



# CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018



## Garden Design Winners

A big well done to the winners of the garden design competition last week. Mrs Copp had a difficult job choosing winners but in the end she chose children who she felt had come up with a really special idea which could be put to use in the final design. All winners received seeds, pencils and notebooks as their prizes.

Well done to: Jake B, Jenny, Eddie, Charlotte, Ben, Daniel, Bryn, Lottie, Mali, Izzy K, Chloe, Ray.



## Carol Service

Our Carol Service will take place at Cradley Church on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. All classes will be performing within the service. All children are expected to attend in full uniform; we look forward to sharing this special occasion with you all. FOCs will be offering mulled wine and mince pies for a donation after the service.

## The Inn-Spectors come to Cradley

It is almost time, the dress rehearsal has been done and we are eagerly awaiting our performances on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. There are still some tickets available, so call the office if you would like to come.



## Open the Book

On Thursday, we welcomed Open the Book into Collective Worship to tell us the story of 'The Bad Brother'. Thank you to Class 4 for taking part.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Football Matches

On Tuesday, the football team travelled to Ledbury Primary to take part in their next fixture in the Winter league against Bosbury. This game was played in, what can only be described as challenging light conditions, or the almost dark!! A cagey first half saw both teams compete well, with several chances going begging, until Kyle scored on a counter attack. In the second half, with the slope Cradley started to dominate the game, and as the dark descended goals from Finn and Harley (making his Cradley debut) sealed a fine 3-0 win against a strong Bosbury side. Well played to; Sofia, Oscar, Emil, Finn, Will M, Harley, Kyle, Oliver and Freddie.

### Inset Day

A date for your 2019 diary: school will be closing on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Music 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. Individual drum lessons are also available. 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 19<sup>th</sup> December. You will need to have booked your child's lunch via Black Pepper by the 13<sup>th</sup> December. (Please note: bookings cannot be taken after that deadline.)

### Christmas Community Concert

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Last week, 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.*

### FOCS - Friends of Cradley School

While the finishing touches of this newsletter are being done, FOCS will be meeting at The Fold, Bransford (A4103) at 9am after the school run. We hope as many of you as possible have been able to come along, as this will be mostly about the final preparations for our School Christmas Fair. As this is the last newsletter before the day of the Christmas Fair, please look out for other FOCS communications whether it be posters, fliers or slips in Home Liaison Books, text messages via school, emails via school, or in person at the school gate!

All the school-made apple juice has sold and a profit of £282 raised. Sally would like to pass on her thanks to everyone who helped with labelling and selling, as well as all those who bought bottles of it!

Thank you to all those who helped at last weekend's Cradley Village Christmas Fair, we couldn't have done it without such a reliable and supportive team of helpers! Thank you to Lucy Burton and Sarah Jeffries for their generous donations of prizes for the event. Congratulations to one of our school governors, Claire Griffiths, who guessed the number of chocolates in the Xmas Pudding! Yum! We made just under £50 which is great, as our games were affordable and we were able to join in this community event, as well as raise





some money for FOCS too. The Village Fair organisers made us very welcome and told us how great it was to see so many young people there, so thank you those of you who came along! FOCS would like to thank the organisers Jan Dampney and Judi Creed-Newton who have very kindly donated **over 100 prizes** left over from the fair, which we will be able to make good use of at our school Christmas fair next Friday.



#### **School Christmas Fair - Friday 14th Dec at 3pm.**

Gifts for grown-ups, wrapping paper and accessories required please!

Thanks for all the donations so far for Santa's Secret Gift Shop at the Christmas Fair. This is for the children to choose an inexpensive gift for their parents or grandparents, siblings or friends (or teachers!) or pets, which we will wrap for them ready to pop under the tree. We have loads of lovely toys/games for the children to choose as presents for siblings and friends but we could do with more gifts for the grown ups please as well as wrapping paper and accessories to make these gifts look great under the tree. Please have a good rummage for unwanted giftable items lurking in your cupboards- toiletries, photo frames, chocolates, candles, preserves, stationery, notebooks, pet toys or treats etc. We really want to make this an exciting new addition to the Christmas Fair line up!

A box is in the foyer for your donations - any questions please see Zoe or Daff. THANK YOU.

Thank you for all your donations of bottles for the non-uniform day last week and to the Tombola team for collecting, storing and labelling these ready for next Friday!!

Santa's helpers are keeping very busy arranging Santa's Grotto for this year, which all sounds very exciting! Thank you again to all families who are helping make this event happen. We would welcome more offers of help, to set up, to clear away, to run a stall, to help out for half an hour here or there. Please let Grace Lyndon know if you can help out, or please message via school or home liaison books.

**Mince Pies!** Please add an extra box of mince pies to your shopping list this week if you can. FOCS will be asking for these w/c 17<sup>th</sup> Dec which is the week of the Carol Service. If you're partial to a bit of mince-pie

baking, our FOCS team for the Carol Service mulled wine and mince pies (Poppy Stanley, Gemma D and Bernie Hughes) will be grateful for all donations.

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/friendsofcradleyschool/> as FOCS will receive a percentage of your costs at no extra cost to you.

After December, we are looking for a new volunteer to update the newsletter for FOCS. Please let Grace Lyndon (Chair) know or via school if you would like to help FOCS with this.

#### **Cradley Scout Group**

Thank you to all those cubs, beavers and parents from School that helped at the Village Christmas Fair last weekend. It was a really good day. The competition on the "Feeding the Reindeer" stall was particularly fierce, especially when the adults got involved. Well done to Daff Tambling for taking that top honour. A big thank you to Lucy Burton who created the Reindeer and the Fire Place. Along with FOCS, our stand looked really great. Thank you to Annie for all the support and help from the FOCS team as well. James Burton, Cubs Leader

#### **Nursery**

Christmas has officially arrived in Nursery, it's never too early! On Monday we all helped to decorate the Christmas tree, it's no Rockefeller centre Christmas tree but our Christmas tree is fabulous in its own unique way. We've been busy in P.E on Monday delivering presents with Carol, we all had to throw a present into a hoop to deliver them down the chimneys like Father Christmas. On Tuesday we all enjoyed playing Christmas maths games on the iPad's with Lauren. Wednesday we opened our doors again for Stay and Play and everyone thoroughly enjoyed exploring our messy tray that was full of snow! To add a little more excitement to our morning we made Christmas themed playdough with Charlie. This week we have loved listening to Katrina read us 'The Stick Man' story, we then got to write our names in the snow tray with our own sticks. We finished off our week with a Nativity dress rehearsal on Friday; we had some very cute sheep in Nursery. In the afternoon we all made Christmas biscuits with Katrina and Charlie.



### Class 1

It's been a busy week with rehearsals on the stage, in costume with props! We had our first performance to the whole school today and a few of our younger siblings came to watch too. We've enjoyed opening our Class 1 Advent Calendar each morning and we are all waiting patiently for our turn! We have managed to squeeze in some English and Maths through the mornings, singing our way through The Twelve Days of Christmas and adding partridges to calling birds and subtracting five gold rings...answers on a postcard! We even found time to send Santa an email!

### Class 2

This week we have been working hard to perfect our lines for our play. We have also been organising costumes and finalising dances and practising using props. We have also managed to fit in some lessons about measuring the weather. We made wind socks and set up a weather station to find out the temperature and how much rain has fallen!

### Class 3

A run around fractions lesson on the playground helped to secure our skills of adding fractions this week, and we have also been looking at Roman numerals too. In English we have been looking at how adverbs can make our sentences more interesting, carefully, playing around with where we could place them. In topic our weaving continues and we have also looked at the life of the daughter of Alfred the Great, Aethelflaed, who did great things in Mercia and England. We have also been opening our class advent calendar and have started practicing our song for the Carol Service...very exciting!

### Class 4

This week Class 4 have been learning to add and subtract fractions, we have been using visual aids, reasoning and adding and subtracting fractions with related denominators. In English we have been developing our news report writing by orally learning a news report, editing the details and learning about grammatical techniques before writing a similar version ourselves. In the afternoons Year 5 have had their final swimming session of the term, and Year 4 shared the games they created on Scratch with the Year 3s. We have also developed our dribbling skills in basketball, learned more about farm animals in French and developed our knowledge of the human and physical geography of the Alps.

### Class 5

This week we have been writing a first draft explaining how our chosen critically endangered species is under threat of extinction and what must be done about it. This is particularly topical in a week when Sir David Attenborough, from the UN summit in Poland, has warned us about the threat that climate change poses to

our planet and all its inhabitants. In maths we have continued work on ratio and proportion, getting active in the playground creating coloured 'patios' in different ratios, and reflected shapes in mirror lines. In science, we considered how plants have adapted to some extreme environments, and in topic we used a 'drawing without drawing' technique to re-create images of Charlie Chaplin and 'the kid'.



### Stars of the Week

Nursery Hayden Jeffries for persistence in learning  
Arthur Keveren for taking a risk at circle time

Class 1 Jack Yardley for persistence and taking a risk when covering a part in the nativity  
Harry Purser-Wall for his enthusiasm in nativity rehearsals and singing

Class 2 Joseph Davies for saying his lines independently in the nativity  
Uriah Lyndon for being positive during nativity rehearsals

Class 3 Ben Griffiths for persistently trying his best at work and for being helpful  
Isabella Kildare for independence and persistence with her weaving

Class 4 Mali Robb for being proactive about making Class 4 a happy place  
Elsie-Mae Jackson for always having a smile and a positive 'can do' attitude

Class 5 Oliver Burton for attention to detail and persistence with his writing  
Bo Brett for persistently great effort and enthusiasm with swimming this term



**Value of the Month      PEACE**

A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, 'Wonderful Counsellor,' 'Mighty God,' 'Eternal Father,' 'Prince of Peace.'

Isaiah 9:6

Chosen by Mrs Eryl Copp (Chair of Governors)

**Dates for the Future**

**DECEMBER      Peace**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nativity Play to parents 1:30pm  
Netball matches @ Ashperton 3:45pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> FOCs Christmas Fair
- 17<sup>th</sup> ASC Christmas Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> Nursery trip to the Safari Park
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sportshall Athletics @JMHS 9-11am  
Christmas Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> Community Concert 10am  
Carol Service 6pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Break up  
Animal Lady in

**JANUARY      Hope**

- 7<sup>th</sup> INSET Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> INSET Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> Term Starts
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Swimming starts
- 18<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Concert
- 30<sup>th</sup> Class 1 Collective Worship, Parents Welcome  
8:55am  
Cluster Trudge 9-11am @ JMHS

**FEBRUARY      Love**

- 1<sup>st</sup> FOCs Disco
- 5<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Arrives  
Parents Evening 15:30-17:30
- 6<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening 17:30-19:30
- 8<sup>th</sup> School closes at 12:00
- 12<sup>th</sup> Hockey Extravaganza
- 15<sup>th</sup> Break up
- 25<sup>th</sup> Return to School
- 28<sup>th</sup> Net and Wall Extravaganza 11-1pm  
Pyramid Prom @ JMHS

