

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 30th November 2018



Choir sing at the Advent Carol Service



Last night the choir joined with 12 other primary schools and the Cathedral School at Hereford Cathedral to take part in the Joint Schools Advent Carol Service. The music and atmosphere was wonderful with beautiful singing from all participating choirs, including a moving performance of John Rutter's 'Candlelight Carol' and a magnificent 'Hallelujah Chorus', as well as traditional carols and readings.

It was a real treat to begin the Advent season.

Mrs Mole

Today, we have said Goodbye and Good Luck to Mrs Mole as she is moving to a new job in Hereford. We want to say thank you for all that she has done and we wish her every success in her new job.

Mrs Jones

As you might be aware, Mrs Jones has been struggling with an eye problem that requires surgery. We are delighted that she has now been given a date for her surgery and her last day before the operation will be Monday 10th December. We will look forward to welcoming her back in the New Year.

Cradley Malvern Show Garden

On Wednesday 12th December at 7.00pm there will be a garden design meeting for any adults who are interested in getting involved in the build. All welcome. The meeting will be at school.

Tchoukball Extravaganza

On Monday, four members of Year 5/6 travelled to John Masfield to take part in a Tchoukball extravaganza. They had a great time. Well done to :Abi, Bo, Quinn and Ray.



Inset Day

A date for your 2019 diary: school will be closing on Friday 8th February from 12pm. Four local schools are joining together to allow all our staff to undertake training from an international expert in attachment disorders. We hope that this gives you enough notice to make alternative arrangements for that afternoon.

Christmas Cards

The school postbox will arrive in the foyer on Monday 10th December. Cards are to be put in there from that date. On the last day of term, the Year 6 children deliver all the post to the various classes so all the cards can be opened together. Unfortunately, due to the new GDPR regulations, we are unable to give out class lists anymore, but please do ask if you require any help remembering any names that you may have forgotten.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

The School Council are delighted to announce that thanks to the generosity of everyone they were able to send off a huge donation of £147.45 to the cancer charity.

Ukulele Lessons

We have the opportunity for children to learn to play the ukulele. This would be in a small group with the peripatetic music teacher. The cost will be between £3 and £5 depending upon the number of children in the group. Please let Mrs Booth know if your child is interested and then we can give you further details.

Christmas Lunch

School will be having its Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 19th December. You will need to have booked your child's lunch via Black Pepper by the 13th December. (Please note: bookings cannot be taken after that deadline.)



Christmas Community Concert

On Thursday 20th December we will be hosting our annual Community Concert at 10am. We invite older members of the community - including the Leys and Evergreen Club - to join us for festive cheer, minced pies and mulled wine. If you know of any people who would like to join us, then please come and let us know.

Road Closure

Yesterday, I received this correspondence from Herefordshire Council:

*I am writing to inform you that work to replace the bridge deck of Storesbrook Bridge, situated on the B4214 between Staplow and Ledbury (Bromyard Road) has **been postponed until the beginning of January 2019.***

You will recall from earlier emails that Storesbrook Bridge was scheduled to close on Wednesday 28 November 2018 and reopen in February 2019. However, the new replacement bridge deck, which is being constructed off-site, will arrive later than originally anticipated.

This means that the bridge will now remain open over the Christmas and New Year period and close in early January 2019.

While preparatory works could progress prior to the bridge's arrival, there is no benefit to users in closing the structure for longer than absolutely essential. It is therefore necessary to push the entire work programme back to maintain the minimum 13-week closure period necessary.

The bridge will continue to be inspected on a regular basis to ensure it remains safe to use but, assuming that it does not have to be closed early on safety grounds, it will now close in early January and reopen in early April 2019.

Apologies for any inconvenience the change in closure plan may cause you. I will be writing to update you on new closure dates and other arrangements during December.

Cradley Village Fair: Saturday 1st December, 10.30am-3pm.

A warm welcome and invitation to all school families to come along and join us for our village fair this weekend (1st Dec) at Cradley Village Hall, Rectory Lane. Father Christmas will be there in his Ice Cave, we have children's books and toys and we hope there is something for everyone to enjoy! We are delighted to hear that the Friends of Cradley School (FOCS) will have a stall, next to the stall for Cradley Cubs. We look forward to seeing you there.

Judi Creed-Newton (Cradley Village Hall Christmas Fair)

FOCS - Friends of Cradley School

A date for your diaries please: our next meeting is arranged for Friday 7th December, 9am, after school drop off in the café at The Fold, Bransford (on the A4103 towards Worcester). Please do come along if you

can: we need plenty of help with the final preparations for the school Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December.

Rags to Riches.

Thank you everyone for bringing in your bags for Rags to Riches earlier this week. There were loads of bags brought in, so well done all. A fantastic £132.25 was raised for FOCS funds!

Cradley Village Hall Christmas Fair

We have been busy with preparations for our FOCS stall at tomorrow's event. Thank you again to all those who are helping out in one way or another. A rota has been sent out to all those who are helping on the day. We are really grateful that the village fair organisers have kindly waived our stall fee, so any profit we make on Saturday will go straight to FOCS. We hope you will all come and have a go at our stall - see if you can knock Santa off his chimney, pull his beard, or guess the number of sweets in the Christmas pudding!!

Mince Pies!

Just a heads up that our FOCS team for the Carol Service will soon be asking for donations of mince pies to sell with their mulled wine. So if you see some over the next few weeks please snap them up!

Non-uniform Day

Thank you to all those who took part in our non-uniform day today and for bringing in a bottle for our tombola stall at the school Christmas fair. We hope you liked the fox (FOCS) flier advertising this! Many thanks to Bernie for her fantastic artistic input.

School Christmas Fair

Friday 14th December, 3pm.

Preparations are in progress and thank you all those who have already volunteered to help out! We would still welcome any contributions and offers of help before, during and after the event - to set up, clear away, run a stall, or simply to help out for half an hour here or there. Please let Grace Lyndon know or leave your contact details via Home Liaison books.

Hopefully you've seen the posters around... Santa needs you! Donations are needed for Santa's Secret Gift Shop. Do you have any unwanted gifts in your cupboards? Items such as toiletries, candles, jewellery, chocolates, books, toys and games are needed for Santa's gift shop - where the children will be able to choose an inexpensive gift for their parents/grandparents/siblings or friends. FOCS will wrap them up, ready to pop under the tree. Also needed is any spare/left-over wrapping paper and accessories.

Please leave donations in the school foyer from 4th December or see Daff or Zoe, and huge thanks for the donations and pledges so far.

A team of Santa's helpers is very busy arranging a new-look Santa's Grotto for this year, which all sounds very exciting!



FOCS have now decided to hold a raffle in Spring, along with our Spring Walk rather than at the Christmas Fair. This gives us a bit more time to collect prizes and print tickets, etc. We have already been given a couple of interesting raffle prizes from Black Pepper, our new school lunch provider, which we'll keep safe until then! (Unfortunately it isn't free school dinners for the duration of your time at school!)

If you're ordering Christmas pressies on line, please remember to use our Easyfundraising link when you are making purchases on-line.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofcraleyschool/> as FOCS will receive a percentage of your payment at no extra cost to you.

Cradley Scout Group

We look forward to seeing you at Cradley Village Christmas Fair this weekend for some festive fun!

James Burton, Cub Leader

Nursery

Christmas is slowly making its way into nursery this week and we've kicked things off with a snowball game in P.E on Monday with Charlie. All of the children have loved listening to the story *Fly Freddy Fly* this week and Freddy has even paid us a couple of visits in nursery - we found his footprints! On Tuesday we had a very exciting visit from Tesco who had brought us our ingredients that we ordered to make delicious biscuits with Lauren and Katrina. We've been busy making playdough this week and the children have enjoyed adding different flavours and glitter into the playdough. On Wednesday we used it to make Rudolph's with Carol. All of the children in Nursery have done exceptionally well with our nativity song practice this week and we're all very proud of them. We finished off on Friday with decorating some beautiful glass candle holders with Carol. We're all looking forward to transforming nursery into a Christmas wonderland very soon!



Class 1

This week the Year 1s have been working with Miss Conner, our student teacher, in English and Maths. They have been learning all about time. In English, they've read the traditional tale of *The Gingerbread Man*. Reception

have been working hard at holding a sentence in their head and then writing it independently. We are starting to read sentences and talk about what we have read to show we have understood the text we have read independently. Our afternoons have been taken up with rehearsals, making the show the best it can be before putting it on the stage for our families. We have enjoyed meeting Miss Filby, our student teacher who will be working with Class 1 in the Spring term. She helped us do our 2D printing with 3D shapes in maths.

Class 2

This week we welcomed our two students into class. Miss Evans will be coming back to work with us in January and Miss Glover will be back next week then returning in May. Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to help with Forest School. We will be able to start Forest School on Wednesday 16th January. Our Nativity rehearsals are going well and the stage is now up. Keep working on those cues and loud voices!

Class 3

After pottery-making last week, the children have been weaving to see how the Anglo-Saxons made their clothes. We think it must have taken a long time to even make a child's skirt! We have also looked at the life of Alfred the Great, making a time line of his life and asking the question 'Why do people call him 'Great'? We have continued work on fractions in Maths and our Mythological stories have finally been completed.

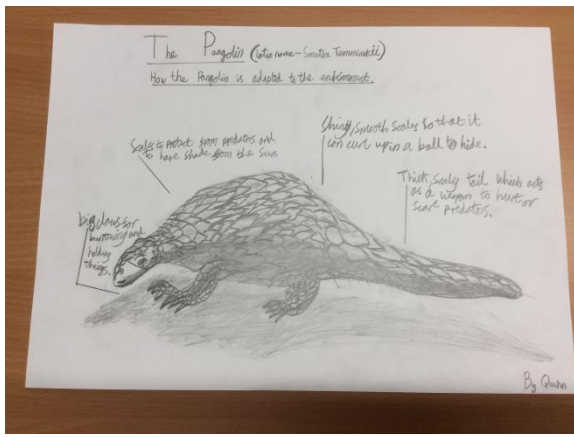
Class 4

Class 4 have been getting really stuck into our new English topic which is based around the book "Tuesday" by David Wiesner. We have been asking questions about the book and taking on the role of a Police detective to interview witnesses. In Maths we have been looking at measure; including time, conversion, metric and imperial conversions, and reading timetables. In topic we have travelled to the Alps, exploring the foods of different countries which the Alps go through and investigating different questions.

Class 5

This week we have been tackling ratio and proportion in our Maths lessons, thinking about similar shapes of different sizes but the same proportions, and scaling recipe ingredients up and down. We have continued our research into critically endangered animals and learned how to use punctuation for parenthesis, and semi colons and colons in our writing. In Science we considered how our chosen species have adapted to their habitat and we produced some fantastic pencil drawings of these animals including the pangolin, the vaquita and the saola (or Asian unicorn!). In Topic we learned how to turn a simple cardboard box or a tin into a pinhole camera, and in RE we discussed Christian views on creation and science.





Stars of the Week

- Nursery** Kai Oseman for being positive
George Taylor for taking a risk
- Class 1** Frankie Taylor for co-operation in the Nativity
Hugo Seldon for learning his lines for the Nativity
- Class 2** Chloe Bagnall for taking pride in saying her lines for the Nativity
Oliver Eaton for being co-operative during Nativity rehearsals
- Class 3** Lewis Elliott-Roberts for persistent thoughtfulness being helpful and polite
Leyla Vine for super independent instructions about how to make an Anglo-Saxon house
- Class 4** Kyle Plant for a fantastic & positive attitude to his English work
Olivia Flanagan for being independent in her Maths work
- Class 5** Quinn Stephenson for taking such care over his line drawing of a pangolin (see above!)
Annabel Plant for taking pride in her fact-finding homework on the human eye

Value of the Month COURAGE

For I am the Lord your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'
Isaiah 41:13

Chosen by Gary Barker (Maintenance Man)

Dates for the Future

- | DECEMBER | Peace |
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| 1 st | Cradley Village Christmas Fair |
| 3 rd | Last Swimming session for Yr 5/6 |
| 4 th | Football matches @ Ledbury 3:45pm |
| 5 th | Girl's Football Tournament @JMHS 3:45pm |
| 7 th | Nativity play to KS2 children |
| 10 th | Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm |
| 11 th | Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
Netball matches @ Ashperton 3:45pm |
| 14 th | FOCs Christmas Fair |
| 17 th | ASC Christmas Party |
| 18 th | Nursery trip to the Safari Park |
| 19 th | Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am
Christmas Lunch |
| 20 th | Community Concert 10am
Carol Service 6pm |
| 21 st | Animal Lady in
Break up |
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| JANUARY | Hope |
| 7 th | INSET Day |
| 8 th | INSET Day |
| 9 th | Term Starts |
| 15 th | Year 3/4 Swimming starts |
| 18 th | Young Voices Concert |
| 30 th | Class 1 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome 8:55am
Cluster Trudge 9-11am @ JMHS |

