 4 will be adding sound, text and maps to their orangutan Ebooks.

The children are looking forward to showcasing their class assembly.

Class 5 will be consolidating their learning in English and Maths, including using the short film Trailblazer in Space to practice their reading comprehension skills. They will complete their learning about Earth and Space in Science by describing the movement of the moon relative to Earth.

Class 6 will be challenging themselves by applying their learning so far. We will also be learning more about the environment.

Tuesday 10th

The school choir will be singing at the Stocking Filler Market in Retford at 4.30pm. We hope you can join us.



Wednesday 11th

Year 6 will be attending the Queen Elizabeth's High School in Gainsborough's production of Aladdin. A couple of our former pupils will be performing in the pantomime so it will be great to watch them.

Thursday 12th

The Foundation Stage children will be performing their Nativity on this day. Parents and carers of Reception children can watch at 9.30am and parents and carers of Nursery children can watch at 10.45am.

Thursday 12th sees Classes 3 & 4 performing their assembly for parents and carers to watch. This will be in the school hall and starts at 3pm. The children will be showcasing what they have learnt during this term's topic of the environment.

Friday 13th

This is Christmas Jumper Day. Children can wear non-uniform with any kind of Christmas jumper or t-shirt. Please ensure they are dressed warmly for playing outside. Any £1 donations made will be sent to Save the Children.

The Foundation children will be having their Christmas party today. They are welcome to come to school in party clothes.

Key Stage 1 children will be performing their Nativity in Claborough church at 2pm. Tickets are not needed for this event.

School lunches

We are going to be implementing a new system for ordering lunches. This is to ensure that your child always receives the meal they want. Any children that have dinners will be required to select the meal they would like to have, in advance, so that the kitchen staff can place their order for food. As you know, the meals run on a 3 week rota so we will be asking you to make your selections 3 weeks at a time. You will continue to top up your lunch account as you are doing at the moment. We will send you more information about this next week, once the system is fully set up.



This week's achievements:

Attendance

Week ending 29th November 2019

Class 1	98.10%
Class 2	90.59%
Class 3	94.17%
Class 4	89.17%
Class 5	95.88%
Class 6	98.13%



Well done to Class 6!

Star of the Week

This week's 'stars' for week ending 29th November are:

Class 1	Maisie-Lou S
Class 2	Heidi F
Class 3	Saffron B
Class 4	Harriet G
Class 5	Daisy A
Class 6	Holly E



House Points

This week's House Points running totals are:

Attenborough
Wilberforce
Pankhurst
Hawking



House points have not been calculated this week.

Out of school achievements

Just a polite reminder that the deadline for anything you wish to appear in a newsletter is 4pm on the Thursday of that week. Anything later than this will be included in the next week's newsletter.



A big well done to Ben F in Reception for achieving his Puffin and Stage 1 certificates this week. Great work Ben!

A big well done to Isla O in Class 1 for achieving her Stage 2 swimming award this Week. Good swimming Isla!



Huge congratulations to Isabella B in Class 4 as she has donated 13 inches of hair and raised a fantastic £440 for the Little Princess Trust! Thank you to everyone who has donated.



School dates for your diaries:

December

10 th	Scholastic book fayre ends Choir singing at Retford Stocking Filler Market
12 th	Foundation stage Nativity Class 3 & 4 assembly – parents invited, more information to follow
13 th	Foundation stage Christmas Party Key Stage 1 Nativity in church 2pm Christmas Jumper Day £1
16 th	Key Stage 1 Nativity in school 2pm
17 th	Key Stage 1 Nativity in school 9.30am Christmas Disco, details to follow next week
18 th	Key Stage 2 carols around the tree 3pm Christmas Dinner Key Stage 1 & 2 Christmas party day
19 th	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 5.00pm Last day of term for pupils
20 th	INSET day

January

6 th	Term begins
8 th	Young Voices
16 th	Spring Census Special Lunch

February

14 th	Last day of term
17 th	Half term begins
24 th	First day of term
27 th	Level 1 Bikeability – year 3
28 th	Swimming gala at Worksop Leisure Centre

March

5 th	World Book Day
7 th	Swimathon at Retford Leisure Centre
16 th	Level 2 Bikeability – year 5
17 th	Level 2 Bikeability – year 5
31 st	Year 1 & 2 at church for Easter activities

April

3 rd	Last day of term
6 th	Easter holidays begin
20 th	Term begins



Christmas

We just thought we'd put together a list of all the things that are coming up in December!

Christmas gifts

In previous years, parents and carers have been incredibly generous with their giving of presents to staff and this is always very much appreciated. This year you could show your support for teachers and the school as together we make a donation to the Bassetlaw Food Bank. Any donations will be gratefully received and we ask that you bring them into school before Wednesday 18th December.

St Swithun's Christmas Tree Festival

As in previous years, we will be decorating and displaying a Christmas tree at the festival at St Swithun's Church in town. The decorations are being made in breakfast club with Mrs Osborn. This runs from Saturday 30th November to Sunday 8th December. It is a great display of colour and crafts and a lovely way to get in the festive spirit.



Retford Stocking Filler Market – Tuesday 10th December

We have been asked to sing some songs and carols at Retford Stocking Filler market in Retford town centre. The choir is currently busy learning some songs and will be performing at approximately 4.30pm on Tuesday 10th December.

Foundation Nativity – Thursday 12th December

This will be held on Thursday 12th December. Parents/carers of Reception children are invited to watch at 9.30am and parents/carers of Nursery children are invited to watch at 10.45am. Nursery children can then go home once it has finished, unless they stay all day.

Foundation Christmas party – Friday 13th December

This is on Friday 13th December. Children may wear party clothes but please ensure they have something warm to wear if they go outside.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December

We will be taking part in National Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children. This means that children may come to school in Christmas jumpers and we ask that they make a £1 donation to the charity.

Key Stage 1 Nativity – Friday 13th December

Classes 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity at Clarborough Church at 2pm on Friday 13th December. All are welcome to come and watch.

Key Stage 1 Nativity – Monday 16th December

This performance from classes 1 and 2 will be in the school hall at will commence at 2pm. All welcome and tickets will be on sale for this nearer the time. These will be priced at £2 and will include a programme. Tickets will be bought via Parentmail.

Key Stage 1 Nativity – Tuesday 17th December

The final performance of the Key Stage 1 nativity will be at 9.30am in the school hall on Tuesday 17th December. Once again, tickets will be on sale prior to the performance and will cost £2 including a programme. Tickets will be bought via Parentmail.

School Disco – Tuesday 17th December

Our Christmas disco will be held in the school hall. Nursery children can bring a parent/carer along at 3pm until 3.30pm and have a boogie. Snacks and drinks are available for 50p each. Then Reception children to Year 6 begin their disco at 3.30pm to 5pm. Snacks and drinks also available for them to buy. Bring a change of clothes to wear and dance the afternoon away! Parents need to collect their children from the hall doors at 5.30pm (where after school clubs are picked up from).

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 18th December

We will be having our Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th December. The children will be served a delicious traditional meal of roast turkey with all the trimmings and dessert. Children will have crackers on their tables and staff will eat with them. Christmas dinner is priced at the usual £2.30 and all children are welcome to have it. Nearer the time we will be sending out a Parentmail form for you to complete to say whether your child is having Christmas lunch or not so that we can order the correct amount of food.

Christmas parties – Wednesday 18th December

We will be holding our Christmas parties on Wednesday 18th December for all children from year 1 to 6. The children will play party games and may wear party clothes. Please ensure that they have something warm to wear for break times.

Key Stage 2 Carols around the Christmas tree – Wednesday 18th December

Our Key Stage 2 children will be singing Christmas carols and songs around the Christmas tree at the front of school at 3pm on Wednesday 18th December. We would welcome anyone who wishes to join us for a sing-a-long or just to watch.

Christmas Fair – Thursday 19th December

To finish off the term we will be holding our annual Christmas fair. As in previous years there will be a variety of stalls including gifts to purchase, games to play, crafts to make, face-painting and a variety of refreshments. We look forward to seeing lots of you there. The Christmas fair will be open from 3.30pm to 5pm and everyone is welcome.