



'Love, Laugh and Learn'

Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

This Half Terms Value — Friendship

Friday 22nd December 2023

Performances

This week all of our children participated in a Christmas performance. **Years 3 and 4** retold the story of the Nativity through the eyes of a pregnant cat, their own adaptation of the book "The Witness". Some children took acting parts, some sang while others were narrators. All of the children put so much effort into their performance and this was clear to see. Parents and peers were very impressed with their hard work and the resulting performance. An enormous thank you to all of

the staff for their hard work and dedication over the past few weeks of rehearsals.

Years 5 and 6 shared some of

their own Christmas traditions and the traditions of cultures all over the world. Each class read facts and charisma prayers or blessings out and then all of the children joined together in Christmas songs. The children all read confidently and sang their hearts out.

Well done, a great performance enjoyed by all!

All staff would like to wish a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all families. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 8th Jan 2024

P D Day, staff only in school

Tues 9th Jan

Children return to school at the **new times:**

Gates open 8:45am
Registration 8:55am
School closes 3:25pm

Children who arrive after 8:55am will be marked as late

Wed 17th Jan

4C and 4T trip to Shrewsbury Museum during the school

Thur 18th Jan

6J and 6S trip to Walsall Art Gallery during the school day. See ParentPay

Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Alyssa C	Arthur R	George G	3B	Mary B
Reuben R		Nancy-Rose H	3LB	
Jaxon C		Esmae P	4C	
Abigail M		Mila C	4T	
Isabella H				
Mary B				





Santa Dash

We all had a brilliant time on Friday, taking part in our annual Santa Dash! Each class ran as many laps as they could in 15 minutes and the highest total number of laps were the winners! This year, the winning class were 6S with 296 laps, 3LB took 2nd place with 275 laps and 6J came 3rd with 273 laps. Well done to all who took



part and thank you for providing such lovely Christmassy accessories for your children, they looked fantastic!

GET SET READ!

After the Christmas holidays, we are starting 'Get Set Read!' This will involve the children bringing in an exciting book or magazine from home which they can enjoy at some point during the school day, each Wednesday. Please could your child bring something fun in to school on a Wednesday to take part in 'Get Set Read!' Thank you so much for your support!



Apology for mis-print!

Last week we accidentally advised that Oscar P was the award winner for 6s. This was unfortunately a mistake and it should have said it was Charlie P. Apologies Charlie, it was our error and you were a very worthy winner!



Trampolining Success

Well done to S who came 2nd in a trampolining event last weekend. She did a routine in front of six judges. She had to stay on the cross, do a full twist, a straddle, swivel hips, half turn out and pike. What a fantastic achievement. Well done!



Attendance

Thank you all for helping us to safeguard your children, we have noticed a big increase in the number of parents who are calling our attendance line to inform us when



your child is ill, this means we are saving vital time by not having to check on the safety of children who are not in school. Our attendance figure for the Autumn Term was 95.5% which is only just above the national average of 95.2%. Our termly overall winners are 3B with 96.8% & 5B on 96.5%. Our prize draw winners have both received a £10 Smiths gift voucher for having excellent attendance is B.C and L.M who have both had 100% all term!



Happy Lunchtime Top Table Celebrations

Two children from each class were chosen by the lunchtime teachers to sit at the top Christmas themed table. They were recommended for fantastic behaviour, attitude and showing our Christian value of friendship over the Autumn Term. Well done everyone!



Parent Visit to share children's work

On Wednesday, parents were invited into school at the end of the day to share their children's books and the products that they have made during this half term's focus on Design and Technology. It was a great opportunity to celebrate all of the children's hard work and achievements. Parents will have the opportunity to do this again next term to share their children's work in Art.



Christmas Dinner

We would all like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful kitchen team for another amazing Christmas lunch this year. The food was amazing and they all worked incredibly hard from early in the morning to ensure over 280 children and staff were all fed!

"On Wednesday, we had a scrumptious, delicious Christmas dinner cooked by the amazing dinner ladies. It was really exciting because the tables were decorated Christmassy and the adults in school even sat and ate with us! For dinner, we had some turkey, gravy, broccoli, carrots, Yorkshire pudding, mash, sausage and roast potatoes. For pudding, we had a shortbread in the shape of a Christmas tree with icing and colourful, miniature sprinkles. Thank you to the lovely dinner ladies, it was so good we want to eat it all again!"

From Shayla-Mai P and Lucy J 4C



Friendship Award

Friendship Badge Awards



“A true friend accepts who you are, but also helps you become who you should be”

Our Christian value this half term has been friendship and many of our children have worked incredibly hard to demonstrate this value with their peers and staff throughout the school. We asked each teacher to choose one child from their class who embodied and lived out the value of friendship. These children were awarded with a friendship value badge and a certificate. The certificate contained a few words from their teacher about all that they had done over the half term to live out the value. The children also received an extra special treat of their very own Snapper kindly donated by Waitrose. In our Christmas performance this year we talked a lot about our traditions and the importance of embracing new ones which is the key message in the story of Snapper. The story also focuses on the friendship the little boy develops with the plant Snapper, showing kindness and consideration for his new friend.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Waitrose for their very kind donation!

Class 3B	Nelly C	Class 5B	Iza M
Class 3LB	Everly L	Class 5H	Rajveer K
Class 4C	Poppy M-D	Class 56S	Penelope B
Class 4T	Kylie K	Class 6S	Maisey B
		Class 6J	Amelia M



The children nominated are true role models and we are all incredibly proud of them. Our Christian value next half term is **joy** and we will be looking out for children who demonstrate this value throughout their days in school. Well done everyone!

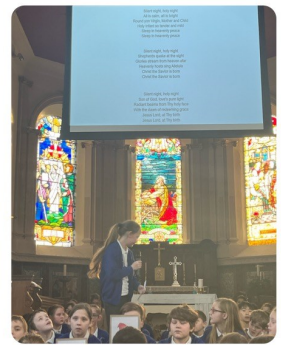
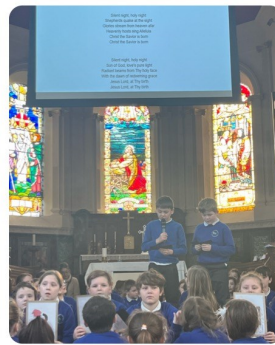


Christmas
Experience Year
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On Thursday, Year 5 lead a Christmas church service at Holy Trinity Church, spreading the message of what Christmas truly means. It was an amazing experience

as the choir sang beautifully, pupils read aloud poems and prayers, and we all sang together. Year 5 worked really hard to learn their lines off by heart! The service reminded everyone to be thankful for what we have this Christmas time. In addition to this, our school donated shoeboxes to the church, to support those struggling this festive season. Parents came along to the service to listen and join in with the singing, and everyone had a joyful smile on their face as the Christmas spirit was spread.

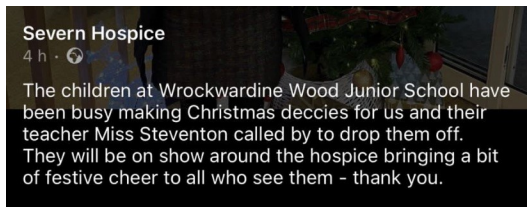
Written by Dilpreet 5H



Decoration donation to Hospice

Miss Steventon's class have been making Christmas decorations which were kindly donated to the Severn Hospice this week. We had a lovely response from them:

Hi Kate, it was lovely meeting you today. Thank you so much for all the lovely decorations that the children have made. I have asked the Ward Manager to display them, and I have passed on the box of biscuits to her too. Thank you once again for supporting us. Have a lovely Christmas. **Phil Haigh Community Fundraiser**



Safety Squad Update

This week Wrockers' Safety Squad have led an assembly talking about how we help to keep pupils safe.

"We have done a pupil voice where we asked questions about how safe the children feel in school. Who they could talk to if they don't feel safe and if they know how to keep themselves safe online."

"In the assembly we talked about keeping safe on line at home and the legal age for apps like WhatsApp (16) and Snap chat (13). We also talked about how we keep children safe online in school with our filtering and monitoring system . Our final message was: **STAY SAFE OVER CHRISTMAS** " By Wrockers' Safety Squad





Tues 9th Jan

Children return to school at the **new times**:

Gates open 8:45am

Registration 8:55am

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Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to **over 3 days** lost each year.

Drama Club Christmas Performance

Miss Husselbee’s Drama Club finally got the chance to perform our Christmas Nativity play titled “The Nativity. . . Well, kind of. ”

We have been putting together and practicing this play since September and have worked super hard. Today, we performed to the whole school! We were a little nervous, but it turned out amazingly! Everyone performed brilliantly and we received lots of laughs and applause from the audience. We are all so proud of ourselves for such a fantastic show! We also had the privilege of performing to our parents, who absolutely loved it! It got everyone in the Christmas Spirit!

Written by Lilly-Rae, Faith, Lacey and Tommy in 5H.



Ukulele—Performance by Year 4



5/6S (my class) and 4T have performed a mind-blowing ukulele performance in front of the whole school! It was a fantastic opportunity. 5/6S performed ‘Shake it off’ and ‘Last Christmas’ while 4T performed ‘Jingle Bells’ and ‘Ho Hey’ This was really fun for us.

Written by: Lucy R and Nikita A



Christmas Gift from the Church for all children.

A little bell for everyone.

“A little bell to remind you that faith : believing is a gift. When we choose to believe we can have hope, peace, love, joy and hope in our hearts.”



Every child has received a small bell and believe tag from Holy Trinity Church this Christmas. This bell is to help them focus on their faith throughout the festive season and reflect on their belief. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone at Church for their kindness.

Staff Christmas Breakfast

All of the staff were treated to a sausage and bacon bap this morning as a thank you from the Senior Management Team for all of their hard work over this term. They are an incredibly devoted and hardworking team who make our school such a special, warm and caring place for all of our children. Thank you everyone!



2023 Year 6 SATs Results

We are very pleased with the outcomes for our year 6 children last year. All of these children had been impacted by COVID and missing large parts of the curriculum. Staff worked tirelessly to plug the gaps and ensure that the children were ready and equipped to sit these tests.

As a school we believe that Year 6 SATs tests are only one measure of how well our children are doing. We focus on their growth as a individual, reflecting on their skills, talents and strengths throughout the wider curriculum.

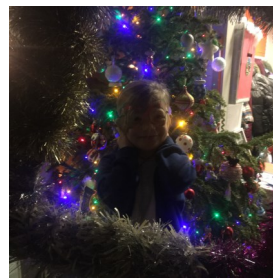
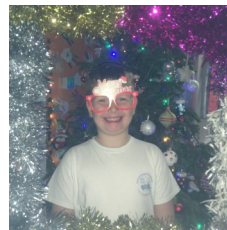
We aim to ensure that all of our children flourish in an environment where they are encouraged to Live, Laugh and Learn.

The Department for Education 'Compare Schools' website has recently been updated with 2023 assessment results for Primary and Secondary Schools. <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/>

A key principle behind the publication of the data is that it will drive up standards by benchmarking how well schools do compared to others. Two key measures are attainment and progress. In Primary, progress is currently measured by comparing how children have done in Year 6 to how well they did in Year 2.

Wrap around Care Christmas Party

On Thursday 21st December Wraparound Care had their Christmas party. We started off with a drink and a biscuit, then we began our festivities. We played throw the sprouts which got us off to a hilarious start, followed by pin the nose on the snowman and musical statues. At 4:30 we enjoyed party food and drinks. The children played pass the toffee apple followed by dancing and a disco. All the children had an amazing time and their behaviour and positive feedback was wonderful and made it very worthwhile for all.



Wrap around Care breakfast

The children were welcomed this morning with a beautiful table set for breakfast at the North Pole. Christmas napkins, plates and cups were laid out to celebrate Christmas with the children. The naughtily elf that had been hanging on the washing line all Christmas decided to join the children disguised in a slice of toast. The children have been amazing this term and shown their appreciation and respect for all of the new toys and activities the staff have implemented. **The Wraparound Care team wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!**



The Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School "Living life in all its fullness" challenge.

This week's challenge is to: **Make a new year's resolution to improve yourself in some way**

We would love to see your photos please email them to: a3129@telford.gov.uk or DoJo to your class teacher.



