

Message from the Headteacher

This week Key stage 1 have continued rehearsing for their nativity plays and carol concerts. It is wonderful to hear the sound of Christmas coming from these class rooms. As you will have seen in the letter from Alun Williams, we are not able to invite parents into school to watch the productions however we hope to be able to arrange for parents to watch them outside, whether permitting!

As the weather has started to feel very wintery, please can we remind you to ensure that your child comes to school wearing a coat, hat and gloves as we do encourage the children to play outside at break and lunchtimes. Our lost property is getting full once again. We will endeavour to put it out at the start and end of the day where possible. If your child has mislaid items of clothing please speak to your child's class teacher.

Our school football team took part in a tournament on Tuesday at Somervale School. They played against other local schools and got through to the semi final stages. Well done to all who took part.



Wishing you a happy weekend,

Mrs West-Gaul

Term 2 Christian Value: Peace



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Stars of the week

Acorn class	Harry Evelyn
Ash class	Lola
Birch class	Sophie
Chestnut class	Finley
Elm class	Ceejay
Holly class	Isla
Hazel class	Harrison
Maple class	Hannah
Oak class	Freddie
Pine class	Jess
Rowan class	Rhys
Sycamore class	Alice
Willow class	Phoebe

Dates for your diary

4th December - PTA Christmas Fayre. Please return raffle money to the school office.

10th December - PTA Elfridges. Please return forms to the school office by 26th November.

15th December - School Christmas dinner. Please book via ParentPay by 2nd December 2021.

4th & 5th January 2022 - INSET Days. School returned on Thursday 6th January 2022.

Year 1 Learning

Year 1 has been learning about 'Past and Present' through toys in History. The children have been detectives, investigating toys through time and comparing toys from the past to toys in the present. They have looked at what has changed and what has stayed the same. Next week Year 1 are looking forward to a visit from the Somerset Museum Service where the children will be taking part in a 'Toys through Time' workshop.



In RE, Year 1 has been learning why Christmas is so important to Christians. Our focus has been on the Nativity Story, which has been supported by our Nativity Performance practice (we are sure that you have already heard the children singing the songs at home).



We are looking forward to sharing our Nativity with you soon!



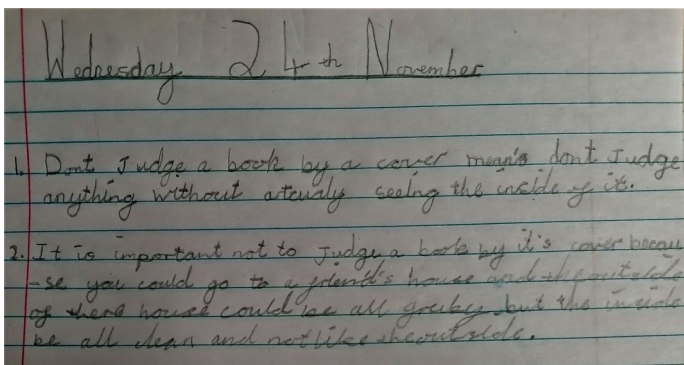
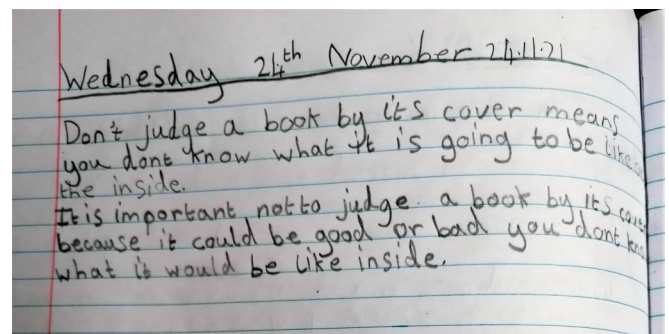
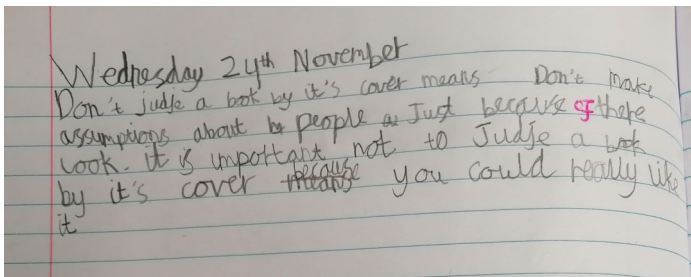
Year 4 Reading

In Year 4 this week we have been reading 'I'll take you to Mrs Cole!' by Nigel Grey and Michael Foreman. The book tells the story of a little boy whose mother threatens to take him to Mrs Cole whenever he is naughty. He is frightened of Mrs Cole, but one day she invites him into her house and the welcome he receives banishes all his fears.

Linked to our PSHE unit on celebrating differences, we discussed how sometimes we have ideas about people before actually getting to know them properly. Using the idiom 'Don't judge a book by its cover' we then wrote sentences about the importance of challenging these assumptions!



Mrs Cole lives down the street, in a dirty house, in a noisy house, with lots of kids under her feet.



Top left - Seb
Top right - Nikita
Bottom left - Ronnie

Out of school Achievement



Harry in Ash class was very proud to get his latest swimming certificate from Angelfish Swimmers on Saturday.



Well done to Milo in Sycamore class for being awarded Clubman of the Year for 202-21 from Midsomer Norton Football Club.



Doodle Maths

We have just launched doodle maths for homework across the school. The children have been working really hard to earn their stars this week. Each week we are going to announce the top doodler in each class, this will be the child who has logged on the most to doodle maths and put in lots of effort.

This week's top doodlers are:

Acorns - Loula	Maple - Hannah
Ash - Aoife	Oak - James
Birch - Zena	Pine - Erin
Chestnut - William	Rowen - Lillie
Elm - Olivia	Sycamore - Alice
Holly - Kara	Willow - Devon
Hazel - Lucy	

Diabetes Muffi Day

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting our Diabetes Awareness day last Friday. We are pleased to say that we raised £250.



This has been donated on our behalf by Mrs Harvey to the Diabetes Mendip support group which is a group for children to get together with parents to do activities such as tobogganing, pantomimes etc.

SOMERSET & DORSET RAILWAY

AT MIDSOMER NORTON



Christmas 2021 and New Year 2022
at Midsomer Norton South Station

Santa Specials

4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th December
Trains at 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 13:45 & 14:45
Limited tickets remaining, pre booking essential

Station Christmas Market

Saturday 11th December 17:30 - 20:00

Evening Steam Train Service
Trains at 17:30, 18:10, 18:50 & 19:30
Pre book tickets at www.sdjr.co.uk

Local Craft Stalls, Music & Carols
Station Shop, Museum & Buffet Open
Free Entry to the Station Site

Craft Stall / Pitches available, contact chrissdjr@gmail.com

New Years Day Steam

1st January 2022
Steam and Mince Pie Special
Trains at 11:00, 12:10, 13:40 & 14:50
Pre book tickets at www.sdjr.co.uk

Out of School Achievement

Thank you to Imogen in Year 6 Willow class for bringing in her silver medals to show us. Imogen took part in a competition for Norton Radstock swimming club and won medals for 50 metres freestyle and 50 metres breaststroke.

