

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 13th December 2019

Nativity Special Edition



Baa Baa Bethlehem

October half term...

Life is quiet and relaxed for the shepherds and sheep living on the hillside above the town of Bethlehem. However, for the youngest shepherds, Daniel, Rachel, Naomi and Eli, it's not much fun. They are envious of the older shepherds who get to take the sheep to market, and sit in the seats closest to the fire on cold evenings - these are treats they can't hope to experience until they're much bigger and more 'important'. It's the same for the young lambs, who have to watch the older, woollier sheep grazing on the sweetest, lushest patches of grass, while they make do with bitter leaves from thorny bushes. Nevertheless, the youngsters are convinced that for them there's something special on the horizon - they just need to sit tight and wait...

November 2019...

And so began the weeks of rehearsals to stage **Baa Baa Bethlehem** and what a fantastic Nativity it was!

Well done to all the Year 2s who had lots to learn and who led the way in this re-telling of the Nativity. A fabulous effort from the Year 1s learning their lines with some great acting, as well as all the words for the songs. Brilliant work from Reception with remembering all those actions to go with the songs, which told the story of how those younger shepherds changed that pecking order after visiting baby Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem.

Special thanks as always to:

David Robertson - Lights

Mr C - Sound

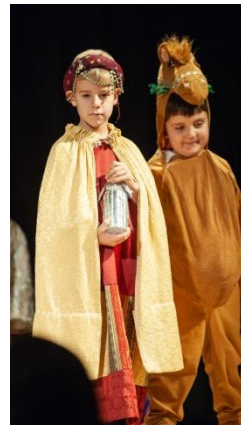
Roman Iwanczuc - Filming

Dave Mackay - Photography

Neil Taylor - Scenery

All staff who supported with props, costumes, prompting and crowd control! And finally, to ALL the KS1 children for their team effort in the production. We are immensely proud of you all.

Ms George and Mrs Robb



Christmas at Cradley

13th December

FOCS Christmas Fair 3-5pm, please collect children at 3pm from their classrooms. The playground will be open from 1pm for parking.

17th December

ASC Christmas Party 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. Please see Donna & Dale to let them know what food you will be bringing for the buffet so we have a nice varied selection, thank you.

18th December

Christmas lunch.

19th December

Carols for Community - Children entertain invited guests at school.

6pm Carol Service at Cradley Church. All children are involved.

20th December

Last day of term - Animal Lady in the morning and carols by candlelight in the afternoon (school children only).

If you have any questions please just ask.

Message from the Governors

The Governors met this week to discuss a varied agenda. As is usual we opened with a prayer, led by Mrs Jones. We received a thorough and interesting Head Teacher Report and various updates, too many to share here. We are delighted with how our school is progressing. Each committee had a representative present;

- Children, Families & Community
- Curriculum & Achievement
- Resources
- Nursery Management Team

We discussed the issue of a leaking roof which, although repaired, still leaks. It appears to be an ongoing problem and is being monitored by Mrs Jones.

Curriculum & Achievement reported on a very thorough learning, monitoring and evaluative plan, presented to us by Miss Guy. We are pleased with the outcome and look forward to see its effectiveness throughout our school.

On a separate note, we are greatly concerned about the issue of parking outside school gates. We know our spaces are restricted but please park giving due consideration to local residents and more so to the safety of your children. It is your responsibility, not schools, to ensure that your children are safe outside the school gates.

We discussed term dates for 2020/2021 and these will be circulated soon.

I am taking this opportunity on behalf of the Governors to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Eryl Copp, Chair of Governors

FOCS News

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair today from 3-5pm!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Wreath making Workshop last Friday night, it was a lovely night with some fabulous creations; we raised just over £200. A big thank you to Faye Knowles for hosting and organising.

Another big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped at the FOCS stall at the Village Christmas Fair on Saturday; we raised just over £125! Thank you to Annie Meager for organising the rotas etc.

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.

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been very busy, but being busy means we've been really enjoying Nursery life! This week Nursery has taken part in the KS1 Nativity performance, everyone in Nursery performed on stage like the superstars they are and sat beautifully throughout the performances and we are so proud of you all! Well done everyone. This week we have also been listening to the story 'Stick Man', this has been a popular story in Nursery and has been a great introduction into our Christmas theme of stories. For P.E this week Charlie has helped everyone to pass their Sleigh Driving Test, we've practised delivering presents and flying through the air in the hall. Thursday was a very exciting day for Nursery, as we headed out to the Safari Park! We all had a wonderful day and enjoyed seeing all of the animals; we also got to see an extra special guest... Father Christmas! We finished off our week with more cooking, on Friday Katrina helped us to make cakes, where we decorated our own Christmas cakes and used different coloured icing.



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 - THANKFULNESS

1 Thessalonians 5:18

"In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Chosen by Gary, our maintenance man.

Attendance

Well done to Class 1 who've had 97.5% 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 - 97.5%
Class 2 - 95.0%
Class 3 - 96.7%
Class 4 - 96.0%
Class 5 - 93.9%
Whole School - 95.6%

Head Teacher Award

Ruby Cowell for delivering her lines and singing with such newly found confidence in the Nativity

Stars of the week

Nursery

Maddie Jones & Emily Blakeman for settling into Nursery like superstars

Sophie Caren for being confident and taking a risk

Reception

Evie Pinchbeck for being positive and co-operative

Hayden Jeffries for taking a risk

Year 1

Chloe Jeffries for taking pride in her Maths work

Johnny Duncan for consistently excellent writing

Year 2

Ruby Cowell for taking pride in her descriptive paragraph

Charlotte Clayton for being co-operative and helping others

Year 3

Conor Mackay for being reflective in Maths

Jacob Mifflin for having a superb work ethic

Year 4

Jonas Clay & Ben Griffiths for taking pride in their orange book writing

Year 5

Sian Smith for being a caring and positive member of Class 4

Eddie Wilson for putting great effort into his writing work

Year 6

Harley Loader for his positive attitude towards assessments this week

Toby Cooper for persistence and positivity with all his work this week

Dates for the Future

DECEMBER

Value of the Month - Thankfulness

Monday 16th

ASC Film night - 'The Grinch'

Tuesday 17th

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