

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had a busy week with topics in full swing as well as Christmas rehearsals. FSU and Maple Class had a wonderful morning yesterday. They took part in a recycling workshop run by Devon County where they learnt all about how to look after our planet.

We do now have more cases of Covid in staff and children. Public Health have recommended that if your child is in a class that has any cases that you take them for a PCR test. They do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the test but it is pre-cautionary as not all LFT are picking up the cases.

**Spread the Happiness Advent Calendar**

In class each day the children are using our Spread the Happiness Advent calendar. We have attached it to this newsletter so the children can continue with the activities at the weekend.

**Create an Advent Wreath**

In the past we have done things like make a crib for the crib trail. This year we are asking that all the children have a go at 'creating' their own Advent wreath. These will then be displayed around school for all the children to see in the last weeks of term. We will be selecting a winner from FSU and Key Stage 1 and a winner from Key Stage 2. More information is attached.

**Raffle tickets**

The children will have come home with raffle tickets this week. I have an amazing looking hamper in my office just waiting for a good home! It is full of chocolate, biscuits, sweets, wine and even some decorations. All money raised goes to the PTA to provide resources for the school children.

**First Holy Communion**

We are really pleased that some of the children made their first Holy Communion on Sunday. This is a really special milestone in their Catholic faith. One of the parents reported 'It was a lovely service and they all looked wonderful and smart. The girls were gorgeous! They were a credit to the school while making their sacrament'. So congratulations to: Max, Alfie, Owen, James, Emma, William, Finlay and Isla.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November – Yr 6 Bikeability.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10am – FSU Nativity

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10am – FSU Nativity

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas present wrapping room

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm and 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm. Parents information session for children in year 3 and 4 about the statutory Multiplication test. The session will be on zoom and recorded for any that cannot attend.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lantern parade in town. Maple Class making lanterns.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm – KS2 Christmas Service in Church

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn term

**Gold Awards:** Rowan Class – Noah, Sycamore Class – Evie K, Poppy J

**Silver Awards:** Rowan Class – Eleanor, Sycamore Class - Jack

**Bronze Awards:** Rowan Class – Adam, Maple Class – Lilly, Elliott, Alfie, Gemma

**Stars of the week:** Oak Class - Ivy, Rowan Class – Louie E, Sycamore Class – Evan, Cherry Class - Damian, Maple Class - Jacob, Beech Class – Annie.