



Forthcoming Activities and other Information:

Next week:

Monday 5th December: Miss Rousseau out of school on a maths course

Discovery Walk: Either Tuesday or Thursday this week based on the weather - TBC

Tuesday 6th December: Whole school Christmas nativity practise in church a.m.

Wednesday 7th December : Miss Reed will be back in school working in both Owls and Puffins Class whilst Miss Rousseau works with Mrs Rensburg and Ms Liddell on some key curriculum documents. In the afternoon Puffins Class will be working with Mrs Dimbleby to create some head-dresses.

Thursday 8th December: Ms Liddell will be teaching Puffins Class all day as Mrs Rensburg has a hospital appointment. Whole school Nativity Practise in church p.m.

Friday 9th December: Whole school Christmas nativity practise in church a.m.

ASSEMBLY DATES:

Friday 2nd Dec CHRISTINGLE

2.45PM CHURCH

Friday 16th December 3pm

Other dates:

December 7th Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 14th December
CHRISTMAS LUNCH for parents
and children 12pm
NATIVITY at 2pm

Thursday 15th December
Rob Holmes author in school
Christmas crafts with Polly and
Henry's mum
Christmas parties

Friday 16th December
Last day of term (proposed trip to
Tiverton museum)

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School News

School Values and word of the week

The value we have been working on in school is Compassion. By this we mean treating others in the way that you would like to be treated yourself and always showing the best version of yourself. We have talked about letting other people through the door first, looking at people when you say please and thank you, smiling and saying good morning to other people and thinking about other people's feelings.

In Owls Class Rose wins the Certificate for Compassion this week because she is always unfailingly polite. She always asks how I am in the morning, she shook hands with the billeting officer, totally unprompted, when we were evacuated this week (more on that later) and she always says 'You're welcome' when you thank her for anything. On top of that she always says everything in a really genuine and well-mannered way. What an excellent role model for our whole school.

In Puffins Class Henry wins the Certificate for Compassion as he always looks out for other children and is very aware of right and wrong in everything that he does.

Our word of the week last week was VIBRANT. We used it to describe our new bird we are learning the call of, which is the green woodpecker and we also discussed the fact that people could be described as vibrant. The word vibrant has been really well-used since I introduced it, to describe leaves and also art work. This week's 'word of the week' is 'ENTRANCED BY'. During our evacuation morning one of the children said they were 'entranced by' the garden of the home where they were evacuated to. We then agreed you could also say we were 'entranced by the vibrant colours in the garden' therefore using 2 of our 'words of the week'!

Writer of the week

In Puffins Class:

Alicia for working really hard on her letter formation.

Henry for consistently high standards in his writing

In Owls Class:

Isla and Polly who both wrote thoughtful and very well-written diary entries, taking the role of William from our book Goodnight Mister Tom and using a range of language features to describe how he might be feeling. I was entranced by their writing!

Our learning

Owls Class: We have been really fortunate this week to have been able to bring our World War 2 learning to life by having a fabulous World War 2 Evacuation Day on Tuesday. The children came to school in suitable World War 2 outfits, carrying their gas masks and suitcases. We then set off to the church at 9.30 a.m. to be told which houses we were being billeted to by the billeting officer. 3 incredibly kind people in the village had agreed to take in some 'poor evacuees from the city' and so they were introduced to their evacuees and then we all left the church and walked to their houses. There, our evacuated children were incredibly well looked after and were all given some authentic World War 2 activities to do such as: baking world war 2 style biscuits, cakes and loaves; cleaning brasses; helping pick vegetables for soup; collecting eggs; doing jigsaws; collecting wood and making beds. All of our host families had obviously thought really hard about what they might do with their evacuees to ensure it felt like they really were evacuated children and we are so grateful for their wonderful support. I often say 'it takes a village to raise a child' and therefore it is so wonderful when the local community support our children's learning in this way. Thank you to Kay and Pam and Sarah and Annette. You were all wonderful!



On Thursday we were again given the chance to benefit from the wonderful support of the community when Una Head and her friend Sue came into school to share some of their World War 2 artefacts with us. Among the interesting things they showed us, we got to touch a real fragment of one of the Barnes Wallis bouncing bombs, we saw a model Lancaster bomber made by a German prisoner of war, and we held a World War 2 hose pipe used for dealing with incendiary bombs. Bringing the children's learning to life in this way really helps to makes a topic more real for the children and we feel so lucky to live in a village where so many people are willing to give us their time and knowledge. Thank you.

Puffins Class

Puffin Class has had a busy couple of weeks. We have been learning to develop our skills at creating different shades of hot and cold colours, then choosing an animal we can link to a hot or cold area of the world. Within our English lessons we have just finished our work on instructions which we will be putting to use when we make our scrumptious gingerbread men at the beginning of next week.

Finally, we have been learning to program Beebots, first pretending to be a robot following instructions and then using the Beebots to move in the correct direction.



We thoroughly enjoyed the Clipping the Church event on Wednesday afternoon which was St Andrews Day. We joined a group of villagers coming together to pray for the church and the community and we all held hands around the church as if giving the church a hug – what a wonderful idea! We then shared a couple of songs to celebrate the event, which the children sang beautifully: ‘Oh when the Saints’ and ‘Sing a Song in Unison’. We were delighted that so many people came back to our school afterwards to have refreshments in our library. Thank you so much to our newly replenished CHSA who were totally amazing, providing refreshments to our ‘starving’ children and to a big group of visitors. We really appreciate your time and your support for the school.

Christingles

Fresh from her duties as a World War 2 evacuation host, Sarah Jones then came into school again on Thursday to make Christingles with all the children so that we all had one ready for the Christingle service on Friday. We are really grateful to her for providing all the ‘ingredients’ and for giving her time to us. The Christingle service in church is always a lovely way to start off the Christmas celebrations.

Christmas morning

On Christmas morning at 10 a.m. there will be a service in St Andrews church. The children are all invited to come along with their families and they have been asked to bring along one of their Christmas toys to show to everyone else in the church. Everyone welcome.

Joanna Rousseau

Head of School

From the Office:

Safeguarding and Child Protection is extremely important to us. Supporting children and young people exposed to Domestic Abuse. We are an Operation Encompass School. Occasionally we may need to make a referral to CYPS or other external agencies.

Please see our website for details of current vacancies.