



ALL SAINTS BENHILTON NEWSLETTER

December 1, 2017



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ...

There is a buzz of excitement for what is to come in the following weeks. This started last Friday when so many of our children came to school wearing festive jumpers, hats and accessories.

So as the celebration of Advent begins let us take some time to reflect:

Dear Father God,

We thank you for the excitement we feel during the weeks of Advent as we prepare for the joy of Christmas. Help us to step back from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas preparations, to find some time of quiet when we can think about how we can be ready in our hearts for Jesus to come. Amen.

As you will see in this newsletter our school is being decorated as the magic of Christmas spreads amongst us and we prepare for our annual Christmas Extravaganza on Saturday. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the festivities! Thank you to all the children who made brought in homemade stars – they are all stunning!

As we come together to raise more money to enhance our children's education here at All Saints Benhilton, I am delighted to share with you the news that monies raised this year are being used to fund a new equipment and resources in and around school such as, visualisers in every class, story boxes, computing equipment, outdoor staging and a range of new books. I would like to offer our sincere thanks to ASBSA for agreeing to support the purchasing of these resources and to thank you all for your continued efforts to support the school.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Saturday,

Mrs J Whelan-Cox



- As the weather has finally turned please ensure your son or daughter come to school with a coat to keep them warm and dry at break and lunch time.
- SAFETY NOTICE – it has been brought to my attention that some children are being dropped off by adults who are parking on the zigzag lines and allowing the children get out alone. This is potentially very dangerous and I ask that you find a safe parking spot and escort your child out of the car and into school.
- If you drop your child/ren off at the classroom in the morning please drop them promptly so that you can leave through the school gates before they are locked. Please remember that we want our school to be as secure as it can be so no one should be passing through the school building.
- Long hair should be tied up please.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



Attendance

Our current attendance figure for w/c 25th November is: 96.3%

Our target attendance figure is 96.4%



Thank you to those of you who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal.

I am delighted to tell you that we collected an impressive 105 boxes in total.

Well done! 😊



Remembrance and Peace

In our RE lessons year 5 have been exploring the topic of remembrance and peace. We looked at the life of Sadako Sasaki (http://www.hiroshima-is.ac.jp/?page_id=230) who contracted leukaemia as a result of an atomic bomb being dropped near her village in Hiroshima. She was 12 when she died but was determined to fold 1000 peace cranes. She managed 644 and her friends and family carried on the task. A memorial is now in place for her and peace. People send their peace cranes from all over the world, so Hawthorn as sending some with a message of peace. They were very difficult but we did managed, so now they are o. There way to Hiroshima and the message will going into a message book.

Chestnut's Great Fire of London display to accompany our nonfiction writing in English.



Polar Fun Day

On the 16th November 2017 a marine biologist (called Robynne) came to our school—as it was Polar Fun Day. In the morning, we had an interesting talk about her adventure in the Arctic. She taught us all about the extreme temperatures and the clothing she had to wear. We also got to try on some of the clothing she actually wore. We were then split into two groups and were timed to see which group could put on all the layers on one particular person the fastest (the second group won).

After we had break, Robynne handed out an expedition sheet on the tables so we could plan our very own expedition. We were in our table groups to do this activity and we all worked well together. We had to decide which people had which role for our expedition; we chose whether we wanted to go to the Arctic or Antarctica; we had to decide what we wanted to discover; and find more about. We had to consider the equipment needed for our expedition. Then, we presented our finished expedition plans to the whole class.

After lunch, we did more artsy activities, so for the first one we created oobleck by getting corn flour and mixing in water to create a strange mixture that is hard when you touch it with force and liquidly when you gently touch it. After we had done that, we poured it over our mountains - which we had made the previous day- to make it look like glaciers. After that, we got two plastic bags and put one of them over our hand and we were handed a block of lard to act like animal fat (or blubber) and picked it up with the hand that had a plastic bag over it. Then we placed a bigger plastic bag over our hand with the lard and spread the lard around our hand so it was all covered up. Finally, we dipped both hands into freezing cold ice water to test if the blubber helped keep the animals warm when they are in the cold season. It worked!

We all had an amazing day and learnt loads of facts from Robynne and found out more about the Polar Regions (Arctic and Antarctica).

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Our Winter displays demonstrate some impressive artistic skills across Early Years and KS1.





Our Advent Group have been busy writing their own prayers of Hope.

What do you hope for this Christmas?





STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception

Elm

10/11/17 – Joshua K
17/11/17 – Jenson P
24/11/17 – Andreea M
1/12/17 – Daniel G

Ash

10/11/17 – Amelie L
17/11/17 – Ethan C
24/11/17 – Anneliese P
1/12/17 – Ricaella M

Year 1

Oak

10/11/17 – Ethan A
17/11/17 – James W
24/11/17 – Lillian J
1/12/17 – Grace L

Holly

10/11/17 – Bernardo F
17/11/17 – Joshua P
24/11/17 – Keera B
1/12/17 – Nehan A

Year 2

Chestnut

10/11/17 – Bumiga B
17/11/17 – Jacob N
24/11/17 – Scarlet B
1/12/17 – Elana P

Poplar

10/11/17 – Shamima U
17/11/17 – Sonny J
24/11/17 – Sophie P
1/12/17 – Alexander B

Year 3

Larch

10/11/17 – Georgia A
17/11/17 – Joel P
24/11/17 – Corin W
1/12/17 – Adam A

Hazel

10/11/17 – Scarlett H
17/11/17 – Ethan M
24/11/17 – Ritchie R
1/12/17 – Rosa E

Year 4

Maple

10/11/17 – Nathan G
17/11/17 – Emma N
24/11/17 – Ethan J
1/12/17 – Ryan M

Rowan

10/11/17 – Reuben P
17/11/17 – Adelaide R
24/11/17 – David D
1/12/17 – Phoebe H

Year 5

Willow

10/11/17 – Toby M
17/11/17 – Xanthe B
24/11/17 – Sema D-A
1/12/17 – Skye A

Hawthorn

10/11/17 – Theo R
17/11/17 – Lydia M
24/11/17 – Toby C
1/12/17 – Scott M

Year 6

Beech

10/11/17 – Josie P
17/11/17 – Lilly E
24/11/17 – Aalian R
1/12/17 – Caitlin W

Mrs Lupoli's Computing Star of the Week

10/11/17 – Michael V Z
17/11/17 – Ryan Kanev
24/11/17 – Jack L
1/12/17 – Alessandro W