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Reverse Advent Calendar

Christmas can be a very exciting time of year: spending time with family and friends, giving and receiving presents, singing carols, decorating the house, and eating lots of food but sadly this is not the case for all families. After such a successful experience in previous years, we will once again be organising a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' this December.

Every class will have an Advent hamper which we hope to fill with each pupil donating one item before the end of the term. On some days we will be asking more than one child to donate so that every child in the class has a turn. The last day of our advent calendar will be on Monday December 15th to allow us time to deliver the hampers to the food bank at the church on the day of our carol service.

The class teachers will decide when each child's 'donation day' is and place a list up in the classroom to help them remember it. [Here](#) is a link to DENS' website where you can find their list of high needs items. It is our hope that through the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' we will embody our school's four core values:

Wisdom - Making good judgements which benefit all

Hope - Showing others that we care

Community - Looking after the more vulnerable members of our local community

Dignity - Treating those who are less fortunate with respect and dignity

We thank you for your support with this cause and hope that you agree that it is a good way of supporting our local community and will also ensure we make Christmas for someone a happier one.

Mrs Ing

Maths Visit

This week we welcomed Eileen Anderson, our School Effectiveness Advisor, into the school to spend the morning looking at Maths. The visit focussed on the children's fluency in Maths and the use of concrete manipulatives in lessons to help the children understand new concepts. Eileen was joined by Olly Rogers (Foundation Governor) and parent. They enjoyed seeing the lessons, talking to children and looking at books. The visit was overwhelmingly positive, and it is clear that we are meeting our targets set out on the maths action plan. Thanks go to Mrs McGhee for all her work as Maths lead.

African Drumming Workshop

Our African Drumming workshops finally took place on Monday, with all year groups getting involved. Pupils learned where the djembe drum comes from, tried out different sounds and rhythms, and joined in with call-and-response drumming. Everyone had the chance to lead a call for their group. It was a fun, hands-on session and the children took a lot away from the experience.

Friday 28th November – School Closed!

A reminder that school is closed to staff and pupils next Friday. Please do not send your children to school!

Celebration

Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated in school this week for being the best version of themselves:

3PS – Samuel L and Alice W

3S – Robyn S and Freddie W

4A – Arthur S and Louis T



He came so that we can 'be the best
version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its
fullness.'



4C – Phoebe C and Luca T
5DR – Leo KW and Ellis R
5M – Evie W and Alex G
6I – Alfie J and Cami C
6H – Zack R and Reggie R

Other Honours

Pom Poms: 5DR

Jessica J, Ariana M, Winnie M and Olivia W – Football

Arlo H – Hyrox

Finley C – Piano

Izzy K and Georgie D - Dance

Lucy – Gymnast of the week

Eve B – Swimming

Around School

It has been another great week in school. Here is a taste of what the children have been doing this week.

This Week

Year 3 have enjoyed completing their measuring investigation in Science. Year 4 have enjoyed making scientific investigations. Year 5 have loved finding out about how scientific ideas about the nature of our solar system changed over many hundreds of years. Year 6 have been investigating shadows!

Next Week

Year 3 will be continuing their 'Finn Family Moomintroll' inspired postcards. Year 4 are looking forward a new English topic on UK landmarks. Year 5 are looking forward to building on the work they did in maths, on multiples and factors, by exploring square and prime numbers. Year 6 will be calculating with fractions.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year.

New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
Wednesday 26 th November	Buddies Wreath Making Evening
Thursday 27 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Mop Up
Friday 28 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed!
Monday 1 st December	Reverse Advent Calendar Begins (Details to follow!)
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 6 Victorian Day
Friday 5 th December	Buddies Christmas Fayre
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon and Evening Christmas Services at St P and P
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Wednesday 17 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	End of Term Service at St P and P 11.30am
15 th – 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Friday 19 th December	School closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley