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Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term. The Spring Term starts on Thursday 5th January.

EYFS—A Bundle of Joy

It was 2019 when we were able to hold our last nativity with our youngest children and it was brilliant to be able to welcome back this festive treat from our Foundation children.



They were magnificent, giving their all over three performances and ensuring that we were all mesmerised by their efforts and enthusiasm.

It's not easy to sing and walk around the hall at the same time but the children carried it off with aplomb—also managing some regal waves as they went past.

Really well done to everyone.

Year 2—Our Happy Christmas

Whilst our EYFS children were performing at the AF site, our Year 2 children were giving it their all at the Town site.



These were very special performances as it was our Year 2 children who were unable to have a Nativity in 2020.

You would not have known that the children hadn't ever performed before because they were amazing—singing their hearts out and giving us a very festive and "a very Happy Christmas".

Really well done Year 2, it was very special and well worth the wait.

Christmas Dinners



As well as all things Performances last week—we also had our Christmas Dinners at both AF and T. A festive feast was served up by Mrs.

Burke, Mrs. Blackery and our Catering Team. To add to the excitement, our PTA had also bought every child a cracker—so poor jokes a plenty resonated around both halls.



Term Dates

Tuesday 20th December—Last day of Autumn term
Thursday 5th January—First day of Spring term
Monday 13th—Friday 17th February—Half Term
Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April—Easter Break
Monday 17th April—First day of Summer Term.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th January—Year 4 Swimming Starts
Tuesday 10th January—Parents Evening for Classes Star (Miss Cook), Romans (Miss Roberts) and Castle (Miss Salmon).
Friday 13th January—Non Uniform day for Book Bingo
Tuesday 7th February—Safer Internet Day.
Friday 10th February—International day of Women and Girls in Science.
Monday 13th—Friday 17th March—British Science Week.

Our Assembly Theme: New Year, New Start

The **Big** Question for the Spring Term Assessment Period — Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—
Dreams and Goals

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 17 (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Foxburrow Grange

Oysters class made personalised Christmas cards for all the residents at Foxburrow Grange, one of our local residential care homes and then seven children went to deliver. The children chatted to the residents and even showed them how to perform Dominik the Donkey!



Hol Ho! Ho!

Our EYFS and Year 1 children received a special visit from Father Christmas this morning—after he'd stopped by the office to give Mrs. Taylor a hug.



Our PTA had arranged for Father Christmas to come in and also ensured that every child in the school got some Christmas chocolate—to whet the appetite in preparation for Christmas Day. Father Christmas was visiting some other school's so wasn't able to see our older children but did say he'd see you Christmas Eve—if you'd been good enough?!

National British Kidney Foundation

If you were up at AF site during our Parents Evening last week, you will have seen a group of Year 6 girls selling their art work.

They were making money for the National British Kidney Foundation. Well done Vada, Millie, Ayla, Isabelle and Talisa. In total, they raised £24.51.

PLEASE KEEP READING WITH YOUR CHILDREN OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AND LOG IT ON Boom Reader (Formerly GoRead).

Winter Reading Challenge

Running from Saturday 26 November 2022 to Saturday 28 January 2023, the challenge will follow the journey of Lyra, the plucky penguin as she learns how others celebrate the winter months. Made up of six tasks, there are prizes to all who complete the challenge, as well as a special prize to those that finish early! For more information, visit the Essex Libraries website.

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/winter-reading-challenge-2022/>

Tickled Pink—Aladdin

As if everything else wasn't enough last week—our PTA had also arranged for a Pantomime for the children on Monday.

The performing troupe came in to regale the children with Aladdin - Oh yes they did!

As an added bonus, some of our children were also involved in the performances, making it that extra bit special.



Year 1 Christmas Songs

Sadly, I have no photo but most definitely our Year 1 children sang their hearts out yesterday afternoon to a packed hall at AF.

A Christmas music feast. Really well done Year 1 children.

Poppy Appeal



In total at both AF and T, £484.31 was collected on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

Six Core Strengths

No 3—Affiliation: Joining in

Affiliation is the glue for healthy human functioning. It allows us to form and maintain relationships with others and to create something stronger, more adaptive and more creative than the individual.

Why it is important: human beings are social creatures. We are biologically designed to live, grow and work in groups. A family is a child's first and important group, glued together by the strong emotional bonds of attachment. But most other groups that children join, such as a pre-school class, children in the community and clubs are based on circumstances or common interests. It is here that they will have thousands of brief emotional and social experiences that will help shape their development.

Awards

STAR— Whole Class (CC), CHARIOT— Whole Class (CC), JUMBO— Whole Class (CC).

EAGLES— Taylor (MM), ROSES— Hakam (MLM), CIRCUS— Amber (RROX).

MERCURY— Whole Class (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Whole Class (MM), ROMANS— Whole Class (RREX).

DUTCH— Elyas (MLM), ICENI— George (RREX), PAXMAN— Noah (MM).

CASTLE— Bella (RROX), CAVALIER— George (MM), GARRISON— Whole Class (MM).

OYSTERS— Matilda (MLM), MAGNETS— Riley (RREX), RAEDWALD— Mabel & Tabitha (CC).

TRINOVANTES— Whole Class (RROX), CYMBELINE— Honey (MM), LATHES— Whole Class (RREX).

ATTENDANCE—Garrison

LIBRARY—Alice (MM).

On behalf of all the staff and Governors of St John's Green Primary School—we wish you the very best for the Christmas period and a Happy New Year.

"The New Year is a painting not yet painted; a path not yet stepped on; a wing not yet taken off! Things haven't happened as yet! Before the clock strikes twelve, remember that you are blessed with the ability to reshape your life!" — Mehmet Murat ildan

Christmas Quiz 2022

(After all, you can't watch the TV all of the time!)

- 1, Which British monarch delivered the first ever Christmas message?
- 2, In Will Ferrell's *Elf*, what's the first rule in the Code of The Elves?
- 3, What is the name of the little girl who befriends the Grinch in the 2000 film?
- 4, In the classic Christmas tale *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs, where do the Snowman and the boy go on their evening adventure?
- 5, On the London Tube network, which is the only station to begin with the letter 'I'?
- 6, What's the name of the giant snow monster that guards Elsa's palace in *Frozen*?
- 7, What Hollywood actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?
- 8, How many La's follow Fa in the song 'Deck the Halls'?
- 9, Which UK retailer's Christmas advert features Kevin the Carrot?
- 10, What country is Bethlehem located in?
- 11, What is the name of a male turkey?
- 12, What is the name for the period in between Christmas and New Year?
- 13, Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British city?
- 14, How many permanent teeth does a dog have?
- 15, What is the full postcode of the Houses of Parliament?
- 16, What are the five colours of the Olympic rings?
- 17, How many permanent members are there on the UN security council and who are they?
- 18, Who is the Special in the *Lego Movie*?
- 19, What do Lord of the Rings author J.R.R. Tolkien's initials stand for?
- 20, Elon Musk is the CEO of which global automotive brand?
- 21, In *Dr. Who*, which other alien race are the Sea Devils related to?
- 22, Which character speaks the first line in the original 1977 *Star Wars* movie?
- 23, Who does Dobby serve before he is freed by Harry Potter?
- 24, In 'The Princess Diaries,' Mia Thermopolis is heir to the throne of which fictional country?
- 25, Which non-UK city was Ben Stokes born in?
- 26, Which Walt Disney film is 'think legion' an anagram of?
- 27, What is the capital of Argentina?
- 28, What percentage of the Earth's surface is made up of the Atlantic Ocean?
- 29, What are baby reindeers called?
- 30, What star sign would you be if you were born on Christmas Day?
- 31, What is the name of Santa's wife?
- 32, What Christmas carol does the Peanuts gang sing at the end of "A Charlie Brown Christmas"?
- 33, Which is the only English county you can spell without using any letters in the word CHRISTMAS?
- 34, What is the total number of gifts received by your true love?
- 35, Where do Christmas gonks come from?
- 36, Which famous picture book was written by Carol Aebersold and her daughter Chanda Bell, and illustrated by Coë Steinwart?
- 37, How many notes are there in a musical scale?
- 38, How many minutes are in a full week?
- 39, What Netflix show had the most streaming views in 2021?
- 40, Which is the only body part that is fully grown from birth?
- 41, Pink Ladies and Granny Smiths are types of what fruit?
- 42, What does FIFA stand for in English?
- 43, What type of animal is the cartoon character Garfield?
- 44, What type of food is Brie?
- 45, What are 'Cutis Anserine' more commonly known as?
- 46, 'Once You Pop, You Can't Stop'?
- 47, What colour are black boxes on airplanes?
- 48, Diwali honours the Hindi goddess of wealth, who is she?
- 49, What freezes faster, hot water or cold water?
- 50, What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas?