



Hatch Ride

Matters

Dec 2022



Dear Hatch Ride Community

We have had a wonderful few weeks filled with festive fun. The children have enjoyed the advent activities in their classrooms which also gave an opportunity to develop their crafting skills. Thank you to the PTO for providing the funds to pay for these activities. Our elf, Patch, has been having many adventures around school and the children have enjoyed finding him every day. The children enjoyed a festive feast and being together in the hall.

For the first time since 2019 we managed to have live Christmas performances! Reception class took part in their first Nativity, we were so proud of them for singing beautifully and remembering their lines. Year 1 and 2 performed 'Ned's Christmas Discovery' with amazing confidence, there was singing, dancing and acting in a re-telling of the nativity story. Our KS2 Christingle was held this week and it was a truly magical and memorable experience for everyone. The evening included songs, readings, recorders and wonderful solo performances. We raised £168 on the night for The Children's Society and we know some of you will have donated directly. Thank you for all of your support in attending the performances and with helping your children learn lines and songs.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Ms Sparrowhawk

Our Christmas Gallery



Reception Nativity



Christingle



Year 6 Carols



Christingle



Santa Visit

Reception Nativity with the Mayor of Crowthorne



Recorders



Christmas Jumper Day



PLT Thank Wellington College for our grant



KS1 Party



Lighting the candles

School diary dates:

January 2023	
Wednesday 4 th	Back to school
Friday 27 th	Year 5 Assembly
February	
Friday 3 rd	Year 2 Assembly
Friday 10 th	Whole school Assembly
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th	Half term
Monday 20 th	Inset Day
March	
Wednesday 1 st & Thursday 2 nd	Parents evening
Friday 3 rd	Reception Class Assembly
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 15 th – Friday 17 th	Y4 Ufton Court Residential Trip
Friday 24 th	Year 4 Assembly
Thursday 30 th	Year 3 Ufton Court Trip
Friday 31 st	Whole School Assembly Last day of term – early finish 2:45pm

Reminders

In the event of snowfall in January you will be informed of school closure as soon as possible in the morning via Parentmail.

Also, please be reminded that cars are not allowed to be driven on site unless specific permission is given. Please do not assume you can drive in if the gate is open. This is for the safety of our children.

Classroom News

Reception

There has been so much fun and excitement in the lead up to Christmas in Reception. We have loved hunting for Patch each morning to see what he has been up to and this has led to some fantastic writing. We've enjoyed listening to Julia Donaldson's poem, 'The Little Pine' in drawing club. We've been creating some wonderful Christmas crafts and hope that you will enjoy decorating your home with all the treasures that we have to share with you. Making wishes whilst stirring making and eating figgy pudding has been a definite highlight. Last but not least, we have dazzled everyone with our first Nativity performance. We are so proud of everything our little ones have achieved in their first term at school and we would like to thank you for all your support. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in January.



Year 1

We've had a lovely festive few weeks of term! The children were fantastic in our production of 'Ned's Christmas Discovery!'. They performed like true professionals and they sang their socks off. We have been enjoying lots of fun and crafty activities during Advent each day. We have made Christmas decorations, cards and pictures that we get to keep. We got to end of term with a disco in our party clothes, hot chocolate, biscuits and a visit from someone very special! Thank you for a wonderful term and have a lovely Christmas 😊



Year 2

Well done to all our performers for the Nativity. The children rose to the occasion and spoke, sang and acted with enthusiasm – it was a great pleasure to support and observe.

Back in the classroom, children have become more confident at using resources to add and subtract tens and ones. Our video of the Little Boat has engaged children well with their story writing. In response, children wrote their own journey of discovery about the Little Car. In geography the children have been learning the names and locations of the continents and oceans around the world, as well as sorting human and physical features. Patch the Elf is the hot topic of conversation and we are loving the advent activities – thank you to the PTO!

Lastly, make a note of Friday 3rd February if you would like to attend our class assembly.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy December. They have created some fantastic shape poems in English and are doing really well with multiplying and dividing in Maths. The DT Christmas cushions are well in progress and the children are working hard on their sewing skills. Along with practising the Christingle, they have been enjoying some advent treats including making decorations and creating melting snowman biscuits. They have all worked so hard during their first term in KS2 and we are really proud of them all.

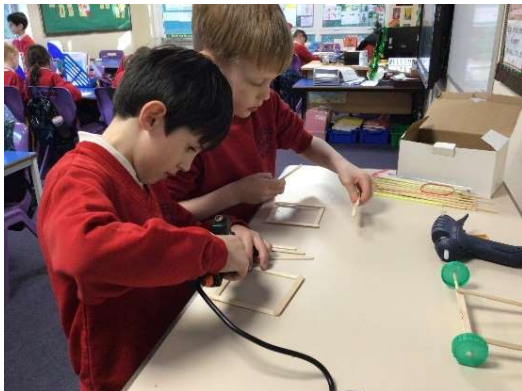
Next term, our History topic will take us from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and we will enjoy a Stone Age Day on Tuesday 24th January (see Parentmail for further details).

Thank you for all your support this term. We wish you a restful, healthy and fun-filled Christmas holidays.



Year 4

Year 4 started December with an exciting Egyptian Day where we travelled through a portal to ancient Egypt before successfully completing 4 tasks in order to return to the present day. They created Egyptian jewellery, their own artwork, translated hieroglyphs and even practised the fine art of mummification! Year 4 have enjoyed a wonderfully festive Christmas period in school. We have been very busy making lots of things including Christmas cards, decorations for the classroom, Christingles ready for our performance and even decorated cookies! We also got to build our own Christmas toys and made slingshot cars as part of our DT topic – this involved using a glue gun for the first time! Wishing everyone a very happy and safe holiday.



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed many practical activities this half term, including making pop-up books in DT and investigating gears, water resistance and other types of Forces in Science. Thank you to everyone at home who has helped the children to learn their words and lyrics for the Christingle service; it is much appreciated and they have done us all proud. Throughout Advent, we have had different festive activities to do each day, from bauble making to paper chains and calendars. Have a

wonderful Christmas time; we look forward to seeing the children in 2023, ready to learn about Materials, Volcanoes and Earthquakes!



Year 6

Year 6 have been enjoying preparing for their part in the KS2 Christingle as well as their daily advent activities which have included making some beautiful cards to be delivered to local care homes around Crowthorne. We have also used been creating a Christmas bauble to adorn the tree, building on our sewing skills from last year and are working more independently to produce our hanging treat. Using an Aldi advert we have written about Ebanana Scrooge and how he came to hate Christmas!

