

Friday Flyer

4th December 2020

“ It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas! “

School has had a very Christmassy feel this week as the excitement of Christmas is building amongst the children.

The scene was set on Monday as the Christmas trees went up. Thank you to Cowell’s Garden Centre for supplying our fabulous Christmas trees in both the hall and main entrance.

As the week progressed children began rehearsing Christmas songs and nativities which we hope to share with you virtually before the end of term.

For those of you who follow our twitter account @primarypont you will know that our advent countdown has started this week with a series of daily advent challenges. Thank you to Mrs Maccoy for coordinating this. We hope that you will enjoy them.

I hope that this weekend affords you time to begin your own Christmas preparations as a family. Whilst the current restrictions limit what we can do we just have to accept that this Christmas will be different. Let’s not write it off, try and stay positive and make the most of our time with the children. Have a lovely weekend everyone

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Covid symptom study

This is an app which has been developed by health science company Zoe in partnership with Kings College London. The app asks participants to report your current state of health which feeds into national data. It takes about 30 seconds to complete each day and has been designed to help scientists understand how the pandemic is developing over time. The app has now been developed to log symptoms within school communities. Whilst we are not registering our school at this time I thought it may be useful to raise awareness of the app. I am aware that some of our parents already use this app and find it easy to use and informative.

<https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

PTA

Thank you to everyone who entered the PTA Book Advent Calendar Raffle, the lucky winner was Molly in Year 2 - we hope you are enjoying unwrapping a new book each day Molly! The competition raised an amazing £125!

Next is the opportunity to win a beautiful Christmas Eve Hamper, the contents of which will appeal to all ages, Inside a beautiful wooden keepsake Christmas Eve box there is: a Christmas DVD, popcorn, a Santa Plate (to personalise), The Snowman book, The Snowman Chocolate Muffin kit, Snowman Bath Fizzers, Snowman Teddy, Candy Canes, Smarties, Cadbury Hot Chocolate and a Santa cup.

To enter, please send a £1 coin in a sealed envelope, with your child’s name and class on the front, you can enter as many times as you like!

Car parking

Car parking issues have been exacerbated this week by the closure of the Henry’s Hut car park. Kier are trying to accelerate works on the car park, however we face limited parking for the next 6 weeks.

Wherever possible please walk to school. Alternatively parking in the village and walking through the park has proven to be less stressful for many. Please do not park in the accessibility spaces without a blue badge. We have a number of children and parents who need to park there and have been unable to. Please be considerate to others at all times.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who sent Christmas cards in today. We will distribute them next week. Cards that we receive next week will be distributed in the last week of term.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

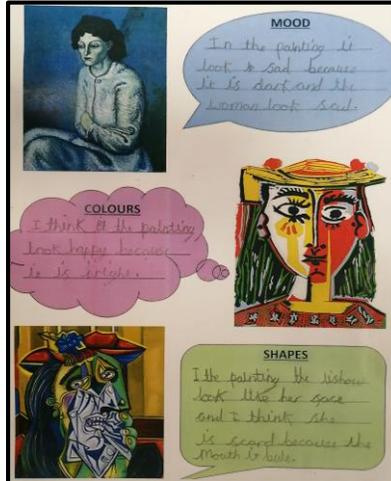
The Littlest Elf

EYFS and KS1 were treated to a very special visitor on Wednesday (in their separate bubbles of course). Pip, The Littlest Elf, from Bigfoot Theatre company came to visit us and took us on some magical adventures. She was really funny and we loved singing and dancing with her. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for funding this lovely visit which really got us into the Christmas spirit.



Art

We are very fortunate to have a Fine Art student from Newcastle University working with us over the next couple of terms. This week Year Four were treated to their first Art History lesson with Phoebe. The children were introduced to Pablo Picasso to launch their topic of Identity which they will be exploring further in the New Year. The children had lots to say about his use of colour to evoke feeling and express mood. One child commented that they thought 'he had used the colour blue to suggest sadness as tears were blue', another thought that the 'heart shape' embedded within a portrait of the Weeping Woman showed that she was heart broken. We are looking forward to welcoming Phoebe back after the Christmas break to help us to continue with our topic.



Upcoming Dates In Autumn Term

Wednesday 9 December	Christmas lunch – wear a Christmas jumper
Friday 11 December	National festive jumper day – wear a Christmas jumper and give a donation to Save The Children (£1 suggested)
Tuesday 15 December	Year 4 party (am) Year 2 party (pm)
Wednesday 16 December	Nursery party Year 5 party (am) Year 1 party (pm)
Thursday 17 December	Year 3 party (am) Reception party (pm)
Friday 18 December	End of term – school closes at 1pm

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