

# Easebourne C.E. Primary Newsletter

In a safe, loving environment built on the strong Christian values of **faith**, **hope** and **love**, we want our children to **ACHIEVE**, to **BUILD** and to **CONNECT**



## A WORD FROM THE HEAD

3rd December 2021

Thank you to all the children and their parents/carers who turned out last Saturday morning to sing or pack customers' bags at the Cowdray Farm Shop for their Christmas Tasting Weekend. It was lovely to see so many of you and the collecting boxes raised £134 for the school, a great bonus, especially when one sees how cashless our society has already become.

Another thank-you is needed for all the singers who turned out for the annual Tree of Hope service at St Mary's Church. The words of the songs that the children sing provide a key focal point within the service for the congregation and the children's youth and optimism also acts, I feel, as a beacon of hope each year. Again, thank you to the parents/carers behind the scenes helping to make this happen.

A big thank-you to Easebourne Parish Council for their cheque for £250 towards school books and to the Cowdray Estate for our Christmas trees.

I'm delighted to announce that the PTFA will be financing a visit by Openbox Theatre to give a whole-school production early next term. This theatre group have given pleasure to schoolchildren (and teachers) for years and their performances manage to entertain everybody from the most streetwise Otter down to the youngest Dragonfly. Thank you, PTFA!

Just a reminder that Fantastic Finish for Years 3-6 will be for pupils only.

Finally, thank you all for doing your bit to keep the school as COVID-free as possible.



## Stonepillow Reverse Advent Calendar

Our tinselled shopping trolley will be outside ready for any Reverse Advent Calendar donations before and after school each day. At the end of term Mr Culley will take our donations to Stonepillow, the charity that looks after the homeless in the Bognor Regis and Chichester area. For ideas on suitable donations visit the Stonepillow website (<https://stonepillow.org.uk/how-to-help/wish-list/>)



## FORTHCOMING DATES

- 07.12 Christmas Matinee Performance – Hedgehogs and Squirrels
- 08.12 Christmas Evening Performance— Hedgehogs and Squirrels
- 09.12 PTFA Christmas Fair
- 10.12 Stickman at Chichester Theatre
- 14.12 Reception Class Tableau & Whole School Carol Service
- 16.12 Christmas Lunch & Party
- 17.12 Christmas Jumper Day and Last day of term

## Key Dates

04.01 Spring term begins

28.02 INSET day

03.05 INSET day

06.06 INSET day



## NEWS

Last week, Nurture headed out on a Christmas adventure to Uppark.

We all enjoyed the beautiful decorations of Christmas past and the grandeur of upstairs in comparison to the servants' quarters below. We learnt that there used to be a 10-year-old boy who had to stand and watch the room bells day and night. When a bell rang, he had to run and tell the housekeeper which room it was from so she could send a servant! The corridor he had to stand in was freezing cold but he did have a bed there that he could

use at night.

Did you know there are bats living in the tunnels at Uppark? We peeked in to their dark hiding spaces but they were really high up and hard to spot!

"I liked running down the hill"

"The house was very big, with lots of Christmas decorations"

"I liked the bats and seeing where they lived, and I liked running down the hill. The best bit was eating biscuits on the steps!"

## COMMUNITY

Last Sunday, Nellie and Phoebe raised £440 (and counting) for Canine Partners from their bake sale! They had a fantastic turnout and were delighted to see some staff and pupils show their support.

The girls then had a bit of a celebrity week, being interviewed in Mr

Culley's Chat Show in Monday's assembly and switching on the lights on the Tree of Hope with Derek on Thursday evening. Well done, girls!



## Poppy Appeal



Thank you for all the contributions received towards our poppy collection. The school raised a fantastic total of £261.21.

## NURSERY AND EYFS

Caterpillars have made some beautiful hand print Christmas wreaths this week. Ladybirds enjoyed playing in the little bit of snow that we had on Monday and made snowmen to hang up in their classroom. Bumble Bees have been talking about the Nativity Story and dressing up. We are looking forward to our Christmas Stay and Play sessions next week.



Dragonflies Class were really lucky this week as they had a visit from not only the firemen, but also their big, shiny, red fire truck! The lovely firemen showed us around the

truck and explained how things worked, they even turned on their blue, flashing lights and one of the hoses. We saw a fireman dressed in his fire outfit and we were told how it kept him safe from not only fires and smoke, but also from walking on anything sharp. After looking round the truck, two of the firemen came into our class and showed us a video and a smoke alarm. We were taught about 'stop, drop and roll' too. One of the firemen was Phoebe's daddy.



"I wanna be the king so I can wear the crown"

"Baby Jesus was born in the stable".

"There was a big hose to put out big fires and a little hose to put out little fires." - Ember

### Carol Singing and Bag Packing at Cowdray Farm Shop, Tasting Day

Last Saturday, ten children from Otters sang Christmas songs and carols outside the farm shop. The shoppers enjoyed our singing and we enjoyed the hot chocolates we were given to warm up too!

We helped shoppers to pack their bags at the Cowdray Farm Shop. We had to say things like "Have a nice day" and smile at the customers. It was fun and we were given candy canes as a thank you.

Mia and Alfie

### Singing at the Tree of Hope

Last night thirty children from Foxes and Otters attended 'The Tree of Hope' service at St. Mary's Church. We joined in with two Christmas carols before our songs 'Til the end' and 'We are one'.

Our singing sounded really beautiful in the church, we then headed outside to watch the turning on of the lights on the Tree of Hope.

## KS1

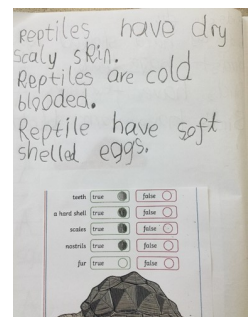
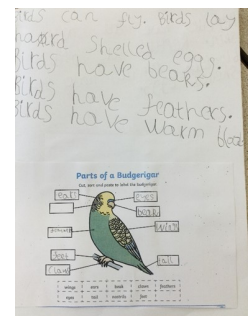
Hedgehogs have been focussing on number bonds to 10. We have used blocks, rekenreks, dots, number lines, games, and chants to learn all of the number bonds - we think we are getting there!

In science, we have continued to look at animals including humans. We used the photos and drawings that the children brought in to sort into categories. We then found out about mammals, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. We know a lot of things about these vertebrates!

"I know that Reptiles have scaly skin and are cold blooded. They lay soft eggs." Ted

We have been looking at the Nativity Story both through the KS1 play and RE. We have drawn a picture map and acted out the story.

This week Squirrels have been enjoying the 'imove Active Advent' calander. We have watched videos and laughed at Body Blast workouts and 'Simon Says' style games. We have also been getting excited about our Christmas play. We have been rehearsing with Hedgehogs, had all of our costumes fitted and made props. We cannot wait to share it with you and the school next week.



*House Points*



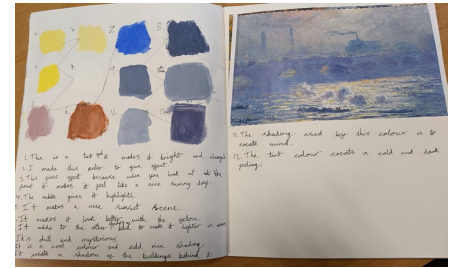
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This week has been yet another busy week in Rabbits. We are all very excited about the countdown to Christmas and lots of us have some cheeky elves visiting which we love to hear about and share the stories (Mrs Coates is very lucky that her little Reggie doesn't have a Christmas tree up yet so no elves for now!). It has been a great week starting a totally new topic of food tech which has involved some serious conversation in respect of recognising danger in the kitchen and knowing how to behave in that environment. We are feeling prepared and excited as we are making tacos next week as a result of this! We have also been busy having lightbulb moments around how subtraction and addition are manipulative - we are geniuses.

We have had a busy week in 4D - we have been quizzing on our Emperors and Empires knowledge in History, and planning an audio presentation of our learning. In English, we have been writing setting descriptions for our 'MacGuffin' stories with interesting sentence starters and adventurous vocabulary. The highlight this week though has to be our Maths - we are working on our 3, 6 and 9 times tables, and looking at the relationships between them... and Ms Daley has taught us some tricks with our 9 times tables (e.g. photo shows  $7 \times 9 = 63$ ... 6 tens to left of bent finger and three ones to the right), as well as learning what a 'nonagon' is!

This week 4H voted on what they would like as a Christmas gift from Mrs Hulbert - chocolates or a WWF animal adoption. The results were overwhelming and an adoption certificate for a Snow Leopard on behalf of Badgers 4H is on its way. We look forward to sharing updates with you next year.

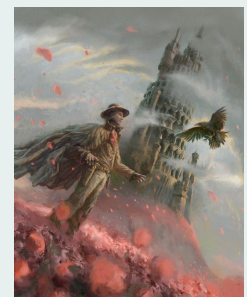
This week, Foxes have been extremely busy learning how to create vector drawings in computing. Using Google Drawing, we built a range of images using 2D shapes and we experimented with shortcut keys to speed up our work. We had lots of fun creating ice cream vans, horses and even houses!

In DT, we have been improving our sewing skills, as part of our 'Make Do & Mend' topic. We have designed garments that we will make using upcycled materials, which we hope to show to the school in the near future.

It is art week in Year 6. We have been learning about colour theory - ask us the difference between tints, tones and shades! To practise our colour mixing skills, we explored famous paintings and tried to replicate the tints, tones and shades the artists had used. It was quite challenging to get our colours identical to the paintings, but we really enjoyed doing it! In English, we have been writing our first narratives this year. We have been thinking carefully about our vocabulary and sentence structures and how these can have an effect on the reader.

#### Tight Write #55

Just a quick reminder that there is one more week for entries for Tight Write #55, the last Tight Write of the term. I hope that children, parents and carers might feel moved to write no more than 50 words about this extraordinary image. A poster is attached so that you can see more clearly what is in the picture.



Have a great weekend,

*Johnny Curran*