# Thursday 30th November 2023

# Our value for the month of November is Courage

**Tweseldown News** 

What an exciting week! During our assembly on Monday we thought about being grateful and when/ how we can show others we are thankful.

Well done Year R for a brilliant start to our Christmas performances.

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# **Diary Dates**

# **December**

Friday 1st-9.00am Maths mastery workshop Wednesday 6th-NHS flu vaccine Thursday 7th— Christmas jumper day—£1 for Save the Children Friday 8th-9.00am Final Maths Mastery workshop **PTFA Fireworks** Monday 11th-**11.30am Dragonfly Class Christmas Performance** Tuesday 12th-Christmas lunch day—order online with The Pantry Thursday 14th— Class Christmas parties—please bring party food Friday 15th— Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

# **Christmas Performance**

Please join us for your child's Christmas performance, they are practicing hard. Programmes are available for a minimum donation of £1 and you can enjoy tea or coffee with a mince pie for £1 to get you in the festive spirit, available in the foyer prior to the performance. All the family are welcome to the show.



# Mufti Monday!

Well done Birch house on reaching 1000 house points!

Please wear your own clothes to school on Monday 4th December.



# Festive event leaflet

We hope you have all received our 2023 event leaflet, if you didn't get a copy please ask the office for one.



# Coco the rabbit

If you would like to look after our school rabbit she has her holidays planned for the Spring term. We are still looking for Easter holiday cover. Opening up dates for the summer term soon, please email us!

# <u>Annual board game extravaganza</u>

Please save the date to join your child at 2.30 in their classroom to play a board game.

Year R—	4th January 2024
Year 1 & Dragonflies—	11th January 2024
Year 2—	18th January 2024



# Water bottles



Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day, filled with water and with their name on. Please can we ask that Prime bottles are not used as a water bottle.

# **Beyond the gate**

Our sessions for 2023 have come to an end, thank you all for your generous donations, volunteering hours and sending in the children with their appropriate clothes.





# FOREST SCHOOL CLOTHES "SWAP BOX"

Mrs Dear has set up a "swap box" in the school front entrance for Forest School waterproofs and clothes. If you need any items, please take a look and help yourself.

If you have any waterproofs, gloves, wellies, hats that your child has outgrown please can you put them in the box for others (clean & washed please).





FLEET AND CROOKHAM POPPY APPEAL DONATIONS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS – 2023

# TWESELDOWN INFANT SCHOOL TOTAL DONATED: £538.87

Well done and many thanks to all your staff and pupils who so generously donated to this year's Appeal

The Royal British Legion is Registered Charity No 219279



Read below to find out what your child has been doing this week and ask them/talk to them about what they have been up to.

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# What have we been doing this week?



Well what a fantastic week it has been with our fabulous performances of The Twinkly Nativity! We hope you all enjoyed the show and we're sure you'll all agree that the children were amazing performers. A huge well done to all the children for their hard work and thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to put the performance together.

In class, we have continued our learning around celebrations with beginning to think about how we celebrate Christmas. In English, we read a story called 'The Christmas Eve Tree' and we discussed how we decorate Christmas trees as part of our Christmas traditions. We also put up our own Christmas trees in our classrooms!

In maths, we have been further developing our understanding of parts and wholes. We have discussed how we are made up of different parts that make up our whole body. We have also looked at how the numbers 2 and 3 are also made up of different parts. See what you can find at home that is made up of different parts to make a whole.



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# December 2023

Tuesday 12th-9.15am Kingfisher and Robin Christmas performance

Wednesday 13th-9.15am Owl and Woodpecker Christmas performance

December 2023

Wednesday 6th-9.15am Badger and Deer Christmas performance

# What have we been doing this week?

What a busy week we are having in Year 2! We have had a great week with our learning, and have thoroughly enjoyed creating our decorations for the hall window don't forget to walk past and have a look on Friday after school!

In Maths, we have been learning to add and subtract on an empty number line. We are looking forward to the next Maths Mastery lesson with parents on Friday morning at 9am.

We have continued our learning on dragons, and have been using coordination to help us extend our sentences and make our writing even more interesting. We have also looked at different sentence types which will be helping us create a fantastic poster at the end of the week.

In RE we have been looking at candles and what they are used for. We have discussed different places that we may find candles, and why they may be found or used there. We have had great fun rehearsing our Christmas play, and cannot wait to show you all of our hard work in a few weeks – don't forget to keep practising your lines!

**Tuesday 5th-**9.15am Otter and Mole Christmas performance

This week we have started a new story which the children found very exciting called 'The Naughty Bus'. We have retold the story and started to think about what adventures the bus would go on if it were to the visit school.

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In maths, we are now using all of our knowledge about number to add numbers together to find a total. We have looked at how we can swap around the digits to still find the same total. For example, 3+2=5 and 2+3=5. Can you practise adding to find a total at home? You could add together shoes, socks or cutlery on the dinner table?

# What have we been doing this week?















# No Pens Day

We have taken part in 'No Pens Day' today which is an initiative from Speech and Language UK to encourage We have spent the day speaking and listening to improve communication skills without doing any writing. "What, no writing, how will we do maths and English?" was a comment from a Year 2 child!

In Reception, there has been role play, scissor skills, phonics with fly swatters In Year 1 the 'Big Red Bus' from the story was getting up to mischief making a mess and there has been Christmas decoration making for the hall display. Year 2 have been doing lot of practical maths, homophone work in English matching pairs...all without writing anything...but still a wealth of learning and great communication going on.



# Beyond the Gate - Forest School

Christmas came to Beyond the Gate this week, with the children having the opportunity to make Christmas decorations.

The year 2 children of Kingfisher and Owl have continued developing their tool work skills. They cut wooden discs using the bow saw and a sawhorse. They were then introduced to a hand drill (more efficient than a palm drill) to help create holes in their discs. The children were allowed to decorate their disc however they wished. They will look stunning on their Christmas trees at home!







The Year 1 children were creative in making their own Christmas trees, by painting pinecones and using clay to support them! I am sure these will also look lovely around the house – the children were proud of them.







Inside the bell tent, Mrs Dear has put a selection of fiction and non-fiction books – all with a nature theme

 as well as some wildlife magazines. It is lovely to see some children choosing to use this quieter space to read and relax.

As the temperature is beginning to drop, Mrs Dear is encouraging the children to keep moving and it has been nice to see some of the children using the loose part equipment as climbing and balancing apparatus.



# Can you help?

If you are able to volunteer some time to assist at forest school please follow the link and sign up! Beyond the gate volunteer

# **PTFA News**





**XMAS CARDS AND GIFTS**- These have now been sent to classrooms and you should receive these. Enjoy! We made £167.00 thank you all.

FESTIVE FIREWORKS- Tickets Still Available



# Volunteers VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



For the event to be a success we need volunteers to help set up at 1600hrs and clear up after the event at 1845hrs. If you can spare some time please contact us via email.

# TOMBOLA PRIZES WANTED

We are in need of new and unused items for our tombola being held at our Festive Fireworks event. Please bring any donations to reception - we will have a box labelled Tombola donations at the front.

# Donations can be brought in by Friday 1st December.

Pre-order your Christmas door wreath from Blackberry and Bloom and collect from their

stall at the Tweseldown Festive Fireworks on Friday 8th December. Order at blackberryandbloom.co.uk and use the code TWESELDOWN for free collection.

# **CALLING YEAR 2 PARENTS**

We need year 2 parents to volunteer to plan and run they year 2 leavers event in July, please email <u>PTFA@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk</u>

# **UNIFORM SALES**

These will be happening every half term; dates will be released shortly. However, if you find yourself in need urgently for uniform, please email us and we can manage a request. This is for urgent need only not for regular requests.









# **Tweseldown Infant School**

Jubilee Drive, Church Crookham GU52 8DW

Infant Camp Only - School Years Reception 1 & 2

# Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December

# £30 per day or £125 for all 5 days

Drop off 8:30am-9:30am, Pick up 3:30pm-4:30pm

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