

Reminder: **Friday 18th December early finish 1-1:20pm**

4th December 2020

What's on ...				
Monday 7th December	Tuesday 8th December	Wednesday 9th December	Thursday 10th December	Friday 11th December
Christmas Cards to start coming into school Mad Science (Rec-Yr2)	Yr 2 Foxes—Parent Consultation Mad Science (Yr3-5)	Reception Butterflies—Parent Consultation Gymnastics (Rec/Yr1) 3.30-4.30pm	Reception Hedgehogs—Parent Consultation Football (Yr1-5) 3.30-4.30pm	Last day for Christmas Cards

News from The Executive Head's Desk



The school was over-run with elves today, mostly good ones who scurried around learning and smiling. Together the elf community were focussed on raising money for research into Alzheimer's. At the last look of our Just Giving page we were nearly at the £400 point. Thank you for all your donations for such a worthwhile cause. So many families are affected by dementia and Coronavirus has cut people living with this disease off from their families and the networks they rely on. Throughout the week with the run up to our elf day naughty elves have been hiding around school in unusual places. Gracie and I found one hanging upside down from the ceiling tiles!!! Today however, the elves are good and excited to help others.

Thank you to all of you who responded to our survey about our newsletters. 79 of you took the time to respond and your top 5 favourite things are; news from the classes, academic year dates to note, what's on summary, news from the exec/ deputy head and other notices. You asked if we could add even more photographs of the children's learning, children's achievements from outside of school, could we mention star of the week from each class, perhaps a bulleted 'what's on next week or topic of next week.' We are always looking for ways to improve things and we do have some changes planned for the newsletter so wait for the spring term.

When I walked into school this week I was amazed with the fabulous display created by Mrs Lawson of your Big Draw ideas for sustainability and eco ideas. What a wonderful family creation. We have some incredible artists out there in our community thank you. A huge thank you to Mrs Lawson too who has a great vision to keep creativity fresh in our school. Keep up the great work

We sadly say goodbye to Miss Stewart in Kingfishers today. She has been completing her first teaching placement as part of her PGCE. Miss Stewart has been a great asset to our school and will go far as a teacher, she clearly loves teaching and inspiring pupils. We are so pleased to be a part of the start of her career. Good luck Miss Stewart and we very much hope to see you again. Kingfishers will miss her. We also want to say massive congratulation to Miss Chadwick as well who has been accepted by a teaching school to complete her PGCE next September. Well done Miss Chadwick you will be awesome. She will stay with us for the rest of this academic year so we are not saying au revoir just yet.

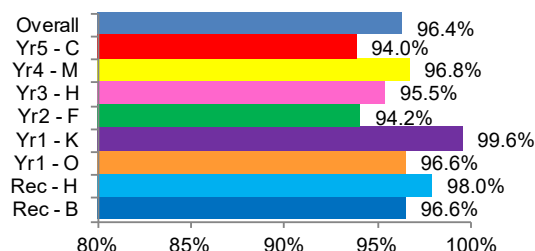
Can I please ask you to remember 3 things this next week. Please don't smoke at the front of our school or drop your cigarette ends on the grass. Let's keep our community full of fresh air and free from litter. Remember to follow The Highway Code and drive carefully and respectfully on the roads around our school. Keep our children and families safe at all times. Keep up the good work in making sure we are safe and well from Covid. Self-isolate if you have symptoms and take a test. Don't bring your child to school if they are unwell and continue to follow FACE, HANDS, SPACE. Thank you.

'Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.' Henry Ford

Have most wonderful weekend and cherish one another.

Mrs Humphriss

Weekly Attendance by Class



WELL DONE
KINGFISHERS



HOUSE POINTS

GUY	104
CAESAR	88
BEAR	99
CLARENCE	106

WELL DONE CLARENCE!



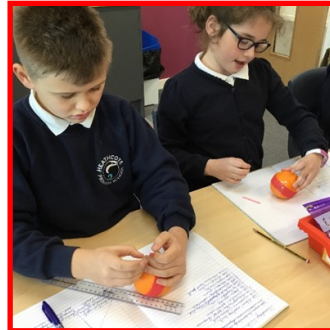
News from Hazel

This week in Hazel class we have been getting very festive and have been creating a winter scene using lots of different resources. We really enjoyed elf day and loved seeing everyone in costume.



News from Cherry

This week in Cherry Class we have been starting to get a little Christmassy and have been learning about the religious symbolism of Christingles. The children found out about the meaning of all of the different items placed on the Christingle and we then had a go at making our own. We also added in some cloves and the classroom now smells lovely. We have also been thinking about 'Acts of Kindness' and created Advent calendars that challenge the children to do kind things each day in the countdown to Christmas.



News from Maple

This week Maple class have been engineers exploring how submarines work. They did some fantastic knowledge building before working out how to create their own submarines out of plastic bottles. They all managed to get their submarines to rise and fall in the water using the right combination of weights and air. They could then extend their knowledge by using syringes to push air in and out of balloons inside the plastic bottles. A lot of fun was had by all as well as great team work, questioning and problem solving.



Year 4 Elves have also been busy today adding sparkle to our classroom in the lead up to Christmas.



Friends of Heathcote



The Friends would like to congratulate William from Year 1 on successfully completing the Halloween Trail during half term and winning the draw for some goodies. Thank you for everyone who took part, together we raised over £106 for the school.



The BIG Thank You!

The staff at our school are a kind and positive team, who have all worked hard to support our children through a crazy year. Everyone needs a little love and we wanted to show them how grateful all the parents are for their efforts. We have set up a JustGiving, Crowdfunding page and by giving to them this way, they will get to decide for themselves how to share in that appreciation. So please give what you can, even if it doesn't seem much, because together we can give a BIG thank you, isn't that what friends are for.

Link to contribute:- <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thankyouheathcote>



Brunswick Hub Emergency Foodbank



Emergency Chilled Goods Foodbank

Brunswick Hub is now able to distribute emergency chilled goods to families in need.

For £5, a family will be provided with items such as milk, bread, eggs, butter, cheese and meat products to the value of £20.00.

How does it work?

- Families can be referred from any professional agency, such as Health visitors, GPs, Foodbanks, Schools, Citizens Advice, Social Services, etc.

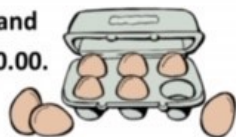
- Self Referral:** Families can also refer themselves for this service— subject to a Needs Assessment.

Recipients will need register with Brunswick Hub

Goods should be requested by Monday for a Wednesday collection, or by Wednesday for a Friday collection, with the £5 cost paid on collection.



We can cater for faith or dietary needs—call 01926 422123 to discuss.



St Mary's Nativity

Light in the Darkness

This year, because of Covid-19, we are unable to have a nativity service on Christmas Eve at St Mary's, Warwick. Instead, we have written a nativity service that we will premiere at 4pm on Christmas Eve online on our Facebook page (@StMarysWarwick) and on YouTube: Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick. Just like our normal service, anyone can be involved. There are parts below with instructions. If you would like to take part, please do dress up and create a short video, send it to me, and you will be included in the online service. All are welcome, whatever age you are (including adults) and wherever you live. Let's come together to tell the Christmas Story! With best wishes to you for Advent and Christmas, Mandy Mandy Roberts St Mary's Church, Warwick

More information on the school website



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Academic Year 2020.2021

*These dates may be subject to change if necessary, changes are made in **red and bold***

2020

8th December	Yr 2—Parent Consultation
9th December	Reception Butterflies—Parent Consultation
10th December	Reception—Hedgehogs—Parent Consultation
15th December	Christmas Lunch
18th December	Last Day of Term
	Finish time 1pm
21st December—1st January	Christmas Holiday



2021

4th January	INSET Day—School closed to pupils
15th—19th February	Half Term Holiday
1st April	Last Day of Term
2nd April—16th April	Easter Holidays
3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May—4th June	Half Term Holiday
7th June	INSET Day—School closed to pupils
18th June	INSET Day—School closed to pupils
21st July	End of Term

