



Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10

Friday 8th December 2023

Prayer of the week - Rufus

Dear God,
We thank Key Stage 1 for their performance this week,
and for reminding us all of Christmas
AMEN

Pupil Voice: "Our class news"

Mars: The nativity went well. I was the donkey. They fetched me from the field - Wilf

Jupiter: The nativity was good. I liked seeing all the animals. I liked acting like Mary - Eleanor

Saturn: This week we had to work hard in PE because we had to be gymnast. After that we had English and learned how to write a shape poem - Laurence

Neptune This week Neptune Class have been focusing on how to write a set of instructions and learning about subordinating conjunctions. We have been writing our thank you letters to Duxford for our visit. In science we are learning about light and how it travels in a straight line. On Tuesday we went to church to watch the Nativity and wrote a reflection. - Emma

SIAMS inspection.

We are delighted to share with you our SIAMS Church School Inspection feedback. The full report is attached.

"Driven by the Christian vision of compassion, there is a strong ethos of inclusion underpinning both action and policy. Here, all are accepted, helped and flourish in a culture which celebrates and enables."

"Leaders have ensured that the Christian vision shapes the curriculum and the extracurricular offer. They expect everyone to rise to challenges and give them tools to succeed. With great consistency, parents comment about how pupils grow in confidence and develop personally at school."

Community Singing

Children in Key Stage 2 performed at the Community Christmas party on Thursday by singing Christmas Carols. Feedback from community members commented:

"I think the children sang a good selection" "such happy faces" "lovely to hear the children sing"

Christingle

Thank you for your donations to the Children's Society - £35 was raised.

It's a Nativity!

Children, families and governors really enjoyed this performance. Feedback included the following comments:

"It was wonderful to see all the hard work the children and staff have put in. The children looked so happy and wonderful in their costumes"

"so lovely to see all the children enjoying nativity and confident – wonderful!"

"a wonderful story about the nativity"

Children in Neptune Class applied the school vision statement to the performance. Darcie wrote:

"I saw compassion in the Key Stage 1 nativity because when the innkeeper let Mary and Joseph in the stable, they were grateful.

Mary and Joseph took the challenge to go find a place to stay. They walked for hours and hours. Also Mary took on the challenge to raise a baby.

My favourite part in the nativity was the singing. It was also brought back some memories. Every one was very confident including Wilf (Donkey) and also Eleanor (Mary)"

School Book Fair

We are hosting a book fair on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Books will be available to look at and review in the hall, with a variety of methods to purchase including online ordering.

Class Drop in

We would like to invite parents and carers into school at the end of the day in Tuesday 12th December 3.15-3.45pm to be able to share your child's earning this term. No individual child can be discussed at this session, and appointments are always available via the school office if you wish to speak to your child's classteacher or SENDCO.

School Christmas Lunch

Please see the attached School Christmas Lunch Menu. An order form will be sent out next week. We will be sitting down to Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December. Please note that only Christmas lunch or the vegetarian alternative is available that day. There will be no school pack ups or jacket potatoes. Children may still bring in their own packed lunch from home.

Our Healthy School Status

Could we please ask families to ensure that children's snacks and drinks are age appropriate. As a healthy school we would prefer children not to use Prime or other energy drink bottles, even if the bottle itself is being reused with a non caffeine content.

School Day

A reminder as we head into the colder weather that children should be in class for registration at 8.45am

PTFA News - *Dates for the diary*

Wednesday 13th December 3.15-4pm - Christmas Crafts afternoon and Book Fayre - **Please look for the form to complete via parentmail and complete by 1st December.**

Monday 18th December 5.30-7pm – School Christmas Disco - **Please look for the form to complete via parentmail and complete by 1st December.**

Community News

Christmas Prestige Sports Clubs

Over the Xmas Holiday Period Prestige Sports have 3 days of Sports & Activity Camps in Sudbury on the 27th, 28th and 29th December.

We have 60! FREE spaces available for children who are eligible for free school meals through the HAF programme.

Parents can book using the following link:

<https://prestige-sports.classforkids.io/camp/126>

After booking online, parents will be asked to provide us with their 16 digit HAF code.

Holiday Camps will involve Sport Activities, Nerf, Laser Tag and a chill out zone with Arts and Crafts, games and much more. The camps for HAF run from 9am - 3.30pm and a packed lunch is provided by Prestige Sports.

Cavendish 2023 Christmas tree festival



This year, the festival will be made up of 35 real christmas trees with a variety of local businesses, groups, clubs and educational settings taking part to support three meaningful causes and funds.

The school's tree decoration theme will be 'Handel's Messiah' to link to recent learning which explores the same theme set by St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds. Children will be visiting in groups to see the event.

All are welcome to come along to the opening evening celebration on Saturday 9th December from 6-8pm, which will have a joyfully festive atmosphere. The event will be open daily until Sunday 17th

December 2023 from 1- 4pm if families would like to visit after school or during weekend openings.

Trees will be available to good to a good home afterwards. Please contact 07512 528751 to register your interest or if you know someone who would benefit.



Dates for your diary

- 12th December – Class drop in – a chance to look at this term's work
- 13th December – PTFA Christmas Craft
- 12th & 13th December – Book Fayre in the school hall 3.15 – 4pm
- 14th December – Afternoon Class Christmas parties
- 18th December - PTFA All School Christmas Disco 5.30pm-7pm.
- 19th December - All school Christmas Lunch
- 20th December - End of term Nine Lessons and Carol Church Service 1.15pm

School Term and Holiday dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

- PD Days Monday 4th and 5th September
- Children Start Wednesday 6th September
- Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- Last day Wednesday 20th December

Spring Term

- PD Day Wednesday 3rd January
- Children Start Thursday 4th January
- Half term Monday 19 to Friday 23 February
- Last day Thursday 28 March

Summer Term

- PD Day Friday 12 April
- Children Start Monday 15 April
- Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
- PD Day Friday 24 May
- Half term Monday 27 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day Friday 19 July