



School Newsletter

CAFOD & KINDNESS - ROAD SAFETY - CURRICULUM FEAST

Christmas is coming!

As Advent approaches, the school is filled once more with the sound of carols and Christmas conversation!

We will, during Advent, be continuing to ask our children to think of others before themselves. There will be two main fundraisers

CAFOD World Gifts

This is the perfect opportunity to encourage children to experience the joy of giving rather than receiving.



Classes will see their offerings (from pocket money donations or 'wages' from household tasks) contribute to changing the lives of others in huge ways - from buying a chicken to vaccinating a child.



15th December

The second fundraising event will be the now traditional - bring £1 to wear a 'Christmas Jumper' on December 15th, which raises funds for Save the Children.

CHRISTMAS FAIR!

JOIN US this Saturday from 11:30am onwards for our Christmas Fair - it promises fun for all the family!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 13-17th NOVEMBER

The children have been exploring bullying prevention through assemblies and class discussions. The school council created a presentation to launch the week. The powerful key messages to reinforce at home are:

- Bullying behaviour is not acceptable and is not the fault of the person being bullied.
- It is defined as behaviour that is repeated, deliberate and targets those who cannot stand up for themselves.
- If everyone says "Stop!" bullying cannot happen.

The children have created posters to reinforce this message and are actively encouraging kindness. Play 'buddies' are enjoying the role of nurturing younger children on the playground.

You may find children talking more about bullying currently; we know that when the spotlight is on, the children may start to describe all unkind behaviour as 'bullying'. Please help them to understand that bullying is serious and is different from the normal frictions which may arise and may even continue between children over time.



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Curriculum Stories Unfolding...

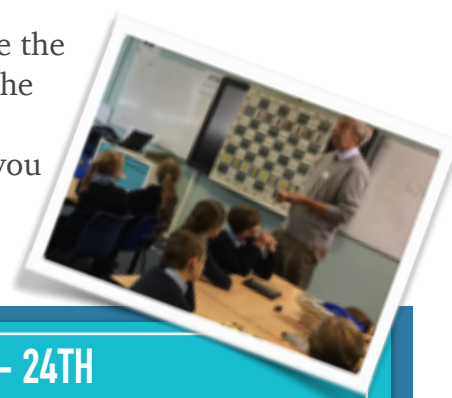
Chester Zoo - at home and abroad! Over the course of this month, Safari Rangers from Chester Zoo have run workshops with our Year 4 & 5 children in school, and the Reception, Year 1 and 2 children have visited the Zoo itself. These youngest children look at how animals make their lives wonderful.

Year 4 are exploring how food chains work - predator and prey - which animals would fit the titles of "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly"? Year 5's curriculum story - "Survival of the Fittest" takes them into exploration of how animals reproduce and the challenges they face in terms of continuing to survive on this planet.

We have introduced chess as part of our curriculum. This game is known to develop strategic thinking skills and also to improve focus and increase confidence.

These children are the chess masters of the future.

Play at home...if you dare!



ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK - NOVEMBER 19TH - 24TH

Children are exploring road safety and are taking the key messages to all.

Help us to make our neighbourhood safer for children.

Please park considerably especially at the busiest times of the day.

Must-reads!

What are YOUR best-loved books?

Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present
John Burningham

It's Christmas Eve, the reindeers are back in bed... Father Christmas notices a single, undelivered present... and so begins a gloriously, perilous journey with of course, a happy ending.

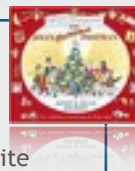


The Dark is Rising
Susan Cooper

It's Christmas.... something sinister is inching around, shouting silent warnings... A superb winter tale. Scary stuff for fluent readers of age 10 plus

The Jolly Christmas Postman
Allan Ahlberg

Everyone's favourite postman, delivers beautifully crafted gifts and letters to fairy tale characters up and down dale.



The Tale of Angelino Brown
David Almond

Grumpy bus driver Bert finds a tiny angel in his pocket... He thinks he's lovely! A very funny tale about the not so angelic antics of this spirit child, who joins Year 5... A must read for OLOP pupils aged 8 plus.

"If you want your child to be intelligent, read them fairy stories..." Einstein

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