



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The children have been getting very festive this week! Our younger children had a fantastic afternoon with Jake the Storyteller on Tuesday, and he kept them entertained with some fabulous stories and lots of audience participation! They then spent Wednesday morning with Mrs Mifflin for 'festive forest school', where they completed Christmas crafts and sang carols around a campfire whilst they enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows. Our older children went off to Theatre Severn on Wednesday afternoon and enjoyed the panto. The staff said that our children were definitely the loudest in the theatre, and took part at every opportunity!

On Thursday, the whole school enjoyed Christmas lunch; there is always a wonderful atmosphere (and smell!) around school on Christmas lunch day. This morning, Rev. Armstrong joined us for our Christingle services. We held three services for the different age groups, and it was so beautiful to see each group's Christingles glowing in the hall when the lights were turned off. We enjoyed some hymns and prayers, and our older children did some readings. Thanks to everyone who returned their collection pots with donations for the Children's Society.

Next week is our final week of term, and we have our church services to look forward to. These take place on the dates shown below, and will be recorded for parents to see via a private YouTube link. Please note the arrangements for collecting children after their church service; as we have done previously, children will not return to school and should be collected directly from church at 3:15pm. We will end the term with a non-uniform day next Friday; children can wear their Christmas jumpers (or other non-uniform that they choose), and any donations of any amount (for Save the Children) are welcome, if families feel they would like to donate.

*Mrs Deborah Sadler*  
**Headteacher**



**REMINDERS & NOTICES**



**Well done to...**

**Christmas Church Services:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 1:30pm – Kingfisher and Owl Classes  
 Christmas service and performance.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 1:30pm – Hummingbird, Robin and Skylark Classes Nativity performance and service.

We will record the services and share these with parents via a private YouTube link. Please note that children will need to be collected from the church at 3:15pm, as they will not be returning to school after the service.

**School start time:** Please remember that school starts at **9:05am**. The gate will be locked at this time and children arriving after this point will be marked as late.

**Emilia Bennett, for coming second place in the Marches Academy Trust Christmas card competition!**

**Emilia won our school competition, and the Trust agreed that the design was amazing – coming second place from entries across all ten Trust schools is incredible!**

**Emilia has been given a £10 Amazon voucher by Ms Finch!**

**WORSHIP**

Next week, in worship, we will be focusing on **the Christmas story**.



If children have any prayers, linked to this theme, that they would like to share during worship, they would be very welcome to do so.

**CELEBRATION**



**Happy Birthday to: Hugo, Nieve, Poppy E and Tilly**, who all celebrate their birthdays this week.



**AWARD WINNERS**

**Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners, who are:**

**Hummingbird Class:** Grace and Mia

**Robin Class:** Niall, Neville and Harper

**Skylark Class:** Ralph, Jacob, Cleo, Eliza K, Nieve, Ella-May

**Kingfisher Class:** Poppy P, Amelia K, Tilly and Freddie

**Owl Class:** Danielle, Billy, Amelia and Thomas

**Well done also to this week's Accelerated Reader Award Winners, who are:**

**Skylarks:** Jacob L and Ralph,

**Kingfishers:** Sam H, Corey and Charlie W

**Owls:** Bertie, Amelia D and Isaac.

**Congratulations to you all!**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 church service

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – *Stepping Out* session for Kingfisher Class (revised date)

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Service

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – PD Day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school for the Spring Term

