



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday we came together as a school community for the official opening of our Reading Shed/Castle. This was the germ of an idea from Mrs Kellacher, our English Lead.

With the help and support of Friends of St Luke's (FoSL) we were able to secure the funding. We extend our grateful appreciation to Marshes Community Benefit Fund for allocating the grant; which enabled us to complete the project.

Thank you to Helen from Frodsham Library for coming to open up this wonderful space and we know she shares our love of reading.

Orla from year 5 said 'It's a fun place to read. It's an amazing place to pick up a book and get lost in it.'

Zach from year 5 said 'It's a nice place to read and to be able to zone out and really enjoy the book'.

Amelia from year 1 said 'The opening was really good, I like that you can choose your own cushions'.

Thomas from year 1 said 'I like that you get to read books and I like books'.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Please see dates for your diary on the next page.

Kind regards

Eileen Murtagh



Infant Nativity

The Infants have been busy singing and learning lines for their Christmas Nativity - Children Around the World. Come and see us perform on Thursday 7th December at 2pm and 6pm. Please can you complete the school spider survey to give an indication of the maximum number of tickets you will require, this way we can check overall capacity requirements. We will confirm that the ticket requirements aren't an issue.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm

Friday 8th December—Whole school at the Panto, The Brindley

Monday 11th December—KS2 Carol Service 5pm

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December—Christmas Party

Friday 15th December—KS2 cricket training

Wednesday 20th December—School closes for Christmas

FOSL

A reminder to return any raffle tickets and monies by next Friday 8th December.

Wreath night

A great time was had by all at the wreath night this week. Thanks you to Jenny Penny flowers for hosting. Some stunning wreaths were produced!



Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **93.5%**. Across the school, **1 hour 24 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.



Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed

95% attendance means **10** school days missed

90% attendance means **19** school days missed

80% attendance means **38** school days missed

5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Little Church

Come and Join us for Little Church during 6pm mass on Saturday where there will be some fun activities while discussing this week's Gospel.

Lion Cubs

It was lovely to see so many Lions and Cubs come and play this week. Come and join us again next week.



Recommended Read

A member of year 6 recommends 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross Mackenzie. "I really like this book because it has lots of magic and mystery. I would give it 4 stars because it has a sad ending but it is well worth the read."

Cherry Class

This week Cherry class have been independently writing a recount about what Nibble's might have done on his holiday. We have been working hard with our reading and phonics and especially tricky words.

In maths year 1 have been working hard to solve addition and subtraction word problems and creating stories about number sentences. Reception have been recognising and ordering numbers to 10.

In DT we have continued investigating different structures and explored how to make fans for our windmills.

In WTL, we have been learning about Advent and what this means to us. We have made Advent promises and talked about how we can get ready for Jesus.

We have worked hard with our Geography homework projects "Where's Luca". The children are very keen to present these to the class and remember a lot of information.

We are very proud of our parents who helped to design and build the Reading Castle. We love using it!



Elm Class

Elm class have had a fabulous week. We have been busy rehearsing our Nativity, which we can't wait to show you!

In English, we have been writing our chronological report using conjunctions, commas and adverbs.

In Personal Development, we have looked at how our bodies are special and how we can stay healthy.

In 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' we have been looking at the birth of Jesus and created a birth announcement poster to share the good news.

On Friday, we were very lucky to visit the community church for a Christmas journey experience. We really enjoyed ourselves!



Yew Class

Yew tree class have been extremely busy this week and have worked incredibly hard!

This week we have been presenting our "Where's Luca?" geography homework. All the children have spent lots of time and effort into their homework and we have all enjoyed sharing our research with the class. We have learned lots of interesting facts about different countries in North and South America.

In science we continued looking at the digestive system. We observed what happens to food as it enters the small and large intestines. We then drew the digestive system and labelled the functions of the different organs.

In DT this week we identified different features of castles such as turrets, battlements, drawbridges and moats. We were then given the brief of designing a castle for King Charles using the features that we learned about. We will use these designs to help us with the construction of our final piece.



Cypress Class

After a busy weekend spreading Christmas cheer on the Frodsham Festival Float, Cypress Tree Class have had another busy week and have been working really hard. Alongside completing assessments for autumn term assessment week, we have enjoyed learning more about different countries from the Asia from our homework presentations. It has been wonderful to see the children feel more confident to stand up in front of the class and the research and work which has gone into the homework task has been great.

In our English lessons this week, we have been learning about parenthesis and modal verbs and learning about when we *should* include them within our writing. As our text is called 'Can we save the tiger?', we have been finding out more about tigers to create an information sheet about them (including parenthesis, where we can).

In our history lesson this week, we have been making comparisons between Ancient Maya homes and the homes that we live in today. We discovered that the wealthy homes often had steam baths in whilst the poorer homes were made out of mud, sticks and grass.

On Thursday, we were delighted to be part of the grand opening of the reading shed. We love reading in Cypress Tree Class and can't wait to spend time in there enjoying a good book. Thank you to everyone involved in building and creating this wonderful space.



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards

