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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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This week saw the start of Advent, a time of waiting for the birth of Jesus. We are learning about how God sent his son into the world to offer love and **compassion** to ordinary, everyday people in ordinary everyday places.

As always, Christmas preparations have begun and Christmas songs can be heard coming from Skylark class as they get ready for their Nativity production. We look forward to that and all the events in the lead up to Christmas, including the carol concert, Christmas in the Playground, organised by the PTA as well as the pantomime at the theatre. Mr Brignall will be making Christingles with the children in the last week, ready for the Christingle Service on 16 December at 9:15am.

Children in Need 2022

This year we all wore something spotty in order to raise money for Children in Need. Together we raised over £70 for children in the UK. Thank you to you all for your contributions.



Anti-Bullying Week

This year, for anti-bullying week we worked together to think about who we could REACH OUT to when we needed help, as well as how we could REACH OUT to those in need. We also wore odd socks to remind us we are all different and that our differences should be celebrated.



Bonfire Night

The Quenington Bulldogs kindly invited us to help at this year's bonfire night. Kingfisher class made the guy which proudly sat on top of the bonfire, the PTA had a very successful cake stall and two of our Year 6's lit the bonfire. We were very grateful to be able to take part in such a successful event.



Celebration Worship

As you know, the School holds a Celebration Worship at the end of each term. I was fortunate to attend in October, and Mrs Hancock has asked that I write a short account for the newsletter.

The children all sat beautifully, joined in with singing and clapping, and were clearly proud of winning awards. It was such a lovely way of celebrating their achievements both in and out of school. There were awards for attendance, school sports achievements, and awards for individuals who had encompassed the value of the term: Generosity. Children were invited to stand up to explain to everyone what their 'wow' moment had been out of school, and it was really encouraging to see so many children wanting to share their experiences. There were big celebrations for Houses, and individuals, who had achieved over 100 house points. At the end, everyone sang Happy Birthday to children who had birthdays in September and October, creating a real family atmosphere. These events really are celebrations of, and for, the children, and our school. Thank you to everyone involved.

Kate, mum of Emma Y2

Salvation Army Donations

Kim visited our school to talk about the work of the Salvation Army and around the world. She then took our donations back to Cirencester, where they will be distributed to local families who need them this Christmas.



Ipads

We have some old ipads available for children to take. They are old so can no longer be updated, but can be used to access google classroom and the internet. If you would like one, please come and collect from the office.

SchoolBeat

On Friday the 11th November, Leah, our schoolbeat officer came in to talk to year 4, 5 and 6 about internet safety. The session was interactive and helped the children to identify potential dangers online and how to keep themselves safe.

Infant Strings

Skylark class will be taking part in Infant Strings next year. This music tuition is delivered by Gloucestershire Music and will be carried out in their usual Music lesson for 10 weeks of the summer term. Instruments will be provided.

Punctuality

Please be aware that lessons start promptly at 8:45. If you do arrive after the gates have been closed, please ring the buzzer and accompany your children to the door. They will then be marked in as late. Please be vigilant about getting to school a few minutes before 8:45 to allow your child/ren to be settled and ready for lessons.

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 2 nd December	Home clothes day in exchange for a tombola item Flu Immunisation
Monday 5 th December	Bikeability Year 5
Tuesday 6 th December	Skylark Nativity – 9:30am
Thursday 8 th December	Carol Concert 6pm
Monday 12 th December	NSPCC workshop Year 5/6
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 th December	Pantomime at the Barn Theatre-am Christingle making with Mr Brignall - pm
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Worship (Christingle Service) at Church 9:15am End of Term is 2pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 th January	Children return to school