



*'Through God's love, we are the rich soil
where roots grow and seeds flourish.'*



KEY STAGE NEWS

Early Years News

Christmas Tree Peg Decoration

Each year we invite the children in Nursery and Reception to decorate a peg to put on our Christmas tree. They can decorate it however they wish, with or without help, and then bring it back to school ready to put on our tree. Our Christmas tree is always special and beautiful because of the individual decorations the children make!

Your child should be bringing home a peg in the next few days. When they are decorated, please send them back into school in a named bag or envelope so they can be stored until it is time to decorate the tree. When we get to the end of term, your child can then bring their peg decoration back home with them to put on their own Christmas tree if they wish. We love seeing all their wonderful and unique creations.

Reception

Reception have been really busy this week, and the classrooms have been buzzing with excitement as the build up to Christmas begins. I'm sure you will all have heard your children singing some songs from our Wiggly Nativity, which we are looking forward to wowing you all with on Thursday 12th December – we know you will be as proud of them as we are.

Reindeer Dash with Year 6 Buddies - Friday 6th December

Don't forget your child will be taking part in a run around the school grounds to raise money for St Cuthbert's Hospice. We would love you to join us. More details are in the Newsletter.

Key Stage One News

Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been learning about The Wright Brothers in History lessons as part of their project 'Splendid Skies.' There was an enormous amount of awe and wonder this week when The Wright Brothers actually visited our classroom after flying in from their plane test site in North Carolina in the USA! The children asked our visitors some intriguing questions about how they invented the aeroplane and it was a fantastic opportunity to embed their learning so far. A few children commented on The Wright brothers bearing an uncanny resemblance to the two Y1 teachers, but that is purely coincidental, of course!



Year 2

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome parents, carers and grandparents into Year 2 this week to help with sewing. The children loved having some true experts to help out and we would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who gave their time to help out. There will certainly be more opportunities like this later in the year.



Numbots and TTRS

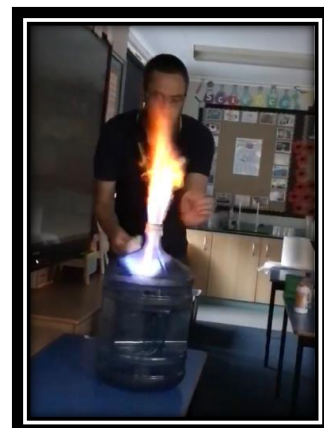
All children in Key Stage 1 should now have logins for Numbots (Year 1) or Times Tables Rockstars (Year 2). Accessing these at home for even just 20 minutes per week can have a great impact on children's understanding of number. These apps help them to develop their Maths fluency skills and help them to build solid foundations on which so much of their Maths work in KS2 will rely. If your child has lost their login details, please speak to your child's teacher and we will get another copy for you.

Key Stage Two News

Captain Chemistry Visit

Year 5 welcomed Captain Chemistry into their Science lesson this week, where they had a "blast" carrying out a range of experiments on different materials and their properties. They looked at a range of solids, liquids and gases, checked out some amazing chemical reactions and tested a range of mixtures and solutions. All the experiments were carried out with great enthusiasm, the highlight being the combustion investigation!

Year 3 enjoyed working with Captain Chemistry this week on our science topic of light. We investigated how light travels, how shadows are made and change and enjoyed using prisms to see the colours that make up light. The spy pens were a huge hit! The children wrote secret messages that could only be read using ultraviolet light.



Year 6 Christmas Performance – The Stars Are Coming Out For Christmas

Year 6 are busy learning songs and lines for their performance of The Stars Are Coming Out For Christmas. In our show, we decide who should win an award for Outstanding Contribution to Christmas? Santa? Christmas cards? Christmas trees? The turkey dinner? What about snow? It's a musical reminder of what it truly means to be a Christmas star! We are currently sorting our costumes for the show and we would be grateful if you could send a bag in to school with your child to keep their costume in. Thank you.

