



# BISHOP'S TACHBROOK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Newsletter 14

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



On Monday in Collective Worship we lit our second candle which represents peace and talked about how we can be peaceful to one another – how we can achieve peace with each other. We shared our ideas to make a peace chain. It could break quite easily, so we have to work hard to keep it together. We finished off with a video of Gaza before the war and after, thinking about parts of the world which aren't peaceful at the moment. We



talked about raising money for Medical Aid for the people of Gaza at the KS1 and EYFS Nativity this year. [Click on the picture to see for yourselves where the money we have raised is going.](#)

On Tuesday it was a secrets of success worship and we talked about how we all need to follow rules to make our school a better place and we sang the school prayer. We thought about how rules help us to be safe and happy, keep things fair and make it possible for us to learn.

On Wednesday it was singing worship and we practiced 'Go tell it on the mountain', 'It was on a starry night' and 'Merry Christmas Everyone'. We are ready to sing them at the Christmas Service at St Chad's next week now.

On Thursday in picture news we had a rubbish picking competition and a drawing competition. We were learned about a competition in Japan called 'SpoGami' where the British Team (Sarah, Alexander and Jonathan) beat people from 20 other countries in the litter picking World Cup. They had to sort through 60kg of rubbish.



**British Values**

**Individual Liberty**

We can choose what we do with our rubbish. Some of our choices and actions can have a more positive impact on the environment and our health than others.

**Protected Characteristics**

The way we dispose of our waste can form part of our beliefs, our life choices or the way we live our life. We should never be treated unfairly because of our beliefs.

**UN Rights of a Child**

We have the right to clean water, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. Disposing of rubbish in the correct way can help to do this.

By Daniel and Albert



### CHRISTINGLE AT THE CATHEDRAL

Year 4 represented school at the Christingle Service at Coventry Cathedral this week. They performed on the ukuleles and did a fabulous job even though they have only been learning for one term. They came back to school with all of the components needed to build their own Christingles. Well done to all of them!



### CHRISTINGLE JOURNEY



Reverend Jonathan visited the Reception classes this week to help them to understand the different parts of a Christingle. The children then needed to use lots of fine motor skills to construct their own Christingles that they could take home to enjoy with their families.

Do you know what each part of the Christingle represents?



### WRITING TO BE PROUD OF!

Year 3 have been sharing the story of 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. They have worked hard to write their own stories, thinking carefully about the vocabulary they want to use to create a specific effect on the reader of their story. This week they tested out their ideas on their classmates, reading their stories to discover whether the language they had chosen worked as they had planned. They listened and gave thoughtful feedback to each other. Well done, Year 3 – they were rightly proud of their stories.



In Year 6, Sachin was inspired to write a poem in the style of 'The Night Before Christmas' that shared a different message. He worked at home to collect his ideas and make sure that the rhyme worked well without forcing any ideas that he didn't want to include. He proudly shared his poem with Mrs Boak, Mrs Pepin and Year 6. They were very impressed with his work. When I read his work, I was incredibly impressed too. You can read his poem at the end of the newsletter – what do you think?



### WHAT IS IT LIKE IN SPACE?

This week the children in Reception have been wondering what it would be like to jump aboard a rocket and explore space. They have made their own rockets using junk modelling materials and mathematical shapes:



They also jumped into a huge rocket box and took themselves on different space missions:



Their writing and maths work has been linked to space too – and the children have really enjoyed learning in different ways!



### UNDERSTANDING TIME

The children in Year 1 have been using their knowledge of number patterns to help them become historians and discover how to order events in history on a timeline. Mrs Power was so impressed with how they worked together to spot number patterns to help them. Making links between their learning was key to being successful historians this week, and they did a fabulous job.



### WORKING IN AN OPTICIANS

In Reception the role play area this week has been transformed into an opticians. From booking an appointment, to having your eyes checked, being advised on glasses style and finally paying for your new glasses, the children have been learning about what it would like to be an optician. They have used great vocabulary and worked so well together.



### EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY

The children performed so fabulously in the nativity this year. There were so many different emotions behind the scenes and every child conquered nerves, and contained excitement to work in their class teams to decorate the Christmas tree with beautiful baubles. The audiences were so supportive which helped the children to truly shine, thank you. We would like to thank everyone who made a donation to the Medical Aid charity working with the people of Gaza. We raised an incredible £270 through your generosity. Thank you so much.



### AMAZING ARTISTS

Year 4 have discovered the artist Henry Moore this week, looking at his sculptures and learning how to use their 3D sketching techniques to attempt to capture images of his work in their sketchbooks. They then moved on to attempt to make their own sculptures in the style of Henry Moore starting with a bar of soap. It was tricky and needed patience as well as artistic skills. Their work was incredibly impressive! Well done, Year 4.



### PE HOUSE COMPETITIONS

In PE this week the children have been competing in their house teams in different sporting games in the hall. The coaches have been really impressed with the way they have encouraged each other and worked together. The Year 3s have particularly shone in the way they competed hard, but also showed fairness and encouragement. Well done, Year 3!



### FOREST SCHOOL

Year 3's Forest School time finished with a fire pit and a delicious treat. They all had a chance to use the flint and steel to start a small fire in the outdoor classroom, learning how to stamp it out safely too, before lighting a fire in the fire pit to roast marshmallows.



## AWARDS FROM HOME

This week we celebrated so many children discovering talents and interests outside of school.



Althea has achieved something truly incredible this week – she took part in the Myton Hospice Santa Dash. Not only did she run the 5km distance, but then went on to run the children's dash too. She clearly has lots of energy and has discovered a true talent in running. Well done, Althea. Your hard work for charity shows you have both achieved and shone. You are a star!



We also celebrated children who belong to LWGC and are working hard to develop their gymnastic skills. Winnie shared her report card for her term's gymnastic work, scoring Distinction grades in all areas. Phoebe, Iris, Emilia, Imogen and Sophia all took part in the club winter competition in their different age groups. All of

the children were proud of their achievements. Iris came third in her group in her very first competition, with Emilia coming second in her group and Imogen winning gold in her group. Phoebe really enjoyed taking part in her age group competition. Sophia was awarded a 'Star Performer' trophy for not only improving her own gymnastics skills, but for being so encouraging to the other children in her group.

Willow has also been working hard to develop her gymnastic skills in a gymnastic squad. She recently took part in a competition and won gold in all of the different gymnastic disciplines: bar, beam, floor and vault which meant she earned gold for overall gymnast and was awarded a special trophy too. Well done, Willow.



Hattie and Ava-May both belong to Atomic Dance and have been thoroughly enjoying developing their dance skills. Hattie has shown true commitment to developing her skills and was awarded a pin badge and medal for attending classes for three

years. Ava May was awarded performer of the term. Both girls were bubbling with energy as they talked about their dance journey. Well done!

Abi celebrated her Level 3 swimming award, sharing that she can now submerge ten metres and pick up objects from the bottom of the pool. She can perform lots of different floats and swimming strokes. She is also determined to continue to develop her swimming skills.



Willow-Mai and Felicity have started their journey with guides and this week were invested into their guide unit and awarded their neckerchiefs. They have both promised to work hard in their journey and will share their awards and badges with us as they earn them. Have fun in your new guide unit – we look

forward to hearing about what you will discover!

### Dates for your diary:

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – iRock concert for school and parents 9:30am

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.

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 5 Space night at school

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – End of term.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – INSET Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children return to school for Spring Term.

## PTA MESSAGE



### Sparkle and Shine – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Please can children wear school uniform with added sparkle and shine: Christmas jumpers are very welcome!

As a school we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has worked so hard as part of the PTA. The children will take with them many memories of fun times shared through the events the PTA have organised. They will also benefit from your generous donations in so many ways in school for a long time to come.

Thank you so much!

## 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:

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT ST CHAD'S 2023

We are excited to be able to walk down to St Chad's for our Christmas service this year. Last year it was too cold and slippery on the pavements and the heating wasn't working in church. This year we are hoping that things will run much more smoothly. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who have said that they can help to walk the children to church.

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be leaving school at 10am to walk to St Chad's for a short Christmas service. There will be some singing, reading and prayers with a short talk as part of the service.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be walking down straight after registration after lunch at 1:20pm for a service that starts at 1:45pm.

If any adults are able to help us to walk the children to church and haven't informed us yet, please can you let the office know you are available to help by emailing [admin3141@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3141@welearn365.com)

Thank you in advance.

## EYFS AND KS1 NATIVITY PROGRAMME

We would like to thank Noah in Year 6 for making the programme for the Nativity Performance this year. We are aware that some families may have missed out on a copy of the programme as they didn't make it onto the chairs for the Tuesday afternoon performance. [If you didn't receive a programme and would like one, please can you complete this google form by Wednesday and we will send one home in your child's book bag.](#) Thank you.



**Stars of the Week:**

- RB – Callum
- RP – Gray and Rosie
- Year 1 – Harry
- Year 2 – Harrison
- Year 3 – Zach
- Year 4 – Imogen
- Year 5 – Sophia
- Year 6 – Willow

**Mighty Writers:**

- RB – Aanya
- RP – Harry
- Year 1 – Darcie
- Year 2 – Joe
- Year 3 – Leon
- Year 4 – Ethan
- Year 5 – Charlie
- Year 6 – Sachin



**Secrets of Success Champions**

Finlay, Ruby, Logan, Samraj, Charlie, Amelia



**HEADTEACHER'S STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Year 2** for the way they have truly cared for each other this week. There have been many moments where I have caught so many different children living out our IDEAL of 'Love' with members of their class, and not just their close friends: checking that each other are ok, helping each other, sharing words of encouragement. What a great class team you are!



*C. Kilbey*

Mrs C. Kilbey  
Head Teacher

**The Day when Santa lost his reindeer by Sachin Bhatoe**

Santa's heart sank, his reindeer were lost,  
In the sprawling wilderness, the bitter frost.  
His sleigh stood silent, his spirit was low,  
Without his trusted team, where could they go?

But Santa, determined, would not despair  
He called upon his elves and united in prayer.  
Together they searched, through snow they trod,  
No distance too great, no path untrod.

With each step they took, hope began to rise,  
Guided by love and starlit skies.  
Their feet grew weary, their faces pale,  
Despite this they pressed on, refusing to fail.

Then, in the distance, a glimmer of light  
Santa's heart quickened, his eyes shone bright!  
There, in the clearing, his reindeer stood,  
Safe and sound in the enchanted wood.

The elves rejoiced, their laughter cascading,  
Their faith, or magic, forever unwavering.  
Santa embraced each reindeer with care,  
Grateful beyond words for the joy they would share.

For it's not just the presents, the gifts or toys  
That bring us magic, laughter and joys  
It's the love that surrounds us in each helping hand  
A reminder that together we can always withstand.

So when you feel lost, in the depths of despair,  
Remember this tale of Santa's love and care.  
With the help of his elves and a little bit of grace,  
He found his reindeer and joy filled every space.

**Fascinating Fact:**

The letter X in "Xmas" is actually the Greek letter "Chi," which is the Greek abbreviation of the word "Christ."

