

Kilby St Mary's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter

November 2023

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'Together , we are learning to live life in all it's fullness' John 10:10

Christian Value Focus: Honesty

British Value Focus: Democracy

Message from the Headteacher

November has been all about Charity and I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Kilby community for demonstrating this in abundance. We started the month by collecting in the Shoe Boxes that will, as I write, be making their way to Ukraine. It is expected that they will arrive before Christmas, each one different, each one personal, each one an expression of kindness towards a stranger in need. I would like to thank all those that took the time to fill a shoebox, for your generosity and kindness. Your gift truly does make a difference.

We also held our annual Remembrance service. I have not yet received details of how much we donated to The Royal British Legion through the sale of Poppies, but the containers were certainly very heavy!

Also the FOK held another fabulous Curry Night at Dine India. They raised a whopping £907 in one night which is amazing! Thank you so much for all of you that have given your time to the many activities over the last few weeks.

We have many exciting events happening over the next few weeks as we turn our attention to Advent. Please look at the 'Dates For your Diary' section so you don't miss anything. We will also send text messages in the week of the event.

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Anti-Bullying Week

We celebrated 'Odd Socks Day' and thought about our uniqueness whilst recognising that we are all connected. We played 'pass on a kind word' and all encouraged each other with kind words with a smile! It is amazing how good it makes us feel when we share a smile!



Travelling Cribs

During Advent, travelling cribs will be making their journey to all the families at Kilby St Mary's for one evening. The aim is to help the children remember the Christmas Story of the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem; and that your family take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.



What Is Advent?

Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar.

It means 'coming' and it is the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus.

It is all about preparing for Christmas Day.

Advent starts on the Sunday nearest to 30 November - four weekends before Christmas.



*Come and see our Christmas tree
in the Fleckney Christmas tree
festival 25th & 26th Nov.*

*Every child in the school has
made a decoration to add to it!*

Our School's Christian Vision

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"At Kilby St Mary's we care for all God's children, unconditionally. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10:11) resonates with our school community because all members of our school family are valued and respected. Each child is individually known, enabling us to ensure that every child achieves their very best."



Decorations Day

Friday 8th December is our Decorations day. Parents are invited in to school to help make decorations for your child's class. More details to follow nearer the time.

Oak Class News

In Reception we have been getting hands on to understand how to represent one more and one less. It was fun to sing lots of songs that help us count up and down then we had role play with 'Five Current Buns- the play dough buns looked delicious!



In Year 1 we are learning about the different ways we can represent addition and subtraction. We have experimented using ten frames and part-whole models to help us see the different ways in which we can represent number sentences.

We have also been learning how the fact families work and that we can make addition sentences where we start with the whole number first; for example $10=4+6$



Willow Class News

Willow class have produced some amazing artwork which looks wonderful in the classroom. In maths, they have been working Independently. It has been great to watch them grow!



Rowan Class News

In Rowan Class, we have been studying how plants reproduce. We tried to grow plants through 'cloning', where they produce exact copies of the parent plant; we had mixed results!



We have studied habitats and used the laptops to conduct our research, also learning how to save and manipulate images.



In English, we are studying Viking Boy by Tony Bradman. We drew the Viking Yggdrasil tree using evidence from the text. We had a video conference with the author!



As part of our 150th celebration, we examined music trends in the 'noughties' and tried some Karaoke to a few big hits of the decade: 'Umbrella' by Rhianna and 'Mr Brightside' by The Killers.

Sports Ambassadors

Following their training session at Countesthorpe College, Freya, Phoebe, Daniel and Max have now started delivering play sessions every Thursday, lunchtime. Lunchtimes also now include a dedicated football area, play equipment, colouring, a craft club and Disco Fridays! Many thanks to the 'Friends of Kilby,' for providing school with some fabulous playtime equipment.



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This year's Christingle Service is at 2:00pm on Thursday 7th December at Kilby church. All welcome.

Dates for your Diary

25 th – 26 th Nov	Fleckney Church Christmas Tree Festival
5 th Dec	Whole School Trip to Windmill Farm
7 th Dec 2:15pm	Christingle service at the Church
8 th Dec	Decorations Morning & Christmas Jumper Day
13 th – 18 th Dec	Scholastic Book Fair
14 th Dec 9:30am	Oak & Willow Class Nativity Performance 1
14 th Dec 2:00pm	Oak & Willow Class Nativity Performance 2
21 st Dec	Christmas Dinner
22 nd Dec 9:00am	Carols around the tree Followed by coffee & mince pies

School closes for Christmas 22nd Dec
 School re-opens Monday 8th January
 2024

**YEAR 6 SATs WEEK BEG 13th MAY 2024 All
 Children MUST be in school**

November Birthdays



Matthew Phoebe E Isabella Edie Scarlett
 Mrs Norton and Mrs Graves

Happy Birthday from Kilby!