



Trinity Church School

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 27th November 2020

Newsletter 07

Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for all your kind donations - we raised a massive **£264.90!**

Everyone looked great in their 'ears' for the day. Class totals are as follows:

Conkers:	£44.96
Chestnut:	£14.31
Cedar:	£39.30
Willow:	£21.62
Cherry:	£54.67
Maple:	£31.20
Redwood:	£20.84
Staff:	£38.00

On Monday 16th we wore odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. We explored what bullying was and how we have an opportunity to make a difference and unite against it.



Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

Respect:	Reggie YR, Regan Y4
Friendship:	Reggie and George YR, Nevaya, Ada, Savannah and Mila Y2, Ben Y3
Courage:	Freya-Mae Y2
Compassion:	Nevaya, Ada, Savannah and Mila Y2



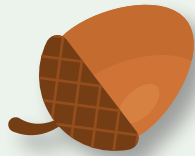
The countdown to Christmas

Do look out for the Trinity virtual advent calendar, which will be on the school website ready for the start of advent.

Enjoy a virtual Carol Service on 5th and 6th December at 7:00pm

<https://www.southwestcarols.com/>

Acorn Class



Class News:

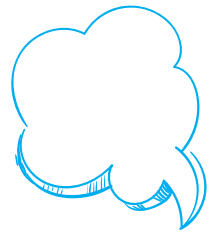
We had a great time celebrating Diwali. We tried some samosas and traditional sweets which we ate at our Diwali party and then we made some beautiful Rangoli patterns and Diya lamps. We joined in some traditional dancing and found that we are brilliant movers.

In PE this week, Mr Lucy got the apparatus out. We climbed, jumped, bounced and balanced which was really great fun but very tiring!

It's the American holiday of Thanksgiving this week and Acorns have thought about what we are thankful for. We are thankful for our mummies, daddies our brothers and sisters as well as our cats and dinosaurs.

Mrs Stock

Thought of the week



We are fast approaching the season of Advent and it is hard to believe how we will be celebrating Christmas in the next few weeks. I have noticed how some of us are raring to go, decorating our houses with twinkling lights and adorning the tree in anticipation of the imminent festivities.

Christmas will be different this year: but it hasn't been cancelled! I am reminded of the simplicity of that very first Christmas over 2,000 years ago: a young mother travelled to a foreign land, following the rule of the country, she found herself an outcast in a bustling town where the only place left to give birth was a cold, drafty stable. Amid the challenges the family faced, something beautiful and full of hope burst in: the birth of Jesus.

That first Christmas brought joy to the world amid the adversities. Can we have a similar attitude as we face this Christmas season? Let's look for the joy in the midst of the difficulties around us.

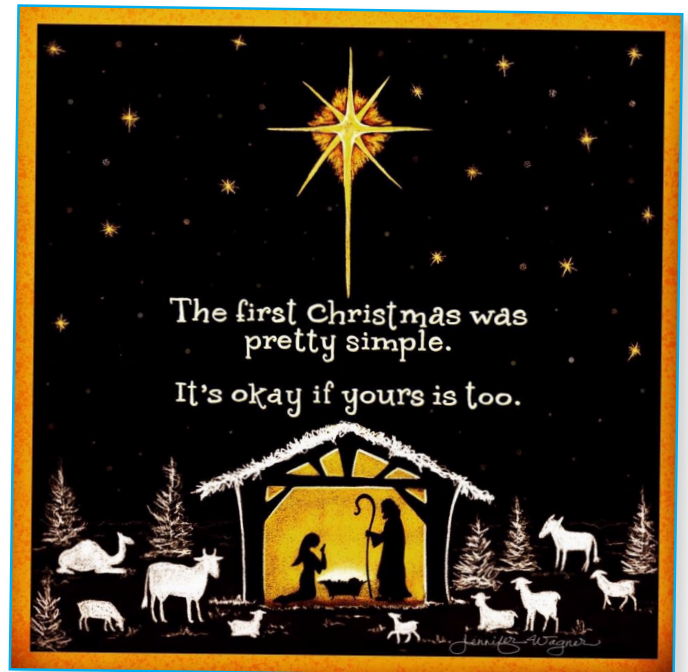
PTA News

It's Quiz Time!

Please look out for our Family Quiz Sheet coming home with your children next Friday. Complete your sheets and return them with a £2 donation towards PTA funds by Friday 11th December for a chance to win a £20 One4All gift card, plus 3 runner up prizes. Good luck!

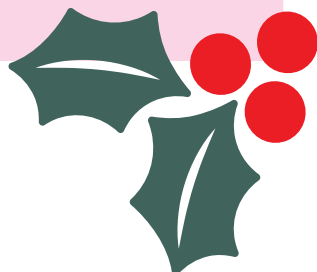
Secret Santa Shop

On Monday 14th December, the PTA will be running a Secret Santa Shop where children will be able to purchase a small Christmas gift to give to their parent or carer. All gifts will be £2.50 and children will have the opportunity to purchase during the school day, within their class bubbles. Please send in cash with your child on the day if they would like to buy a gift for their chosen grown up.



Christmas cards

This year, any Christmas cards the children bring in for each other will be collected and kept by class teachers for a minimum of 72 hours before being distributed. Please therefore ensure any cards your child would like to send to their friends or teachers are in school by Tuesday 15th December.



Conker Class



Class News:

Last week, we were looking at *Diwali* - a topic which sparked imagination and creativity. Conker Class really enjoyed retelling the story of the Hindu Festival of Light by acting it out, sequencing the story and trying some tasty cuisines. The children wrote invitations to one another for our Diwali celebration. We have also been identifying primary and secondary colours and painting a giant Rangoli.

This week, we have been focusing on the story: 'Stick Man'. We had a class discussion about what we can use sticks for: a fishing rod, a magic wand, a dog lead or even a boomerang! During the afternoon, we went to the woods and collected the best looking stick man. With our sticks we ordered them from the tallest to the shortest. Many of the children then went on to decorate their stick with a range of materials.

Conkers have also been reading and writing using their phase 2 sounds. I have been so pleased with how far they have come. In Maths, we have continued work on identifying 0-5, number patterns and combining two groups of objects.

Miss Southwell



Headteacher's Award

w/e 20/11/20: Hugo-Fox

w/e 27/11/20: Hamza



Chestnut Class



Class News:

We are really getting stuck into our toys topic now! We have had fun exploring some old toys such as the 'zapper' from Quinn's family and we have enjoyed playing old playground games. As Historians, we have compared old toys to modern day toys and have linked this to our Science work where we are investigating materials. So far we have sorted toys into different groups and have been on a material hunt - we were surprised at how many objects are made up of more than one material.

As writers, Chestnut Class has been creating character descriptions: we started off linking our learning to the film: *Toy Story 4* and describing our favourite character, then we wrote about our favourite characters from other films. *Elsa*, *Spiderman* and *The Hulk* were very popular! Now we are reading the story: '*Stanley's Stick*' and we are putting our imaginations to good use. The children are currently planning wonderful stories based on having a stick as a toy. We have had unicorns, a '*stickasaurus*', broomsticks and magic wands! I have been very entertained with the children's comical ideas and am looking forward to reading the stories they create. In Maths, we have focused on *number bonds to 10* and we are now moving onto *subtraction*. The pesky puppets in our class keep taking things away and it's our job to find how many are left.

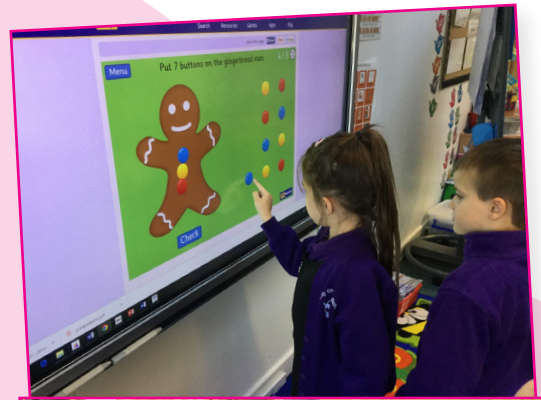
As always, over the past two weeks, Year 1 have been working incredibly hard. Their dedication to their work always astounds me. Keep it up everyone!

Mrs Roberts

Headteacher's Award

w/e 20/11/20: Lilly-Rose

w/e 27/11/20: Scarlett



Cedar Class



Class News:

Over the past two weeks, we have been exploring one of my favourite story books from when I was a child: *'The Jolly Postman'*. We have looked at all the different styles of letter writing - from informal postcards to more formal writing - and we have looked at all the different features of a letter. Using this knowledge, we have begun composing our very own letters, but we have been writing as if we are WW1 soldiers writing from the trenches. We began by building our very own trench in the classroom and we soon realised we could barely last 4 minutes let alone 4 days, which is often how long the soldiers had to spend in a frontline trench.

During our afternoon sessions, we are continuing to explore our *Remembrance* topic through our Music, Art and History lessons. In Music this week, Mr Purnell delighted us with a soundscape. We carefully chose and used our instruments to suit the atmosphere we were trying to create. Using small percussion instruments, we created the sound of animals within the trenches and we explored tempo to create the feeling of going to war.

In PE sessions we are improving our gymnastics skills and learning how to use equipment safely. We were very lucky to have a visitor this week who showed us how to skip correctly. A particularly big well done to Freya-Mae who skipped for the first time!

Above all, I am most impressed with how the children have improved their stamina this term! We fit in so much learning in the school day and I am delighted with how much they are achieving. Keep it up, Cedar Class!

Miss Musgrove

Headteacher's Award

w/e 20/11/20: Nevaya

w/e 27/11/20: Ada



Willow Class



Class News:

It has been another productive couple of weeks in Willow Class! We've written and performed our own versions of Michael Rosen's poem: *Hand on the Bridge* and continued to explore different poems and poetic forms in our Guided Reading lessons.

We are continuing to practise our column addition and subtraction skills in Maths and in Science we've been learning all about the different skeleton types and building our very own jointed human skeleton.

There has been Djembe drumming and more Monet artworks with a detailed study of how to paint *movement* in water and create the impression of *reflection*.

In PE, we have had fantastic fun developing our gymnastic skills and this week, the children were able to use the apparatus in the Hall. I think you can see from the smiles on their faces how much they enjoyed it!

Not only that, we've started to get ready for Advent by creating our very own Class advent wreath with detachable candles that will be added to the wreath throughout the Advent period.

What a creative couple of weeks it has been, Willow Class. Well done!

Mrs Weaver

Headteacher's Award



w/e 20/11/20: Rebecca

w/e 27/11/20: Jake



Cherry Class



Class News:

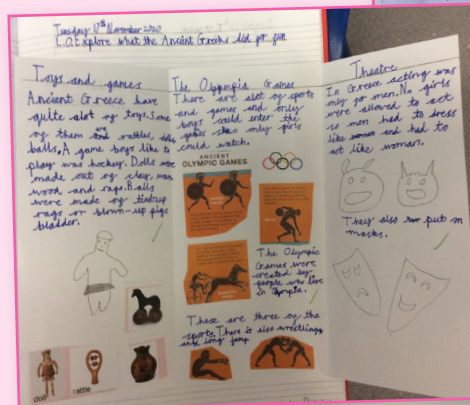
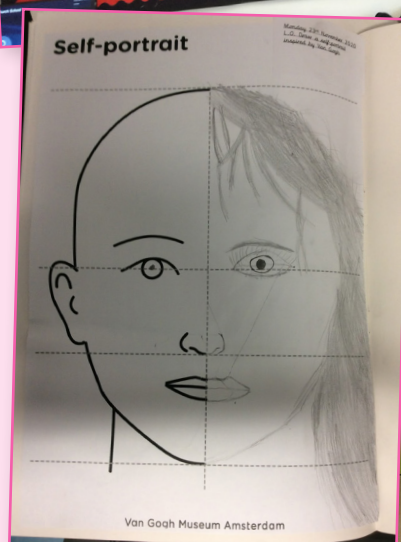
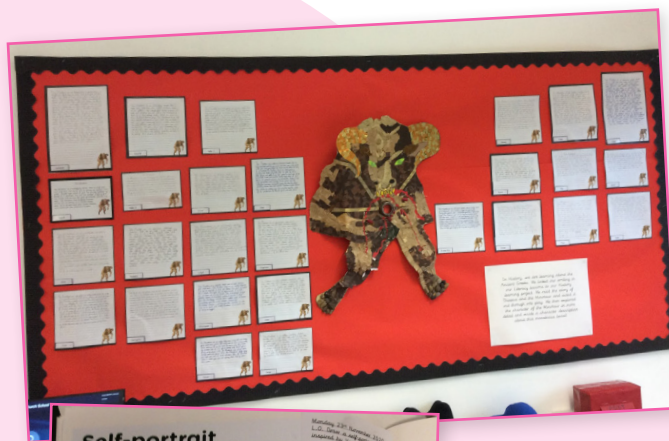
Over the past couple of weeks in Cherry Class, we have been carefully crafting our very own Greek myths in relation to our History topic this term. The children created their own storyline, characters and settings to produce some magnificent narratives which transported us back to around 480BC.

Meanwhile in Maths, we finished off our addition and subtraction learning and are now ready to move onto multiplication and division. In Science, we have been continuing with our learning about states of matter, whilst investigating how temperature can affect the state of a material.

In our afternoon sessions, we have been continuing to produce beautiful artwork inspired by Van Gogh in Art and exploring what life was like in Ancient Greece in our History lessons.

Cherry Class, you deserve a huge well done for your hard work on your most recent NFER tests and should be extremely proud of yourselves, well done!

Miss Treasure



Headteacher's Award

w/e 20/11/20: Chloe J

w/e 27/11/20: Ruby



Maple Class



Class News:

Another busy two weeks have absolutely flown by! The children have been busy creating some exciting writing based on a picture: *Dragon Ring!* They have produced some excellent pieces.

In Maths, we have been learning how to identify factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers as well as squaring and cubing.

'Wounded Deer' by Frida Kahlo has been our inspiration for Art this week. We have also been learning how to read basic musical notation and playing songs using the boom whackers and glockenspiels. What's more, we have been developing our understanding of *rhythm* and *tempo* with some body percussion.

Moving toys is our Design and Technology focus and so far, the children have created some elaborate designs as they have researched cam mechanisms.

Keep up the hard work everyone!

Mr Pollock



Headteacher's Award



w/e 20/11/20: Ella C

w/e 27/11/20: Imogen





Class News:

Redwood Class



For some children, the pig heart dissection has definitely been the highlight of the past 2 weeks!! For others, it's an experience they'll never forget! Either way, Redwood Class had a fantastic afternoon putting their learning about the heart into practice. Each group had their own pig heart and set about identifying and labelling the various parts of the heart. Some parts, like the aorta, were quite easy to find but others such as the superior vena cava took more effort. At the end of the lesson, the children had the opportunity to fully dissect their heart using a scalpel. The looks on their faces were a picture...take a look at some of them.

Mrs Jones

Headteacher's Award



w/e 20/11/20: Berry and Shiloh-Pixie

w/e 27/11/20: Shiloh-Pixie and Kacie-Leigh



Office News:

Reporting absences

A reminder that if your child is going to be off school for any reason, you need to advise the School Office - please do not use SeeSaw for this purpose. We will need to see confirmation of any medical or dental appointments. If your child has been absent for more than 3 consecutive days or their attendance is low, you may be asked to provide confirmation/evidence that you have consulted a GP/pharmacist. If your child is poorly, please phone the School Office as early as you can on the first morning - you can press 1 to leave a voicemail. For all illness-related absences you will need to call the office **every day** they are not in school. We are currently keeping separate records of any children who are absent for Covid-19 related reasons - whether they or a family member have developed a symptom. Please keep us informed of any test results.

Help paying for childcare

The Government has set up a very useful site to help you find the right help for you in relation to childcare costs. Funding can be used to pay for additional nursery fees or for our wraparound care provision. To see if you are eligible click this link <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Free School Meals

Many families have found that in our current climate their financial situation has changed. Your child may be entitled to receive Free School Meals if you are now receiving benefits i.e. Universal Credits. To find out, please complete Bath and North East Somerset's eligibility form:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If your child is in Year Reception to Year 2, it is still worth completing the form if you think you are now eligible.

Mrs Clayton and Miss Hathaway

House Winners



Well done to **Emerald** House who were in first place last week, and to **Ruby** House who are this week's winners.

Best Class Attendance



Congratulations to **Cherry** Class who achieved 100% attendance both last week and this week!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Main Course:

Roast turkey with all the trimmings
or
Vegetarian sausage and stuffing wrap with cranberry sauce

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DESSERT

Festive Iced Biscuits



Dates for your Calendar 2020/21

Date	Event	Notes
Fri 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Fri 11th December	No TASC today	
Mon 14th December	Secret Santa Shop	YR-Y6
Fri 18th December	School Christmas Lunch - please book on ParentPay by Friday 4th December	Whole School
Fri 18th December	No TASC today	
Fri 18th December	Term 2 ends	Whole School
Mon 4th January	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tues 5th January	INSET DAY	Whole School
Wed 6th January	Term 3 starts	Whole School

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Hello Everyone,

We have been very lucky with the weather as the countdown to having the new Outdoor Learning shelter begins.

We have had gorgeous sparkling mornings and sunny afternoons for the last 2 sessions - a total delight!

All classes have been making puppets from a mixture of sticks and twigs from the Outdoor Learning areas and the Batch, using clay for heads and various materials for costumes.

So far, only Acorns have completed their creations - here are some pictures of them playing with their finished puppets.

The children used peelers or whittling knives, saws and drills to make the puppet bodies - it has been wonderful to watch them all having a go and feeling proud of what they have made.

It was lots of fun in the frosty sunshine, apart from freezing toes - if you can send an extra pair of socks or thick welly socks for Outdoor Learning this winter that would be lovely for your children's toes!

Happy Advent - a time to count our blessings.

Angela and Leah.

