

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 3rd December 2021

Nativity

We will be sending out a letter shortly regarding the Nativity performance and seating. Our intention, at this time, is that this is a public performance with parents present. Obviously we are monitoring this on a daily basis and we may be forced to change this if the Covid situation changes. We thank you for your understanding at this time, as there is so much uncertainty around at the moment. As a school we want to give the children the complete Primary experience of the Nativity, but we are also incredibly conscious of not contributing to a potential increase in cases especially close to the Christmas holidays.

Covid

Here are the steps you can take to help prevent your child from catching and spreading COVID-19:

Get vaccinated. This remains the best way to protect yourself and your family from the serious effects of COVID-19. If you or your child are eligible for a Covid jab, please do not delay in taking up the offer.

Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces including public transport.

Continue with twice-weekly testing for people with no symptoms (everyone aged 11 years and over)

If your child has symptoms of Covid or has tested positive using a lateral flow device get a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. If your child or anyone in

your household tests positive for COVID-19 they must stay at home and isolate for ten days. This means not going to work, school or any other public places. Close contacts of a positive case will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be advised to take a PCR test.

Student Teacher

We welcomed Mr Rowntree to Oak Hill this week who will be working in Willow Class. He joined us for an introductory week and will be returning in January to work with us until April. Mr Rowntree is in his 3rd year at the University of Worcester studying for a B.Ed. in Primary Education.



Holiday Free School Meals

During the December holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £30 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover both weeks in the December holidays.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the December holiday period is open from Tuesday 30 November until midday Monday 13 December. Voucher emails will be sent out between 13 and 15 December. If parents apply after the deadline, we cannot guarantee delivery of vouchers before 25 December.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit the Holiday School Meal vouchers page on the Council website

Please pass on this information to relevant parents and encourage them to apply.

FOOHs

Amazon Smile

We are now registered with Amazon smile. This means purchases made at Amazon using the app, lead to donations to our school fund, Friends of Oak Hill School!

Please use this link to get started!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1060953-0>

Don't forget to also use Easy Fundraising, using this app does the same but with different companies!

Every little bit helps!

Sonia (FOOHS)

Christmas Raffle

Win a box full of Christmas goodies!

Fizz, wine, chocolates and treats!

Please contact Sonia for tickets.

Lunchtime Supervisor Post

We have unfortunately had no applicants for the lunchtime supervisor role. If you know of anyone who may be interested, then please do pass on the school's details.

Internet Safety

As part of our support to parents, we will be sharing information on a regular basis about some of the challenges that our children face in the modern internet age.



Sports by Corin

The footballs were blasted into the net 20 times as the England women's team demolished Latvia in the World Cup qualifiers. Number 9 was on form scoring goal after goal, creating extreme noise from excited fans. 48 goals have now been scored in Ellie White's career. All in all, what a great day!

Warholm and Thompson are our named athletes of the year. Norwegian 400m hurdler Karsten Warholm and Jamaican sprinter Elaine Thompson have been crowned with the title of Athletes of the Year 2021.

In the cricket, England bowler James Anderson is the oldest, fastest bowler to play in the upcoming Ashes, whilst Ben Stokes takes two wickets on return to the English squad.

In tennis, the semi-final team sadly lost to Germany in the Davies Cup, but what a week for sport.

Flare App

Flare is a Safer Gloucestershire app, created for women and girls, to anonymously share their experiences of how and where they've felt unsafe.

The app helps local agencies understand how and where women and girls feel unsafe and take action.

It's anonymous, quick, free to use and can connect to support and advice in Gloucestershire.

Reportable experiences may include:

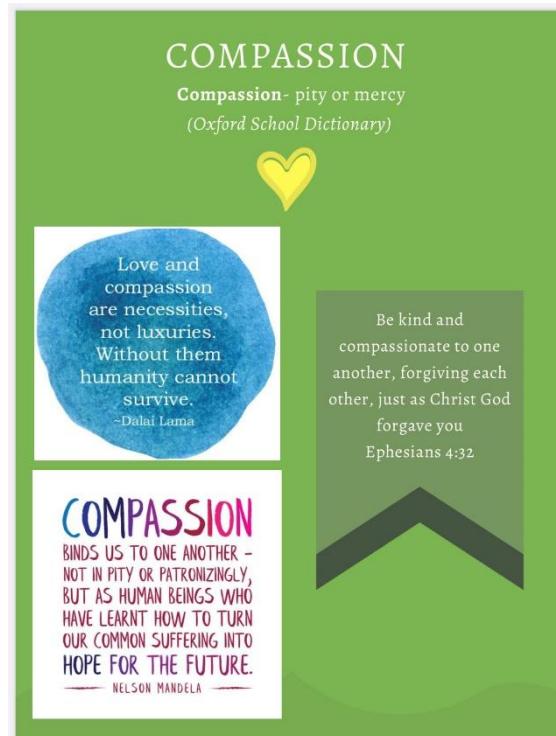
- Staring
- Cat calling/wolf-whistling
- Inappropriate gestures
- Inappropriate comments/comments on physical appearance
- Invading personal space
- Verbal abuse

- Drink spiking
- Being followed/spied on
- Being brought/sent unwanted gifts
- Online harassment/stalking
- Threatening violence or sending threatening objects
- Unwanted repeated social contact
- Other stalking behaviour
- Sexual comments made in public
- Inappropriate touching without consent
- Being sent inappropriate images
- Indecent exposure
- Up skirting
- Serious sexual assault/rape

To find out more and to download the Flare App visit:

[Flare App | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)

Half Termly Christian Value



registers and giving out lots of house points and stickers!

Church Service in Alderton

Our Services are:

9.00am Great Washbourne – Advent
HC

10.30am Dumbleton - Advent HC

Maple Class

Things have turned magical in Maple Class this week, as we continue with our work on traditional and fairy tales. On Monday morning, the children were very excited to find that one of our tables had been turned into a magical writing station, complete with special quills to write with, sparkly gel pens and parchment paper to write magical messages to each other on. This has led to the children practising their sounds in their own writing, which has been brilliant to see!

The children have been enjoying practising various maths skills in the potions lab, using mathematical vocabulary for capacity, counting and sharing. We have continued our work with numbers to 5 this week, exploring one more and less and comparing amounts.

Alongside our work on traditional and fairy tales, we have continued our mini-topic, ‘Sparkle and Shine’ where we have been exploring the different ways to celebrate special festivals. We know that music and dance is usually an important part of a celebration, so we listened to a special piece of music and have been using the ribbon streamers to create our own dances for the music.

The children have recently become interested in pretending to be the teachers during their dramatic play, so a mini version of Oak Hill school has been created in our classroom, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed pretending to be Mr Greaves, Miss Tarling and Miss Gunter. They are brilliant at teaching each other numbers and phonics, taking many





The children have also completed a few tests this week in Maths, reading and SPAG to check their understanding of everything we have learnt so far this term.

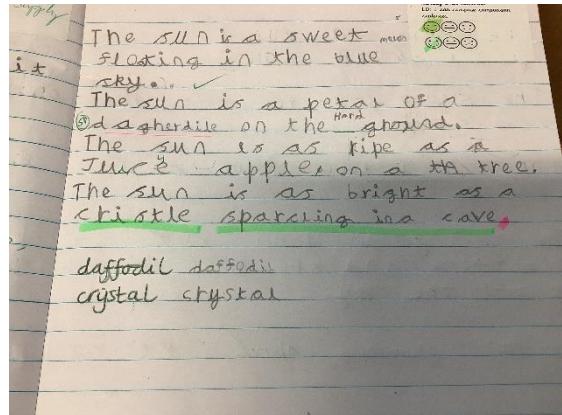
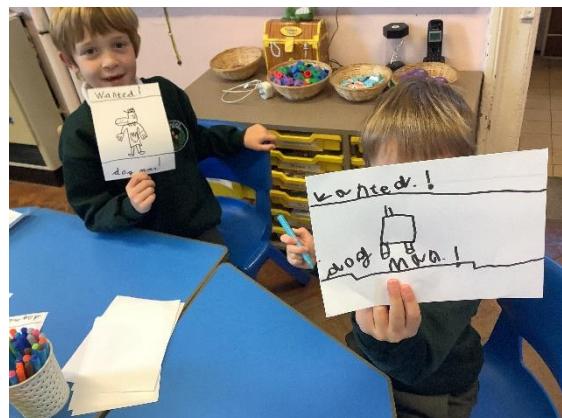


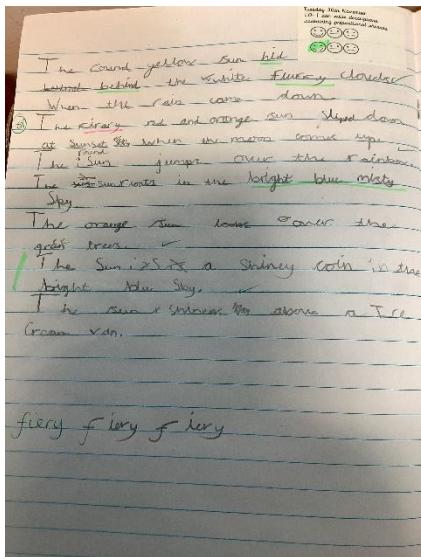
Willow Class

This week our Nativity rehearsals have been in full swing! We have lots of songs to learn and plenty of lines to be rehearsed, but it is coming along nicely. On Thursday, Mrs Galpin had lots of enthusiastic children wanting to help make props and begin to sort out costumes. We also took delivery of a Christmas tree on Thursday which the children loved helping to decorate.

We have continued our Maths unit of addition and subtraction and this week Year 1 have been busy putting their new addition and subtraction skills to the test by finding the difference between two numbers and also comparing statements using the vocabulary of less than and greater than. Year 2 have been practising column addition where they have needed to exchange a ten and they have also been trying hard with column subtraction!

In English, we have read and enjoyed the poem 'What is the Sun?' by Wes Magee. The sun was compared to all sorts of different things, so we came up with our own comparisons and used adjectives to make our comparisons more exciting. We then looked at prepositions to describe where the sun was and wrote these into full, punctuated sentences.





Hawthorn Class

This week has been test week in Year 3 and 4. The children have been completing end of term Maths, reading and SPAG tests throughout the week.

We have continued to teach reading through our VIPERS scheme and this week we focused on prediction. We used our class text 'The Creakers' by Tom Fletcher to predict what would happen next before reading the next chapter at the end of the day. The children made some great predictions and we also discussed a range of vocabulary to help them to dive deeper and understand the text.

In Maths, we have continued our work on perimeter. Year 4s have used their knowledge to develop an understanding about perimeter of rectilinear shapes and Year 3 have consolidated their perimeter knowledge. Next week we will be moving on to multiplication.

In French, children have been learning how to say a range of animal names and most are beginning to become more confident with their pronunciation.

In topic, the children have learnt all about farming in the Iron Age and how this made a significant impact in the world we live in today. In addition, the children explored invention and ingenuity in the Iron Age.

In PE we focused on the skills of Handball and played our first 4 sided games with goals. Some great skill was shown and some good goals scored.

In RE, the children have continued to learn about the Jewish festival called Passover. This week we looked at the Seder plate and how this is an important symbol for Jewish people during Passover. We also recapped what we learnt last lesson from our visit from Jenny at the synagogue.





Juniper Class

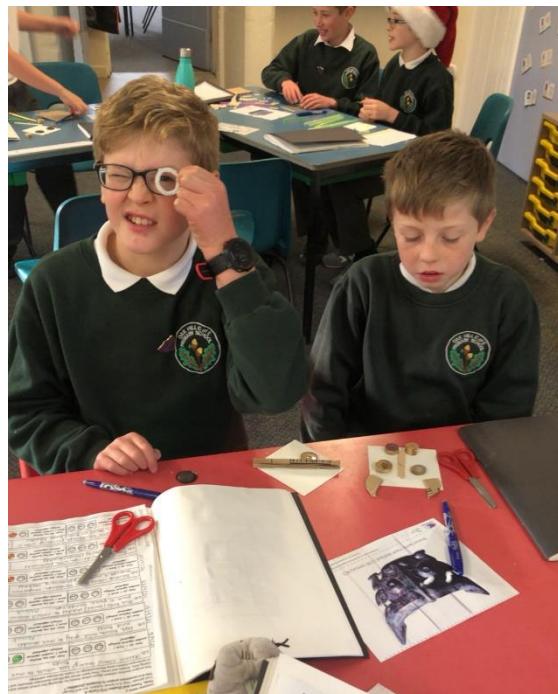
This week the children have been working hard to complete the end-of-term assessments. This has taken up most of our English and Maths lessons but we did manage to complete a Maths lesson on converting fractions from improper fractions to mixed numbers. In our Reading Vipers lessons this week, the children have been predicting. Using the information, they know to predict what is going to happen next. Next week they will be developing their inference skills.

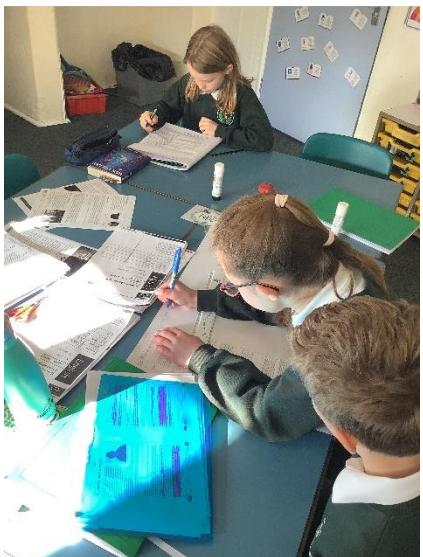
In History this week, the children completed the final two develop lessons and are ready to complete their innovative journal. During this week's lessons, we discover the events which lead to the end of the Shang Dynasty and then we made comparisons between the Bronze Age in China, Egypt, and Britain. The children were able to use their knowledge to explain clearly the similarities and differences.

In French, the children continued to develop their vocabulary of food and are speaking with such confidence. In Art, they made the plates they will use to cast their own Toaties inspired art.

In computing, the children wrote their own storyboards based on the Shang Dynasty to apply their understanding of different filming techniques. The children evaluated the work to decide which are the best angles and shots to get a clear high-quality video. Next week, they will be creating their own video with a theme of their choosing.

In P.E on Tuesday the children learned how to tackle in Hockey and this will help as we move into a game situation next week. Then in Friday's P.E lesson, we built up our gymnastics routines even further, including more jumps and rolls, as well as using equipment.





Hawthorn Class:

Value friendship - Perseverance – Isla, for working hard to history to improve her Stone Age report

Star of the Week – Lottie, for writing a great report about the Bronze Age

Juniper Class:

Star of the week- Abbie, keeping a positive attitude this week when taking on lots of challenges both in and out of school.

Value of the week- Lily, showing amazing resilience when tasks are tricky!

Diary Dates

House Points

Weekly Totals

Diamond – 275

Emerald – 213

Ruby – 172

Sapphire - 250

Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the Week: Rory, for great effort and persistence in our phonics games with blending for reading

Value of the Week: Teddy, for demonstrating our value of courage

Willow Class:

Star of the week - Reuben, showing lots of enthusiasm with your lines in the Nativity

Value of the week - AJ and Ava, showing so much courage when you read to some special visitors this week

January

4th INSET Day for Staff

5th Term Starts

21st Swimming Year 3/4

28th Swimming Year 3/4