



CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 29th November 2019



Welcome

We welcome Mrs Baynham who has joined Cradley School as a member of our Support Staff team. We hope she enjoys being part of the Cradley family and look forward to working with her.



Advent Carol Service

Yesterday, the choir went to Hereford Cathedral to take part in the Herefordshire Combined Schools Carol Service. This has become an annual treat for us at the start of Advent, and once again it was a wonderful start to the Christmas season. From the moment the lights were dimmed and the Cathedral School Chamber Choir processed in by candlelight singing 'Lux Aurumque', we were treated to a beautiful mix of ancient and modern Christmas music, and it was a privilege for us to be part of the massed choir.



Recycling

On Wednesday we welcomed Andrew Wood, the organiser of the Herefordshire schools recycling project. William the bull came for us to fill him up with bottle tops. He also took books to be recycled or reused. We now have four bins in the entrance hall where we are collecting crisp packets, tin foil, bottle tops and glasses. We may be able to recycle different things as well in the New Year.



Tchoukball

On Tuesday, 4 Year 5 & 6's took part in Tchoukball at John Masefield High School. This event was thoroughly enjoyed by the 4 who took part, learning new skills with their team mates from other local schools.



Platinum Sports Award

On Tuesday, 2 members of Sports Crew went to collect our Sports Mark Platinum award. We are very proud to be one of only 5 schools in the county to achieve this award. The Platinum Award was launched in 2017 as an extension of the School Games Mark to reward schools who have maintained consistently high standards with their school sport provision. As part of the extended application the eligible candidates, who had to have achieved five successive gold awards, were asked to submit a detailed case study along with a supporting paragraph from their school games organisers.



Breaking Bread

On Monday 2nd December you are very welcome to join us at 8.30am for a short Breaking Bread Collective Worship in the school hall.

Non-uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December, in return please can you bring in a bottle of some sorts for the Christmas Fair, thank you.

Parking

Please be respectful when parking at the end of the school day. I have received a complaint from a local resident who needs access to his drive and it has been blocked by parent's cars. Also can we remind parents to not park directly outside the meet and greet area, this is unsafe for all pedestrians and causes congestion for traffic travelling through the village. Also the staff car park is for staff use only. Please do not park inside or in the gateway. This is necessary to keep children safe.

Stir up Saturday

Cradley Church have invited families to take part in the Christmas pudding making activity, Saturday 30th November 2.30 to 4.30pm. Ingredients are supplied at cost and you need to take a non-metallic pudding bowl with you.

After School Club Christmas Party

This year's ASC Christmas Party will take place on Tuesday 17th December from 3-6pm, with lots of fun festive games, music and a party bag to take home! Please book on School Money as normal, places are limited so please book early.

Family Service

We have been invited to take part in the Family Service on Sunday 1st December at Cradley Church starting at 10.45 am. If you would like to join us please come along and bring your crib figures to be blessed. Cribs can be taken to church on Saturday during Stir up Saturday.

Mrs Jones



Mr Cross

We are disappointed to inform you that Mr C has chosen to pursue a different career path and has chosen to leave his apprenticeship at the end of this term. We have been grateful for all he has done at Cradley and wish him every success for the future.

Personal Items

Please ensure that all your children's belongings are named - especially jumpers and water bottles. It is extremely difficult to return items to children if they are not labelled.

FOCS News

- There is still plenty of Apple Juice left, please come to reception if you would like to purchase any more bottles - please remember to return your used bottles to be recycled.
- Final call for helpers at the Cradley Village Christmas Fair and Market on Saturday 7th December, if you and your child can spare an hour to help out on the FOCS stand please let Annie Meager know.
- A Christmas Wreath Making workshop will take place on Friday 6th December at 7.30pm at Hollings Hill Farm, just £15 per person to include materials. There are only 4 spaces left so please complete the reply slips sent home this week if you would like to take part.
- The FOCS Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 13th December from 3-5pm. Please come along and help support this great festive event. Raffle tickets have been sent home, please help support FOCS by selling these to family and friends.
We are asking for donations of good quality, clean unwanted toys, games, puzzles, teddies etc for the Bric a Brac stall, please bring in any donations from Monday 9th December.
We are also asking for any donations of unwanted/unused gifts which can be sold at the Gift Shop at the Christmas Fair. These will then be gift wrapped for you to give as presents for loved ones at Christmas. Please bring in any donations from Monday 2nd December.
- The next FOCS meeting takes place on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm at the Red Lion to discuss the Christmas Fair - everyone is welcome to attend!

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been exploring our story of the week 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. On Monday we have been looking at different healthy foods and talking about which food we could stick on our Hungry Caterpillar pictures. Tuesday it was our stay and play session and it was great to welcome more new faces into Nursery. Carol helped us to make animal houses on Tuesday using sticks and leaves collected from outside and using little animal puppets to bring our houses alive. On Wednesday Katrina helped us to practise our Maths skills with the Hungry Caterpillar by completing a number sorting puzzle to create the hungry caterpillar. Thursday was our P.E session where we have been separating healthy foods and unhealthy foods to feed to our big hungry caterpillar bucket. We have finished off our week with Lauren on Friday, who helped us to make leaf shaped biscuits.

Teeny Tots

We are a friendly local toddler group that meets in Storridge Village Hall and occasionally at Cradley Nursery. We welcome little ones from 0-5, accompanied and supervised by their parents/carers, to stay and play. We meet on Thursdays from 10:30-12, during term time, for a charge of £2 per family, which includes a craft activity, game, songs, snacks and drinks. Please come and join us!

Value of the Month - SERVICE

Matthew 23:11

"The greatest among you will be your servant".

Chosen by Mr C

Attendance

Well done to Class 5 who've had 98.89% attendance since last week. They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear all next week. Please can we remind parents that late arrivals after the registers close at 8.55am count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.

Class 1 - 96.0%

Class 2 - 96.79%

Class 3 - 98.75%

Class 4 - 97.0%

Class 5 - 98.89%

Whole School - 97.57%

Head Teacher Award

KS2 School Councillors for showing service in the work they have done with the recycling project so far

Stars of the week

Nursery

Maddie Jones for her excellent start to Nursery
Kenny Hitchings for being positive and confident

Reception

George Taylor & Charlie Wilson for their excellent attitude in the Nativity rehearsals

Year 1

Lois Mackay for a wonderful imaginative approach to story telling

Neve Philpotts for persistence in Maths

Year 2

Leo White for taking pride in his work with Beebots
Harry Purser-Wall for taking pride in his excellent phonics work

Year 3

Oliver Blewett for persistence and a positive attitude in Maths

Toby Boniface for super contributions to class discussions this week

Year 4

Minnie Stevens & Daisy Green for both sharing their special items with passion and enthusiasm

Year 5

Maisie Gelling for working positively on our DT house design

Albert Wilson for working independently to improve his writing

Year 6

Freddie Knowles for persistence and positivity with his Maths and writing this week (and always!)

Mimi Boniface for showing the qualities of friendship and service to others

Dates for the Future

DECEMBER

Value of the Month - Thankfulness

Monday 2nd

Last swimming session

Last week for clubs

Tuesday 3rd

Class 4 trip to Judges Lodgings

FOCS meeting 7.30pm at Red Lion

Thursday 5th

Flu immunisation at school

Friday 6th

FOCS Christmas Wreath Making workshop 7.30pm

Tuesday 10th

Nativity 1.30pm

Wednesday 11th

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Friday 13th

FOCS Christmas Fair 3pm

Monday 16th

ASC Film night - 'The Grinch'

Tuesday 17th

Whole school Winter walk.

ASC Party

Wednesday 18th

Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th

Carol Service, 6pm in Church

Friday 20th

Last day of term

JANUARY

Value of the Month - Endurance

Monday 6th

INSET Day

Tuesday 7th

Term starts