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Friday 11th December 2020 newsletter

Last Friday I showed Matt Vickers, Stockton South MP, around our wonderful school. He was here in his capacity as MP to see the transformation of our Early Years provision – both in nursery and our Reception classes. When I reflected on the visit I realised this was the first time I have completed a (socially distanced) tour of the entire school since the beginning of the year. It was an incredibly emotional morning for me seeing our amazing children being so happy during these difficult times.

We should all be incredibly proud of our children - I know I am.

Hope you enjoy the bumper edition of our newsletter this week.

Mrs. Swift – Head Teacher

The theme of our Collective Worship this week has been 'Advent – a time to wait'.

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus" Matthew 1 18-19

Crazy Day

Our Children's Fundraising Committee are delighted to share that we raised an incredible

£512.70

during our Crazy Day in October.

Thank you so much for your support.

Reading Eggs

We have a trial of Reading Eggs, an online reading game, until the end of January for our children in Y1 through to Y6.

Your child can access this by going to <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> and using their Mathletics login details.

Mrs Pearson – English Lead



Friday 18th December

You may have heard in the press this week that the DfE (Department for Education) announced that schools could change one of their PDDays to Friday 18th December 2020.

Our school will remain open on Friday 18th December as planned.

School Council update

We had a wonderful School Council meeting last week. Thank you, Mrs Swift, for arranging a Zoom meeting with Matt Vickers (MP). The children enjoyed taking part in the Zoom meeting, asking questions, and getting to know him better.

Each class prepared a question and Mr Vickers gave good answers to each question.

Here are some of the questions:

- What are your plans for the future?
- Would you like to be Prime minister?
- Do you like Boris Johnson?
- What is your favourite animal?
- What was the hardest decision you had to make?
- What is it like to be a MP?
- Do you like your job and why?
- Is it big in the Houses of Parliament?

Every member of our School Council was polite and enjoyed the session very much.



This week some of our KS2 School Council members were involved in the interviews for Teaching Assistant positions in school. They prepared questions and then asked each of the five candidates as part of the process.

We will share the outcomes of these interviews soon.

Poverty proofing

We are aware that some parents/carers have been perplexed as to why we have not supported the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal this year.

We do not think it is appropriate to ask families who are struggling financially to purchase a Christmas jumper for their child/children.

I do hope that helps to make things clearer, Mrs Swift

End of term activities

We have lots of lovely activities planned for the end of term.

Class party day – your child may wear non-uniform but please ensure they are dressed appropriately for a December day.

Nursery a.m. and p.m. **Thursday 17th December**

YR **Friday 18th December (a.m.)**

Y1 **Thursday 17th December**

Y1/2 **Thursday 17th December**

Y2 **Thursday 17th December**

Y3 **Tuesday 15th December**

Y4 **Thursday 17th December**

Y5 **Thursday 17th December**

Y6 **Tuesday 15th December**

In addition to this every class is having a **movie session** and our annual **Advent RE day**. Rather than give presents this year, class teachers are giving children **the 'gift of time'** – a session where children as a class can choose what they want to do.

And finally Friday 18th December is a **non-uniform day** – just for fun 😊

Complaints Procedure

Governors has recently reviewed our Complaints Procedure. A copy can be found on our website in the Policies section or on request from our school offices.

If you have a concern or a complaint please share this with your child's class teacher via their contact book or by emailing school. Most concerns can be addressed quickly this way. Thank you for your continued support.

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Inspired by Isla, Chair of our School Council, some of our children have drawn colourful and festive pictures for wards in North Tees hospital.

We hope they will bring joys to others.



Sporting success

Earlier this term our KS2 children took part in the Virtual Cross Country, which was organised by the Stockton Schools Sport Partnership. Every child in KS2 had the opportunity to take part in the cross-country event during one of their PE lessons. We sent the results in and waited patiently to find out where we had placed. We were overjoyed when we received the results!

Well done to the following children for placing in the top three children in their year group This included all Stockton central schools - Ruby D (Y4) Jack J (Y5) Heidi D (Y6)

As well as this, in year group team we came in the top three in the following groups - Year 3 boys, Year 4 girls, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys.

Well done to all the children in KS2 for taking part in this cross country event! We are so proud of your achievements! Miss Kelsey



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Sacred Spaces for Advent

As we prepare for Christmas, usually things get busier with lots to organise. But sometimes, we can forget to slow down and miss some of the most important things about this special season.

Taking a moment to pause and be still can really help with our happiness and well-being. So, what better way to pause than by using the Christmas story to inspire us as we slow down?

During our collective worships, we have been exploring moments of stillness found in the Christmas story and wanted to share some ideas that you might like to try at home.



Walking Boots

Pop on your walking shoes or trainers and head out for a walk. Maybe you are on your way to school, the local shop, or to see your friends. Take a moment to slow down and notice your surroundings. What can you see? Anything you had not noticed before? Does anything make you smile or make you feel sad? Say a prayer, hope or wish as you spot things.



Instructions for 'Walking Boots'

You will need:

- Comfortable shoes to walk in
- An adult to accompany you

When out walking, slow down and notice everything around you. Think about how it makes you feel.

Say a prayer, hope or wish as you spot things.



Be the light

Put a candle or battery tea light on a windowsill (with an adult's help). When times are difficult, we often need someone to help us. Who do you know that needs encouragement today? Ask an adult to light the candle and then you could say a prayer for that person.



Instructions for Be the Light

You will need:

- An adult to help you
- A candle or battery tea light

Think about who you know that might need encouragement.

As an adult lights the candle, take time to say a special prayer for that person.



Christmas Tree Thanks

Christmas is a time to reflect on the past year. Sit in front of your Christmas tree and think back over the last year. Choose 3 things that you are thankful for. Write them down and hide them in the branches of the tree. You might want to say a prayer to say 'thanks' to God.



Instructions for Christmas Tree Thanks

You will need:

- Pencil or pen
- Paper

Write down 3 things you are thankful for:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Hide them in the branches of the tree.



Christmas Journey

The Wise Men travelled following a star.

Draw and cut out three stars. As you think about your journey through 2020, what have been the good memories that you want to carry with you into the New Year? Write or draw them on the star shapes and stick them somewhere to remind you that, even in difficult times, there can be beautiful memories.



Instructions for 'Christmas Journey'

You will need:

- Paper, something to write with and some scissors

Draw and cut out three stars. Think about any good memories you have had from this year. Write or draw your ideas on your stars and display them somewhere to remind you about beautiful memories.

