



# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Newsletter 13

In Collective Worship this week we have continued to think about **'Achieve'** from our IDEALS.



On Monday in Collective Worship we lit the first candle in advent symbolising hope and we thought about what we hope for ourselves, our families, our village and the world. We also talked about how full and busy our lives are in the run up to Christmas, and how it is important to have some time to rest in Advent too.

On Tuesday we read the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' where people went through: grass, a river, squelchy mud, a big forest and a snowstorm. At each point in the story the characters were a little bit scared and we talked about what risks there might be that might make them feel scared. On these occasions, though, the characters felt that it was fun to feel scared. This links to our Protective Behaviours work. Have you ever chosen something scary to try that was fun?



On Wednesday Reverend Jonathan told us that advent isn't just about preparing for Christmas – it is about waiting and taking time to rest so that Christian people can think about the birth of Jesus.

On Thursday in Picture News worship we talked about how in Iceland some earthquakes have been rumbling since October. These have been building up to the predicament of the volcano called Fagradalsfjall and residents are being asked to leave their homes as a stream of molten lava is reaching close to their town.



By Daniel and Albert



### PEACE IN THE RECEPTION CLASSROOM

This week the children in Reception have been thinking about the story 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. They have been exploring their classroom to learn in many different areas. They have made bears from the playdough, designed and created lego beds for bears to find somewhere to sleep and thought about where the bears might live in the small world area. They have also written some of the things that kept Mr Bear awake at night, thinking about how they could represent the sound of the ticking clock and humming fridge in their writing.



### MUSICAL MOMENT

We were so excited to have our first Musical Moment performance in Celebration Worship this week. Eleanor has been practising hard and prepared 'I saw three ships' to play to the school. She was able to set the Clavinova up without any help and performed the piece with such confidence. Thank you, Eleanor, for bringing some Christmas music to worship and performing it with so much confidence and skill. You are a true star and rightly deserve your music badge.



### WHAT WAS IT LIKE FOR CIVILIANS IN WWII?

In history, Year 6 worked in groups to find out about life for civilians in WWII. They read different recounts from a range of civilians (including a child evacuee and a volunteer for the Women's Land Army) and presented their findings to the class. They discussed how having first hand evidence is really useful.



### AWARDS FROM HOME

This week we celebrated a range of different gymnastic talents:



Isabella and Sienna brought their British Gymnastics Bronze Level awards in Dance and Aerobics. They said that they haven't been preparing for their award for very long, but had already discovered that they were talented gymnasts and were able to complete the different routines that were part of the Bronze Level award. They are already looking forward to starting to prepare for their Silver Level.

Evie brought a medal to show that she had competed in the winter gymnastics competition in her age group at LWGC. She beamed as she talked about how much she had enjoyed the competition and performed on different apparatus.

Felicity won gold in her group at the Winter Championships at LWGC gymnastics club. She was so excited and proud... And a little in disbelief! She had



to perform a floor routine and also a short routine on the bars. Her mum shared that she had been practising hard at home and was extremely nervous, even thinking that she might not take part. The fact she overcame those nerves, took part and then won is truly awesome and her family are very proud of her. We were very proud of her too.



### AMAZING ARTIST

Maria discovered a talent and love for art when she was younger and has been developing that talent ever since. She goes along to an art group on Saturday mornings where she is encouraged to try many different styles of art and she came to share some of her work – both individual pieces and pieces that she has created in collaboration with other children at the group. She shows all of the IDEALS in her art work. Very well done, Maria!



### Stars of the Week:

- RB – Charles
- RP – Grace
- Year 1 – Arlo
- Year 2 – Aurelia
- Year 3 – Ellie
- Year 4 – Edith
- Year 5 – Jacob
- Year 6 – Ellie



### Mighty Writers:

- RB – Kiiara
- RP – Freya
- Year 1 – Chase
- Year 2 – Evie
- Year 3 – James
- Year 4 – Pippa
- Year 5 – Eleanor
- Year 6 – Willow



### Dates for your diary:

- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Naughty Elf Day
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS and KS1 Nativity performance for parents 1:30pm
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Christingle Journey in school 10am
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – EYFS and KS1 Nativity performance for parents 4:30pm (5pm start)
- Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – iRock concert for school and parents 9:30am
- CHANGE OF DATE:** Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Naughty Elf Day
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Service at St Chad's 10:30 EYFS and KS1, 1:45pm KS2, PTA Sparkle and Shine / Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner at School.



### NAUGHTY ELF DAY

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December is 'Naughty Elf Day'. For those of you who house an elf over the advent period, you will know the sort of trouble they can create! We have decided to allow the children to break some of the school rules for themselves on 'Naughty Elf Day' in exchange for a gift of £1. Each class will be given a card from Santa, to show that he is aware of what they are doing and won't put them on the 'naughty list' for breaking the rules.

Here is a copy of what they are allowed to do differently:

### My Naughty Elf Pass

Today, and today only, I am allowed to break the following 6 rules:

- Bring in a teddy from home
- Bring squash or juice instead of water
- Bring a treat for playtime snack
- Wear my own clothes
- Wear nail varnish or face paint
- Have any hairstyle and hair accessories

Signed:

### Secrets of Success Champions

Amy, Evie, Beth, Isabelle, Khylan, Dylan



### EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

The children have been working hard on their parts for this year's nativity performance. The tickets have been sent home for the performances. The Thursday evening performance is full, so please remember to bring your tickets with you as we can't admit anyone who does not have a ticket. We have not charged for tickets,

but there will be a collection at the end of each performance with the proceeds going to Medical Aid for the people of Gaza. Please bring along some change if you can.

### HEADTEACHER'S STAR OF THE WEEK

**Cleo** for learning her lines so well for the Christmas Nativity performance, and for acting while saying them. You truly show 'Shine' in so many ways. Well done, Cleo.



Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher