



Clutton Primary School December 19th 2019

Head teacher welcome:



Welcome to the final newsletter of 2019.

As usual, it is a bumper edition reflecting what a busy and special time of year it is for all of us. It is always a lovely time of year in a primary school, as excitement builds to the big day. May I and all the staff wish you a happy and healthy season. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on Wednesday 8th January.

Community Thanks:



We had a super letter of thanks from the Somerset Valley Food bank, thanking the school community for its very generous Harvest donations. They were amazed that so much was collected by a relatively small school, and said we had collected enough produce to feed a family of eight for over a week.

Many thanks—the children enjoyed seeing the food build up in front of the altar and then be collected to help others.



We also had a lovely message from Rector Mark Creegan, from St Augustines' Church. This was to thank both Megan and Daisy, in Year 6, who read out the names of Clutton residents who lost their lives in world wars. This was at the Remembrance church service. He also said other pupils who attended the service, were fantastic ambassadors of the school. As a head teacher, this makes me feel very proud, especially as

School Values: Craftsmanship



One of our school values is 'Craftsmanship'. This is where we encourage all who work and learn in our school to be the best they can be.

Congratulations to Finlay C (Year 2), Isobel M (Year 5) and Jasmine (Yr 4) who have the first pieces of writing up on our inspiration board in school. The writing is truly the best they can do, and are great examples of the writing talent here at Clutton. Please come and see their—and other children's work—when you next come into school.

The second 'Always Tea Party': Resilience, Respect, Craftsmanship.



As always, it was a difficult choice choosing just one pupil from each class who **ALWAYS** demonstrates our school values, and are excellent role models for others. The children chosen received their special invitations through the post, and were invited to 'bring a friend and a pillow' for a special, cosy afternoon treat of a Christmas film and hot chocolate.

Message from school office team re lunches:

The current lunch menu will continue into Term 3. You will be able to go on ParentPay and book lunches for Term 3, from Friday 20th December. Many thanks.

Remembrance Assembly 2019:



National events such as Remembrance Day, royal and sporting occasions are celebrated, promoted and supported through our school assembly/ collective worship programme. Mrs Cowgill led a special assembly, where the school participated in the national two minute silence at 11.00am. Following this, Cherry Class performed a poem about poppies, and Maple Class shared a Remembrance acrostic poem. Willow Class then shared Remembrance Day facts with the school, as this is one of their History units. In KS2, Sycamore Class shared some blackout poetry, based around Flanders Field and Oak Class shared presentations of their learning around World War 2.



A special mention for Megan and Daisy in Year 6, who read out the names of soldiers who have lost their lives from Clutton. This was at St Augustine's Church on Remembrance Sunday. Many of the pupils attended as part of scouts/ brownies, and as always, they represented the school beautifully.

Children in Need 2019:



Children and families at Clutton always do a great job in helping to raise money for deserving charities. This year's Children In Need was no different. By dressing up, holding a cake sale and playing sponsored 'Hunt the Spot' (suggested and organised by our fab Pupil Voice team) we raised a total of £152.50.



As a school, we are working together to help children appreciate how fortunate we are, compared to many others around the world. By understanding charitable work and feeling the joy of giving, it helps children develop into kind global citizens of the future.



Robin Hood Theatre Visit 2019:



Here at Clutton, the performing arts are highly valued. We provide many opportunities for pupils to learn about, listen to and participate in singing, dancing, public speaking and, of course, Clutton's Got Talent. Our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 weekly Music assemblies—led by Mrs Morris—are a lovely time to come together, play instruments and sing.

Following on from parent feedback, we are alternating visiting theatre companies and trips to the Pantomime at The Theatre Royal, Bath every other year. This term, the visiting company came and performed 'Robin Hood'. Thanks to the majority of parents who were able to help cover some of the cost of this. With school funding cuts, we can not afford to run trips or additional events at a loss.

The pupils LOVED the show, and classes are all writing reviews/stories based on it this week. Here are some photos, including those of children who volunteered to take part!



Christmas Lunch 2019:

As is tradition here at Clutton, the staff waited on the children as they enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch—some even ate the sprouts! Christmas music played, hats were made and worn and lunches enjoyed off of personally designed place settings. Thanks to all who helped make this such a fun event.



Oak Class at Bathwick Church 2019:



Oak Class, alongside teachers and Miss Ennew, enjoyed a special carol service in Bathwick Church. This year was very special for Clutton, as pupils were chosen to write and read Christmas prayers.



The whole class represented the school beautifully. Well done to Lexie, Megan, Amy, Isobel, Jared, Luke and Stan who all read prayers. Thank you to Olivia for writing one of the prayers read. The Reverend commented on how sensitive and caring they were.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity 2019:

Congratulations to Cherry, Maple and Willow Classes for two fantastic nativity performances. It was lovely to see the children perform with such enthusiasm and confidence. It never fails to wow us all how such young children can learn lines, songs and dances, and perform them so well. A BIG thank you to parents and all who support such events, and to the WONDERFUL teachers, support assistants and students who work so hard to make this time of year so special.



KS2 Christmas service:



Thank you to Pat Williams, who shared these photos with me and wrote a lovely email too:
" Sending two photos of the absolutely wonderful carol service this morning. I was blown away by the children's singing, and as much as that, their behaviour. They filed out from their pews quietly and neatly, stood in their appointed places without fuss, and sang with enthusiasm and professional expertise. Alfie and Lexie did a superb job with the music, the solo musicians were excellent and the solo singers were great as well. Overall a wonderful tribute to all you and your teachers' hard work". Thank you to all who came and supported this special annual service—we are so lucky to be able to use such a beautiful church within our community.

Please check out the website. Click on the link below:-

Dates for your Diaries 2019—2020

Please check the school website for up to date information regarding events at the school.

Clutton Primary School is committed to working towards race equality, promoting positive approaches to difference and opposing all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. Language or behaviour, which is racist or potentially damaging to any ethnic or racial group, is not tolerated and will always be challenged. We recognise that British society is made up of people from many different racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and that all pupils must be fully prepared to live in such a diverse society.