

Measham C of E News Friday 16th December



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful run up to the Christmas holidays, so much to celebrate!

Massive congratulations and well done to all the children and staff involved in the Pre-School, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production 'The Big Little Nativity'. The acting, singing, dancing and narrating were all absolutely fabulous. Well done children, we are all very proud of each and every one of you!



A huge thank you to our PFA who organised the fabulous Christmas Fair, I think it's fair to say it was a resounding success! We raised over £600! The children all thoroughly enjoyed the event- your help in making Christmas such a special time here at Measham CE is very much appreciated.

Our Key Stage 2 children also amazed us with their Christmas Service at church on Thursday. Thank you and well done to all involved, every child gave a fabulous performance and should be very proud of their singing, playing and narrating. With the snow falling outside, whilst we sang carols in church, it felt magical.

Thank you too to our cook Trish and her wonderful team for producing such a fabulous feast for us all at our Christmas dinner on Monday. It was delicious!

We even had a surprise visit from Santa yesterday morning at our Carols around the Tree service. The children were so excited especially as he brought them all a present! The children loved 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime....oh yes they did!! So much singing and dancing but we all enjoyed the happy ending.



The ladies and gentlemen at Age Concern loved their visit from our choir. The children sang different Christmas Carols and Christmas songs and I think there was plenty of toe-tapping from the audience. Everyone had a lovely morning!

Thank you to each and every one of you for supporting our secret Santa in class. Every child put a gift under the tree enabling everyone in the class to receive one too. Wonderful!

We have loved being able to invite family and friends to join us with all of these events in school this Christmas. Thank you for your continued support this term and in my first term as Headteacher, it is very much appreciated.

Are you struggling financially? We can help!

With the cost of living rising for us all at the moment, there are several ways that we can support you. At school....

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Measham Warm Places	
MEASHAM LIBRARY OFFERING FREE ACTIVITIES AND WARM DRINKS TUESDAY 10 TILL 2PM THURSDAY 10 TILL 2PM	AGE UK HIGH STREET, MEASHAM MONDAY 11:30AM TO 12:30PM HAY & SPUR TEA CO. COFFEE SATURDAY 10 TILL 12PM
MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, CHURCH STREET CUPPA AND A CHAT FROM THE STEW THURSDAY 11 TILL 12PM HOT BREAKFAST BY CHURCH PLACE	LEIGUE CENTRE, MEASHAM MON-FRIERS 12 TILL 3:30PM FREE TEACOFFEE, FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, PLEASE



- We have bakery from Tesco
- We have items from the Community fridge
- We can give you a food bank voucher
- We can offer you bits of spare uniform
- We have second hand coats in a good condition

In the village...

- The attached poster shows warm places which you are welcome to go to

And finally, if you think that you might be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the office to complete very simple paperwork.

PLEASE DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK....WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

One of our families is able to donate a brand-new Abode halogen oven 1300kW which apparently is very energy efficient. It is free to a good home. Please contact the office if you would like it.

News from the classes...

Foxes (Year 6) class

As part of their Anglo-Saxon topic this term, Year 6 took some time to study the legend of Beowulf. They researched various vocabulary unfamiliar to them, predicted what would happen next in the story, created rather graphic descriptions of Grendel and recalled the story as a comic strip. The enthusiasm and interest in this story was incredible and some of the descriptions created would compete with some of the best in books published. A great couple of weeks by all, well done.



Squirrels (Year 4) class

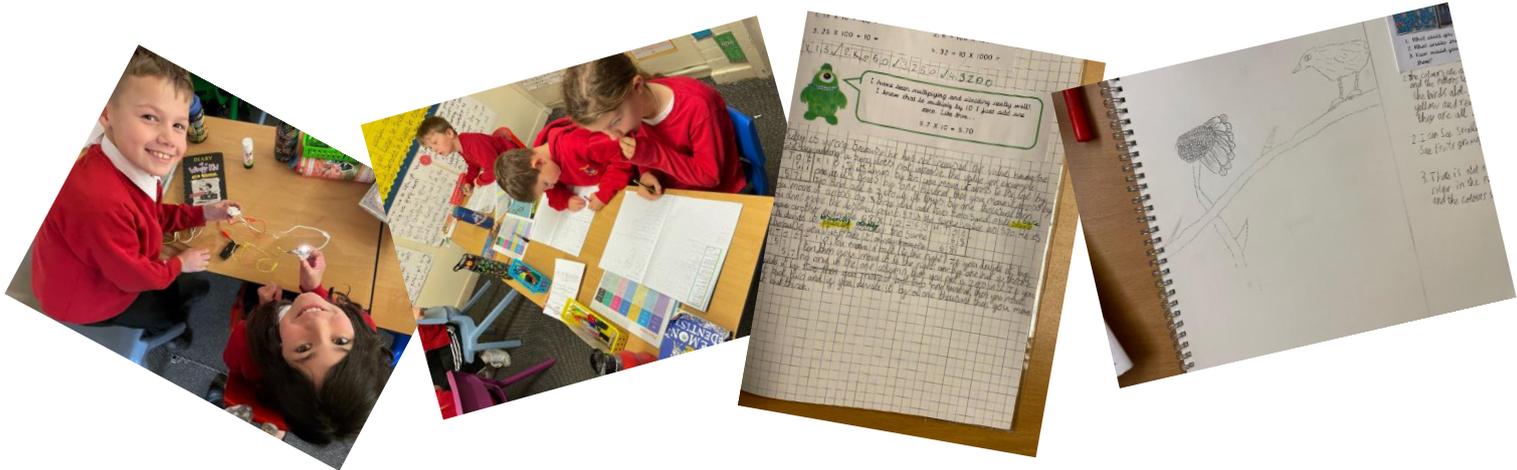
Squirrels have been having a cracking couple of weeks, and not just because we've been making Christmas crackers in our Victorian topic learning. We've added some extra light into our lives with electricity investigations in our Science learning as well as getting to grips with creating our own

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William Morris inspired wallpaper motifs in Art. This is all on top of some amazing multiplication work and descriptive writing too. Wow! We really have been squirrelling away. #supersquirrels



Badgers (Year 2) class

What a busy couple of weeks we've had in Year 2! As well as having lots of festive fun, we have been learning how to subtract a two-digit number from a two-digit number and we're getting very confident with this newly learnt strategy. We have also been finding out how different Australia is at Christmas time compared to the U.K in terms of weather, season and clothes worn. We have also been working really hard on our handwriting and most of us are now ready to join our letters which excites Year 2 immensely! What a great term of learning!



Butterflies (EYFS) class

EYFS had great fun playing with their shadow puppet theatre! This half term they have been finding out all about light and dark! What great fun they had making puppets and using the torches!



Attendance

Moles	94.4%
Squirrels	94.2%
Foxes	93.4%
Owls	93.1%
Butterflies	92.8%
Badgers	
Rabbits	92.2%



Whole school attendance to date – 93.3%
Target – 96%

There have been a lot of nasty germs around but moving forward, please make sure that your child attends school if they are fit and well.

Time off or lateness = missed learning

(Attendance data taken from 30th August – 16th December 2022)

Sports

PE, Swimming, Gymnastics and Forest School

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit. Our school PE kit is black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie and trainers. Y5/6 should also remember some black shorts for their gymnastics session on Wednesdays.

Y5 & Y6 will do PE on **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Y3 will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

Y4 will do PE on **Wednesday** and swim on a **Friday** (They wear PE kit on a swimming day)

Y2 will do PE on **Monday and Thursday**

Y1 will do PE on **Thursday and Friday**

EYFS will do PE on **Monday**

Swimming will start for Year 4 on Friday 6th January 2023. Very shortly, you will receive all the information on an email. Swimming is so important for children, particularly recently hearing of the 4 primary-aged children who died after swimming in an iced lake in Birmingham.

It is part of the National Curriculum like English and Maths and there is no opt-out option. I appreciate that some children are scared or have never been before. The pool is shallow at one end, all children can stand at this end and some school staff go in the water with the children.

Forest School

Forest School will start on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 for our Year 1 children. You will receive an email with all of the information that you need. The children will go to Forest School every Tuesday morning until half term with the final session being Tuesday 14th February – parents are invited to this session.

After school clubs

We look forward to inviting the children to join a new selection of After School clubs in the new year. A letter will be sent out during the first week back.

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School dinners

Unfortunately School Food Support (who run our school kitchen) have increased the cost of a school meal. From 3rd January 2023, a meal will cost £2.45 which is £12.25 for a week's worth of meals.

Nut free school

Please can I remind you that we are a NUT FREE school. We have 4 children with nut allergies, two of whom have an epi-pen so it is vital that we keep nuts out of our school. This also includes treats that the children may bring in as birthday treats for their friends. Thank you for your co-operation in keeping all our children safe.

This will be my last newsletter of 2022; Measham CE Primary School continues to go from strength to strength and it really has been a wonderful term! We have the most amazing children, dedicated and talented staff, supportive parents and we are blessed to be situated in a great community! Thank you to you all for your support in 2022, we are already looking forward to a spectacular 2023!

The staff and Governors would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kind regards,



Hannah Carter
Acting Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3 rd January 2023	Back to school 8.45am
	Year 1 Forest School
Friday 6 th January	EYFS Superhero Day – please come dressed up!
	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 9 th January	Year 3 and 4 Roman day
Tuesday 10 th January	Year 1 Forest School
Friday 13 th January	Year 4 Swimming
Tuesday 17 th January	Year 1 Forest School
Friday 20 th January	Year 4 Swimming
Saturday 21 st January	Cross Country at Hugglescote Primary School
Tuesday 24 th January	Year 1 Forest School

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Wednesday 25 th January	Young Voices
Friday 27 th January	Year 4 Swimming
Monday 30 th January	EYFS Early Mathematics workshop 9-10am

Additional Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May 2023 Following the announcement of His Majesty’s coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced for Monday 8th May. School will be closed on this day and will reopen on Tuesday 9th May.

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