

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week the whole school took part in remembrance activities across the school including a beautiful Remembrance Liturgy. The children then took part in a two minute silence in their classrooms. There is something very powerful and moving about hearing all the usual chatter and laughter in the classes then ringing a bell and the whole school falls silent for 2 mins, all in shared reflection.

This week I have started to hear a few nativity songs being practised and the stage is already up. How the time is flying!

In Rowan Class they had Animals Southwest visiting as part of their topic. They had a fantastic time looking at a wide range of animals including snakes.

On Wednesday children from Yr 4 – 6 took part in Anti-bullying workshops as part of Anti-bullying week and FSU to Yr 3 took part in focussed assemblies. These were all run by Bullies Out company and the children found the sessions really interesting and informative. Jay, who ran the sessions, commented on the fantastic school we have and how the children behaved beautifully and engaged really well with the sessions.

On Wednesday evening it was lovely to see the children here for 'Bedtime Stories'. The children loved coming to school in their pyjamas, drinking hot chocolate and listening to the staff read stories.

Today is Children in Need day. The children have loved wearing their own clothes and knowing their donations make a difference to other children. Many thanks for all the donations - all the money raised goes to Children in Need, helping those that need it most.

Thank you to everyone who brought in clothes for Bags2School. It raised just over £52.00 in total.

We are really pleased to say that Mrs Spinks is returning from her maternity on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December to teach in Year 4. This does however, sadly mean Mrs Coleman will be leaving. Mrs Coleman has been a fantastic asset to the school and we are very sorry to see her go. Mrs Spinks will be returning four days a week so we are advertising for a teacher to work the fifth day.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Wow project, eco council workshops

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Rowan Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November – FSU parent activity session, 2.15pm

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Maple and Beech Class parent activity sessions, 2.15pm

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 10am – FSU and KS1 Nativity first showing

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Sycamore Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2pm – FSU and KS1 Nativity repeated performance

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Cherry Class parent activity session, 2.15pm

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – PTA Present room

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Exmouth Town Lantern parade. Cherry and Maple Class making the lanterns to take

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Advent Service in Church 6pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – First aid workshops for all children FSU – Yr 6.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term

**Silver Awards:** Cherry Class - Douglas

**Bronze Awards:** FSU – Aredhel, Albert, Max, Darcey, Rowan Class – Laicee, Aaron, Anastasiia, Art, Maple Class – Brooke, Sukie, Hollie, Melissa

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Yasmin, Rowan Class – Finley, Sycamore Class – Millie, Cherry Class - Oto, Maple Class – Quinlan, Beech Class – Finlay & Queenie