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Diary Dates

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January

Inset Day:

Monday 8th January

Term Starts:

Tuesday 9th January

Half Term:

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Friday 22nd December 2023: Issue 4

Headteacher's message: Alison Higgs

Welcome to our December Newsletter.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!

We have achieved so much as a school community this term! There have been so many lovely events and memories made and I want to say a massive thank you to all of our parents and carers for your ongoing support of the school.

In 2024 we big plans ahead as we continue to strive forward to make this the best school we can.

In January, all the staff are having training in our new outdoor learning curriculum. Our children thrive in the outdoors and there is so much research into how nature can have a positive effect on our emotional regulation and well being.

As we step into the Spring Term we are going to have a big drive into improving our outdoor learning spaces and playgrounds to make them wonderful environments for our pupils to enjoy. I would really love to see more events and fundraising in school next year so we can get some additional sensory resources for inside and outside of school.

Save the Date: We are going to have our first PTFA of 2024 on Thursday 25th January at 5pm. This time we are going to offer that parents can attend this in school or join via TEAMS. We hope that this will increase the number of parents and carers who are able to get involved as I know myself how hard it can be to organise childcare!

From my family to yours I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing the children in 2024!

Take care,

Alison

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Blue Class News

December has been a very busy month in Blue Class! We have continued with our learning through our topic based activities around our theme 'Celebrate Good Times', enjoying the stories 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and 'Stickman' especially.

Our Maths activities this half term have involved Christmas trees, snowmen, gingerbread men and Santas! We have learnt lots of new number rhymes to help with our counting skills and developed our understanding of shape and measure through our Christmassy craft activities.

We all enjoyed creating our salt dough candy cane and snowflake decorations for our stall at the Christmas Fayre. We worked hard to practise for our Christmas Nativity and all performed brilliantly as angels playing our bells! We have also worked very hard to make some special Christmas surprises to bring home for you all.

As always, we are very proud of our children, all their achievements and the progress they continue to make.

Everyone in Blue Class wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in 2024.

Merry Christmas!

Blue Class Staff

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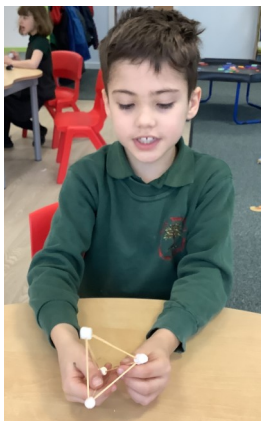
Red Class News

Wow! Red Class have been amazing us with their continued hard work this half-term. We have been working on 3D shape and repeating patterns in Maths. We have been continuing to build on our writing and reading skills in English, focussing on winter and Christmas stories.

The children also wowed us with their singing in the Nativity play. We were very proud of them all.

Well done everyone, you have completed your first whole term in Red Class!

Enjoy the holidays and we will see you in January.



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Orange Class News

We come to the end of another amazing year where we can only look back and see how much progress the children have made. They have all done nothing but thrive, and like I said at parents' evening, they do nothing but show us their biggest smiles every day. As we enter the new year, we look forward to starting our new topic, 'We're Going to the Zoo' which I hope we will be able to do! We will continue with our routine in class, which I have already seen how much it benefits the class as we explore new books, build relationships, and embed strategies.

Have a lovely Christmas and a Fantastic New Year!!

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Green Class News

Wow! Green Class have had an amazing term together and we are so proud of them all. We have had a busy month getting ready for Christmas, making our items for the Christmas Fayre and rehearsing for the School Nativity.

In English, we have continued looking at sentence structure and poems about monsters. In Mathematic, we have been focusing on odd and even numbers and looking at properties of 2D shapes in our 20/20 sessions.

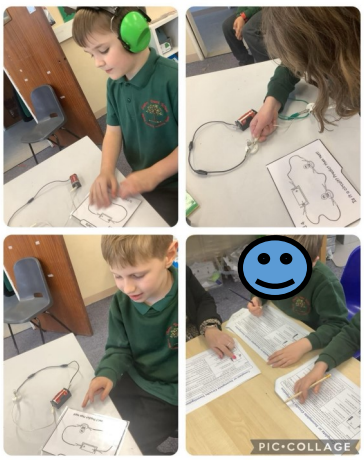
The children have been working really hard in our afternoon lessons where we have focussed on our topic, and have learnt all about Queen Victoria and what it would have been like to be a Victorian child.

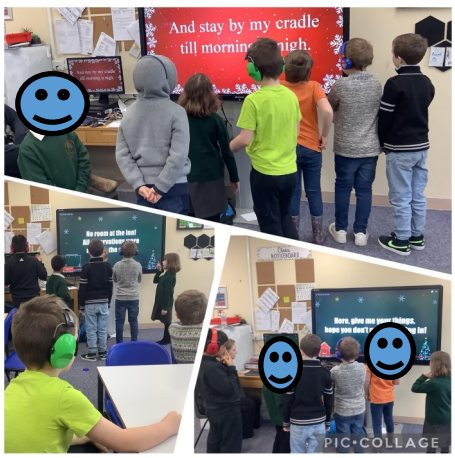
In Science, we have been exploring electricity and making circuits and in Art, we have created our own masterpieces inspired by the work of Lowry.

Well done Green Class!

Merry Christmas everyone and we will see you in the New Year.

The Green Class Team





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Yellow Class News

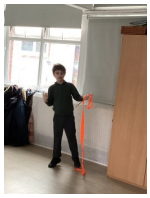
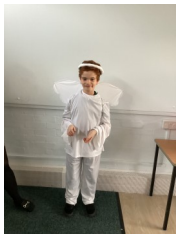
We have had a busy and exciting month getting ready for Christmas.

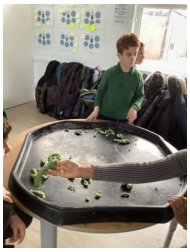
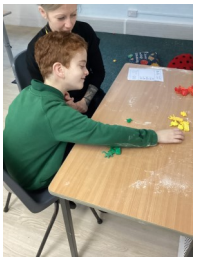
The children have made Christmas Cards, Christmas Presents for their families and have helped to make/decorate items to sell at the Christmas Fayre, which everyone has loved. The glitter we have all been featuring is just an extra sparkle to the festive season.

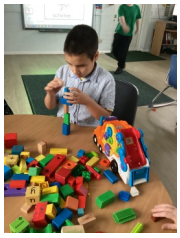
We have been continuing to work on our shape targets and in number working, we have worked on the concept of many and few. We have worked hard in phonics and have begun to recognise initial sounds, while others have focussed on all sorts of art and the noises materials make.

All of the children enjoyed rehearsing for the Christmas Nativity and learning Christmas songs using Makaton. I know lots of you will be as proud as we are that all of the children joined us on stage and most of us were dressed up!

We hope you have an amazing Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2024 ready for our new topic, "The Circus Is Coming!"



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Purple Class News

The final month of 2023 has arrived…

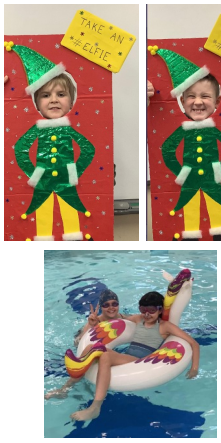
We have raced against the clock to put the 100 square back together, measured using decimetres and rulers. We compared the WW2 eggless cake with a delicious chocolate cake from our day...that one was definitely a winner! We talked about what it was like to be an evacuee in the war, made a suitcase, a gas mask, a ration book and our own name tag.

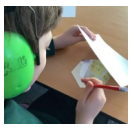
We made pizza to show off our culinary skills and most ate the one they made.

Our science unit came to an end. The much awaited conclusion of the missing earring had arrived and we were all (adults included) surprised. We knew it was Maggie and Sue as we had worked that out over the previous weeks through investigations, but we DID NOT know where on earth the diamond earrings were… **Hidden in the bottom of the stage curtains!**

Then, last but by no means least, was the most amazing Christmas Nativity. The children were wonderful, and they all joined in and took part. I know they made myself and Purple Team so proud, and parents as well. Such a wonderful performance to end the year with.

Have an amazing Christmas and New Year and we'll see you all in January 2024!





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Carol Singing

A small group of pupils from Purple Class, Green Class and Red Class represented the school brilliantly when they entertained the residents at Bridge Manor Care Home. The pupils sang and signed a number of Christmas songs for the residents. They sounded amazing.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you all for joining us at our Christmas Fayre, it was lovely to see so many of you in attendance.

We raised a massive

£358.06

for the school funds.

Christmas Nativity

The child all worked really hard on our Christmas Nativity play and I'm sure that you will all agree, that they did an amazing job. We are all so proud of everyone. Also a big thank you for joining us, it was lovely to see our hall full, and the continued support from our Cherry Trees Family.

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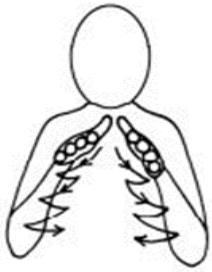
Sign of the Month



Christmas Tree

Our sign of the week is Christmas Tree – Mime the outline of a Christmas tree.

You can see how to do the sign here:

https//: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZhy_4y6t6I

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	78.1%
Red Class	90.2%
Orange Class	94.8%
Green Class	86.2%
Yellow Class	94.4%
Purple Class	86.5%

Congratulations to:

Orange Class

You have the best Attendance for the Month

Well done to all of you.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Cherry Trees Safeguarding

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Sources of support for you

Christmas can be a difficult and stressful time of year for many different reasons. If you feel like you're struggling right now, you're not alone. I have gathered contact information for some helplines, so you know where you can turn to if you need some help. Remember, it's okay not to be okay.

Mental health

For you:

Samaritans (free) | 116 123 | jo@samaritans.org | samaritans.org

Mind (calls charged at local and network rates) | 0300 123 3393 | info@mind.org.uk | mind.org.uk

If you're worried about your child:

Young Minds Parents Helpline (free) | 0808 802 5544 | https://bit.ly/3p8kpDp

Food Banks

Kingsway Foodbank | Staffordshire | kingsway-food-bank@yahoo.co.uk | King-sway Church, High Street, Wombourne, WV5 9DN

Adventist Foodbank | Wolverhampton | 215 Great Brickkiln Street, Wolverhampton, WV3 0PN | 07826 240716 | seventh-dayadventistfoodbank.btck.co.uk

Black Country Food Bank | Dudley | Albion Street, BHill, DY5 3EE | 01384 671250 black-countryfoodbank.org.uk

Family life

Family Lives (support on any aspect of parenting and family life. Free phone) | 0808 800 2222 | askus@familylives.org.uk | familylives.org.uk

Domestic abuse

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (free) | 0808 2000 247 | nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Men's Advice Line (free) | 0808 8010 327 | mensadviceline.org.uk

Galop (free, LGBT+) | 0800 999 5428 | galop.org.uk

CHADD – (Dudley) 01384 456465 | www.chadd.org.uk

The Haven (Wolverhampton) 0800 019 4400 | havenrefuge.org.uk

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year, Nicola