



Believe Belong Achieve

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Well done to all the children who have worked incredibly hard this week to complete their assessments. The teachers are already using the results to inform their planning and support the children in their learning. Thank you for supporting the children to be in school and ready to learn.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Reading Survey. We had 77 responses which is 67% of our community. Some highlights are that 56% of parents read regularly with their children, 46% say that their child reads independently and 60% say that reading is important. Mr Este and the team will work through all of your comments to help promote our reading curriculum further.

Punctuality and good attendance are important life skills. Please continue to support the children to be in school in good time to start their learning. The school gates open at 8.40 am and close at 8.55 am. Children who arrive after the close of register will be marked as late. Children arriving late also disrupts the learning in class.

This week we started reflecting on the significance of Advent in the Christian calendar. The Holy Council led the children in dressing our school altar for Advent. Thank you to Reverend Andy who continued our learning on Tuesday morning on this theme. Please visit class blogs to find out more.

Today, Bishop Roger visited school to lead our worship on the theme of Christingle. The children listened carefully and reflected on the importance of Christingle in the Christian calendar.

Next week Classes 1 and 2 are performing their nativity. The performances are at 2.45 on Wednesday and 9.15 on Thursday. To ensure that all families have a chance to watch we ask that only 2 members of each family attend, in total, over the 2 performances. We will not be issuing tickets as we rely on good faith. Thank you for your support.

On Monday, Class 3 have their Christmas Craft Workshop from 9.15 in the school hall. Any donations of materials, ribbons etc. will be gratefully received. We hope their family and friends will be able to join them for this lovely festive event.

On Wednesday we have a book fair arriving for a week. Every class will have their own opportunities to visit the book fair during the school day. We will also be open for parents after school each day in the hall. Online payments only please. No cash.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

L. Eastbrook

Headteacher



PTFA News

**Christmas
Raffle
9th December
FREE
Colouring
Competition
9th and 12th
December
Winter Disco
14th
December
(Amended
Date)**

Christmas News

**School Post Box is
now in the foyer.
Please deliver all
your cards to the
box for daily
distribution.
Please remember
name AND class.**



Jesus said "Let the children come to me." (Matthew 19:14)
Courageous Creative Friendly Persevering Responsible Truthful



Certificate of Achievement Winners

Class 1: Ben
Rosie
Class 2: Evie
Eddie
Class 3: Mary-Rose
Ralf
Class 4: Rebecca
Olivia
Play leaders: Emily
Annalise



Weekly Attendance & Punctuality

Class 1 – 93%
Class 2 – 90%
Class 3 – 90%
Class 4 – 92%
Whole School – 91%
Whole School Academic Year – 93%
(Target 97%)

House points

This week's winners are:

D'Arcy

Diary dates

- 5th December 9.15-11.45 am Class 3 Christmas Craft Workshop
- 7th - 14th December – Book Fair
- 7th December 2.45 pm Nativity Class 1 & 2
- 8th December 9.15 am Nativity Class 1 & 2
- 9th December PTFA Christmas Raffle
- **Friday 16th December – Last day of term**
- **Tuesday 3rd January – First day of term**

Inset Days

10th February 2023
26th May 2023
30th June 2023

Dear God,
Advent 1
Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king: Be born in our hearts
This Christmas, be king of our lives today.



Christian Value: Friendly