

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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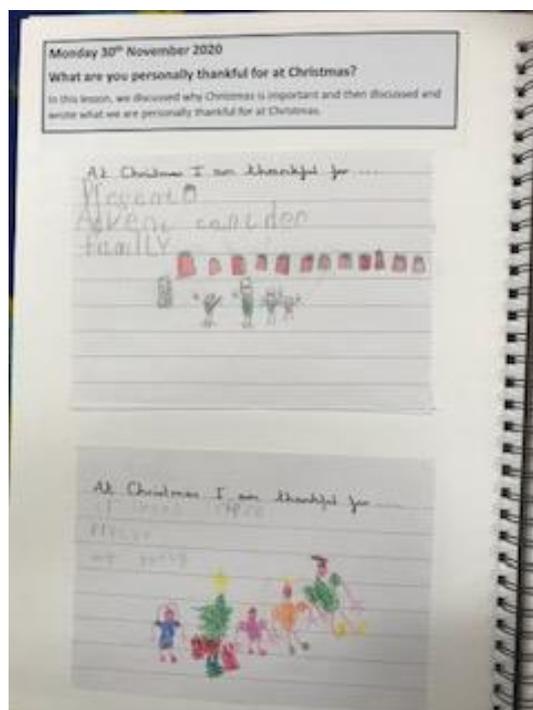


Friday 4th December 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are finally in December so we can now mention Christmas! Whilst I am sure that it will be a different kind of Christmas for most of us, we are still making sure that the children have a chance to enjoy the celebrations and also reflect upon the true meaning in a thoughtful way. In Robins class this week they thought about what they are thankful for at Christmas time. EYFS have updated their learning environment to reflect the season and it is definitely looking festive in Fledglings!



Joke of the Week from our resident comedian, Lewis:
What did the skunk say when the wind changed direction?
'It's all coming back to me now.'

Star of the week

Year R Fledglings	Oliver for making lots of good choices this week.
Year 1 Robins	Hector for working really hard in Maths.
Year 2 Magpies	Frankie-Lee for working so hard on his reading. Well done!
Year 3 Owls	George for working really hard in writing this week. Well done!
Year 4 Hawks Mr Hayes Mr Hart	Bethany for an impressive week in Maths, while continuing the hard work and helpfulness in and outside the classroom.

	Angel for trying really hard with her Maths this week and for helping others.
Year 5 Eagles	Noah for fantastic formal letter writing and making such an effort to catch up! Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Ella for having a fantastic attitude and working extremely hard in all areas of learning. We're so proud of you!

Birthdays to celebrate - have a great birthday!

Class	
Robins	Rosie and Jessica

SNICS After-School Club for Primary School Children

In 2008 SNICS held its first meeting and since then has continued to gather regularly during school terms. We have maintained our initial concept of providing a slightly different after-school club for Primary-School children located in St Nicholas' Church, where the children enjoy tea together, play games, create craft work and through stories and discussion learn something of the bible and the Christian way of life.

SNICS has been supported, over the years, by a number of volunteers, who have fostered a caring and loving community that the children have richly appreciated. The parents of the children have been a wonderful support throughout our journey and together have created a close community. Throughout we have had fulsome support from the Head Teacher and staff at Cartwright and Kelsey.

There have been many highlights during our time together e.g. treasure hunts in the church yard, presentations to the church congregation, parties, fund-raising events at harvest, 'shoe-box' appeal at Christmas.

Since March we have been unable to meet due to the various restrictions, and during this time we have reflected on how we will start again when it is safe to do so. Some of our volunteers are considering whether they will be able to continue. In addition, I have been part of the leadership team since the inception of SNICS and it is time for new leadership to bring fresh ideas; we are still looking for someone, and until someone steps forward we will have to stay 'closed'.

My sincere thanks to all those who have given their generous support and time; it has been an exciting journey so far, let's hope SNICS carries on in some form in the future.

Maggie Vennart

Christmas Cracker Week 7th - 11th December

Please see the letters emailed & facebook for details and timetable of events. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We sadly are not able to hold the Christmas Fair this year, an event that we loved seeing so many families at supporting the school. We know that 2020 has been a difficult year for many

families and therefore we are respectfully asking if you would consider donating some of the money you would have spent at the Christmas Fair to support this alternative Christmas event, and future events. This will be so gratefully received and help to replenish the much needed funds to provide resources and activities to help the children thrive after the challenges of this year.

We are fortunate to be part of the Barclays Bank matched funding scheme which means they match the amount we raise and we can **double your donation** without you having to do anything except drop your donation into the office or in the postbox at the entrance! (Please put in an enveloped labelled PTFA - don't forget to put your name and contact number).

Each donation received will be entered into a raffle to win a pamper hamper, food hamper or our famous Sleigh of Merriment! **We are also excited to announce a TOY HAMPER!**



Jars! - One of the craft activities requires a jar. If you are able to keep aside an empty jar for your child to bring in Wednesday 9th December that would be very helpful. Any standard jam jar size will be fine.

We hope all the children have a wonderful time next week!

We are registered charity no. 1042205

More information about your PTFA is at <https://www.ashckschool.org/about-us/ptfa>

Christmas Cards

We had a chat in our zoom staff meeting about Christmas cards. Please only send cards to children in your child's class so we can keep our bubbles intact. These will be kept quarantined for a few days and will all be given out on Thursday 17 December.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to our Christmas Cracker next week!

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher