

# Newsletter

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## Our School Blog...

The first week of December - we can't believe it! The Christmas countdown has truly begun; with the arrival of our Christmas tree which the children in breakfast club really enjoyed decorating and children celebrating the first day of Advent during Collective Worship. You may have read on class dojo earlier this week that our Christmas nativities will unfortunately not be taking place live this year as we would have hoped. However, we are doing our best to consider how we can share our performances via an online platform so that you do not miss out! Later in this newsletter, we have shared with you important dates for our upcoming festive celebrations.

This week has been a busy one with lots of children taking part in our informal assessments. Our children have been amazing at sharing their knowledge and learning about the importance of persevering when faced with a challenge. We are very proud of each and every one of you.

This year, we are collecting donations for the Salvation Army and Mrs Horwell has written about this further later in the newsletter. We hope you may be able to help by offering donations and bringing these into school by Friday 10th December.

Have a restful weekend.

Miss Jane and Mr Hobbs

## Dates for your diary...

10th December 2021 - Christmas Jumper Day

17th December 2021 - Last day of the Autumn term (NO BB KIDS/GO ACTIVE CLUBS)

4th January 2022 - First day of the Spring term

2021/22 Inset Days: Mon 25th Jul 2022 / Tues 26th Jul 2022

## School Meals

Please ensure that you book your school meals in advance, via Parent Pay. A main option will need to be chosen as we are catering to requirements. Pudding is chosen on the day.

If you change your mind and your child comes to school with a packed lunch, it is essential that before 9.30am, you either cancel your Parent Pay choices or contact the school office for us to update the kitchen.

## Our School Vision...

**'We share the gifts and talents that we have, and with God's help it can become something amazing'**



Well done to Lainie from Peacocks who has shared her gift in art this week. She drew this incredible portrait using her shading skills. Miss Nagy, her teacher and our fabulous subject leader for Art was amazed at the skill and focus which has been applied. A fantastic piece of work, Lainie. We are all really proud of you.



# Christmas Dates and Events...

## Friday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day (Children to come to school wearing their festive jumpers. £1 donations would be gratefully received to raise money for Save the Children. Donations can be made by following the Just Giving link here: <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd210029110>)

Salvation Army donations to be brought into school by this date

## Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch Day (Please ensure you book your child's lunch via Parent Pay. Menu/further info later in newsletter)

Christingle Collective Worship online

Peacocks, Phoenix and Pelicans Christmas Party (Children can come into school wearing party/festive wear)

## Thursday 16th December

Hope, Faith and Angels Christmas Party (Children can come into school wearing party/festive wear)

## Friday 17th December

Doves, Fish and Lambs Christmas Party (Children can come into school wearing party/festive wear)

During this week, all classes will be taking part in a Christmas quiz and enjoying a Christmas film. Please note, other than your child's Christmas party day listed above, we ask that your child attends in school-uniform.



## This week's achievers

Well done to the children below for following our BB Rules for Life. This week, we are celebrating our achievements in Music!

### Little Doves

Luke

For following the beat of the music whilst dancing

### Little Fish

Caitlin

For her wonderful performances when we have been practising our nativity songs.

### Little Lambs

Levi

For working hard in music this week and learning the notes when playing the glockenspiel.

### Peacocks

Connor

For always putting his heart and soul into his singing performance.

### Pelicans

Ilah-Mae

For always joining in with enthusiasm during singing Collective Worship.

### Phoenix

Elizabeth

For sharing her talent of piano playing with her class.

### Angels

Skyla

For singing with confidence and projecting her voice well.

### Faith

Sophie

For sharing her gift of singing with amazing enthusiasm

### Hope

Kyran

For leading the children brilliantly when singing in canon.

## This week's achievers...

This week, we learnt about and celebrated the Christian value, **perseverance**. During Collective Worship on Monday, we talked about the importance of persevering, reflecting about what Jesus teaches us in the Bible. We also looked at two famous role models who have taught us the importance of persevering with our dreams and goals. Ask your child about how they have shown perseverance in school or at home this week.



Lionel Messi was thrown off the team at age 11 for being too short



Walt Disney was sacked for having no imagination or creative ideas.

### Little Doves

#### Harry R

For persevering to develop handwriting

### Peacocks

#### Bella

For showing amazing perseverance during her assessments this week.

### Angels

All of Angels class

For giving their assessments this week their best effort.

### Little Fish

#### Lottie

For never giving up in every aspect of school life, always wanting to get better and be the best that she can be.

### Pelicans

#### Emily

For keeping on going with her challenge papers

### Faith

Isla A

For trying so hard with her maths assessments this week.

### Little Lambs

#### Oscar

For persevering during your reading quiz. You carried on anyway fantastically!

### Phoenix

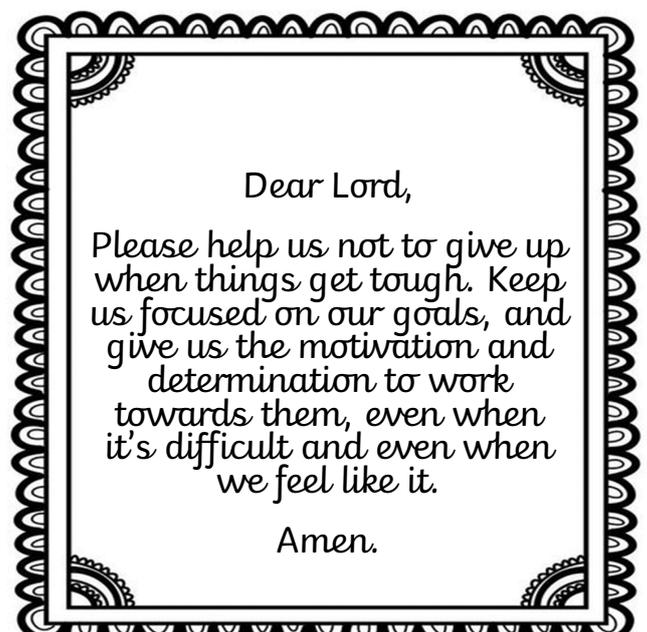
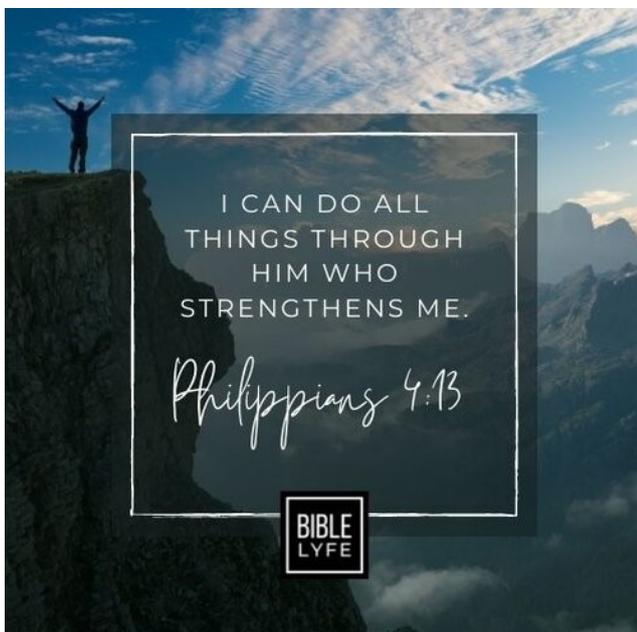
#### Mamie

For continuing to try your very best on your 22 club

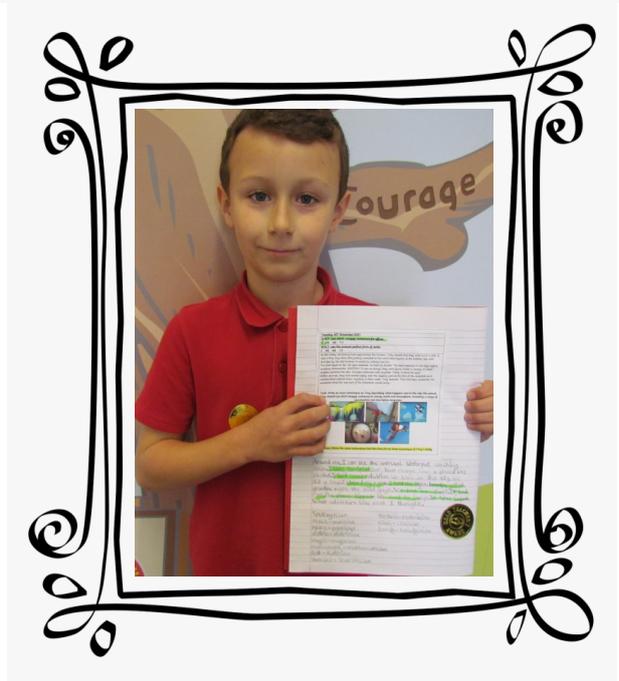
### Hope

Reece

For showing great perseverance and resilience during assessment week.



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# Notices



Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 15th December!

You just need to order on ParentPay in the usual way.

Please note—the jacket potato and tomato pasta options will NOT be available on this day.

IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE KITCHEN IF YOU COULD ORDER BY MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER SO THEY CAN PLACE ORDERS FOR INGREDIENTS.

Many thanks



We're really excited to be taking part in the Salvation Army Christmas present appeal again this year. Last year we were overwhelmed with your generosity and thought it would be a lovely thing to do again. They are asking for donations of Christmas presents (not second hand and unwrapped) for children up to the age of 16. We ask that you bring these presents in by Friday 10th December (next Friday). Many thanks for your continued support.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal>



## School Admissions

The online application process for Starting School or transfer to Junior School for September 2022 has now started.

Please ensure you name **more than one preference**. It will not mean less chance of securing place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time, your preferred school's may already be full.

If you need support with your application process, please contact the office, the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.