

Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

8th December 2016

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning about the Christmas truce between the soldiers in World War 1 in 1914, using the book 'War Game' by Michael Foreman. We also held our Story Cafe this week. We read 'Coming Home' a short story by Michael Morpurgo about a robin and his plight to make it home for Christmas (if that sounds familiar it's because he wrote it in partnership with Waitrose as part of their Christmas campaign). After reading the story, the children made robin Christmas decorations (many rediscovered their skill for sewing) and bird feeders to hang in the school grounds. We look forward to seeing which birds we can attract, perhaps we'll even see a robin.



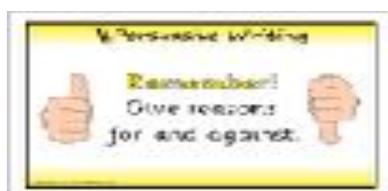
Year 5

Year 5 have been continuing with our Indian palace description using writing techniques borrowed from the world of film. As well as performing from a script for our nativity, we have been creating scripts from our story of Ram and King Dashrat. This has linked with Diwali and the similarities and differences between Hinduism and Sikhism. In Maths, we have been continuing with fraction equivalence and using this to help add fractions related denominators.



Year 4

We have been working on persuasive texts. This week we are writing persuasive texts about why we should have that brilliant Christmas present that mum and dad might say no to. It will be interesting to see how good their arguments turn out to be!!



Year 3

Thank you to those that joined us for our story café, it was great to see you and we hope you enjoyed the Christmas craft.



Following our story from last week, we have been working hard writing our own letters to Father Christmas in English. We have also been

working hard in preparation for our Christmas performance!

Year 2

Year 1 and 2 children have been practicing very hard for their Christmas nativity, which will be performed for parents and carers this Thursday, 8th December, at 9.30am and 1:30 in the hall. They are looking forward to putting on a great show for everybody. Then on Friday 9th December we are going to King's Lynn to watch the pantomime 'Cinderella'. We will leave school at 12:30 and plan to be back about 5:45pm.



Year 1



This week we have been practicing singing lots for our school nativity performance. We have also been getting into the festive spirit in our

classroom as, on Friday, we received a letter from Father Christmas asking for our Christmas lists! After drafting a list we sent him a polite letter asking for our most wanted things. We have also been spending time working with fractions and have practiced finding a half and a quarter of different amounts.

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KS 2 Performance

For the KS2 performance could you arrive at the Alderman Peel High School at 6.15pm {no earlier please} so that we can begin the performance at 6.30pm prompt. If you haven't paid for any extra tickets could you please do so as soon as possible so that we can send the donation to the Homeless Charity.

Goodbye

We will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Angie Mansell at the end of this term. Miss Mansell has been at this school since September 2003 and will be sorely missed. Mrs Debby Topp and Miss Ros Spink will also be leaving at the end of this term as their contract expires on this date. I am sure you would like to join us in wishing them all good luck in their new ventures.

Hello

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Jennifer Beard to our team, Miss Beard will take up the position of Year 5 teacher in January 2017.

PFA

Huge thank you to all that turned out to support last Fridays Bingo. It was a great evening filled with some delicious Christmas treats. We took over £300 which is all going to the playground equipment fund (which is coming along nicely!) The children's council have chosen a design they are keen on and we are in talks with a company in Kings Lynn who are able to supply some additional bits.

We hope you managed to get to one or both of the Christmas tree festivals. The Wells display was really interesting with some quirky trees amongst the more traditional kind. Our beach huts looked great and we collected a little money for the PFA. The Fakenham tree festival was magnificent as always with trees of every colour, again our beach huts sparkled in amongst the other trees and we took over £10 per day but will update you with the final amount.

The PFA will now be busy supporting the school with the end of term festivities including refreshments at the productions, a party afternoon to include

a disco and party food and a visit from a chap in a red coat :-)

It's Christmas!

Thank you to the many children who completed the Learning Log homework and made superb Christmas Tree decorations!

Our tree at the Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival looked superb, thank you to the PFA for organising this event.

Mrs Rachel Stroulger, Headteacher at Burnham Market Primary School and Wells Federation Primary Lead

Reminder of Diary Dates:-

9 th December	12.30 Panto visit
12 th December	2.00 Maths Café - Year 1
13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
13 th December	6.30 KS2 Christmas Production at APHS
15 th December	1.00 Class Christmas Parties/Disco
16 th December	Non-uniform - Christmas Jumper Day
5 th January	8.50am School re-opens