



Newsletter

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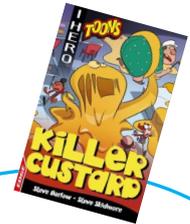
This Sunday is the start of Advent and our preparation for Christmas. We are determined to make it a lovely celebration for our children despite it being rather different to usual.



Year 6 said, "We enjoyed seeing a real author and getting a preview of some of his new books that aren't out yet. It was useful to find out where he gets his creative ideas from; we are now keen to read some of his books".

Steve Skidmore

KS2 loved getting to know the author Steve Skidmore this week on his live zoom call. He told the children all about the books he had written and his favourite parts about planning and writing books. He got us hooked in with his hilarious readings of some of his favourite books – he even ended up covered in custard! We can't wait to read more.



Roman (Y3) said, "I learnt lots about what it is like to write a book. It takes different amounts of time to write different styles of books, and it was interesting to see how Steve Skidmore works with his partner author".

UPDATE

We have lots of measures in place to keep the children safe in their class bubbles including stringent handwashing, children sitting in rows (not facing each other), staggered playtime and lunchtimes and extra cleaning during the day. We are blessed that so far none of our children have tested positive and we have not had to send any class bubbles home yet!



We thank parents for not sending children to school if they have any symptoms and getting children and yourselves tested when displaying symptoms; this is so important in stopping the virus from spreading. Please inform us immediately if you or someone in your household or support bubble tests positive. Children and siblings must stay at home whilst waiting for the outcome of the test.



As Headteacher, I meet (virtually!) every week with Public Health along with lots of other heads in the town which is useful to keep up to date. We are informed that the greatest rate of infection is not from our children but adults in the 23 to 54 age bracket. **Please bear this in mind when visiting school and keep a safe distance (ideally 2m!) from other parents and keep your children with you at all times. Only 1 adult should be picking up or dropping off children to reduce congestion. If you have older children at St Aidan's please do not allow them to come on to the school premises as they are posing extra unnecessary risk.**



If you have any queries or require advice, please get in touch. We are lucky to have a direct link to Public Health who are always happy to help and we regularly use them for advice in school.



If your child needs to self-isolate, they will be set work to do daily and their teacher will be in touch. A copy of our Remote Learning Policy is on our website. Schools must set work for children who are not in school; please encourage and support your child to access this learning and they must do this every day unless they are ill themselves. If you have any problems with home learning, please email your child's class teacher directly (Nurse and Reception) or through the Class Dojo system (Y1 to 6) or ring the office to speak to myself.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Large

Christmas Celebrations



Our safety measures in school, mean that we won't be able to put on our normal wonderful Christmas productions and welcome you in. This year each class will be learning and performing a Christmas Carol and EYFS are planning to do a Nativity which we will video for you to watch.

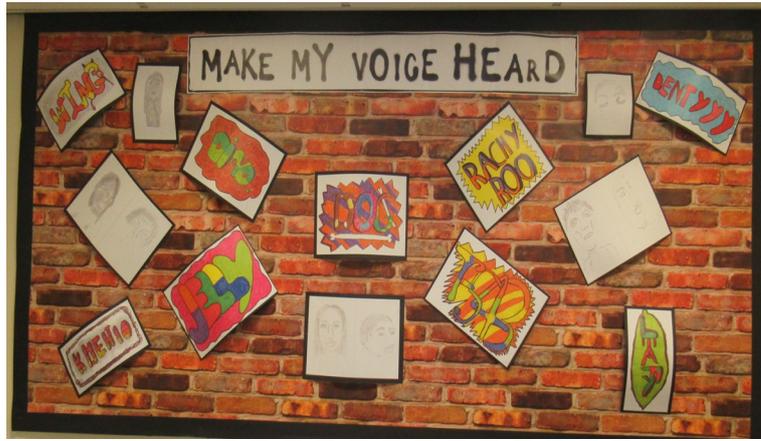
Although children won't be permitted to bring in Christmas cards or presents, they will be bringing home their special homemade card and calendar. We won't be having a traditional Christmas dinner as this takes a long time to prepare (and eat!) and it is already very tricky to get all of Key Stage 1 and 2 in the hall. However, the children will still be able to have a party in their own class along with party food so they won't be missing out. All the EYFS children and KS1 will still receive a gift from Santa Claus although it may be through a virtual visit! We have also booked Sleeping Beauty for a pantomime treat – virtually of course!

The children have requested that we take part in Save the Children - **Christmas Jumper Day so on Friday 11th December** they may wear a Christmas jumper, sparkly top or favourite jumper (please do not go out and buy something special). Years 3 to 6 may bring in a £1 coin as a donation to Save the Children.



MAKE MY VOICE HEARD!

Year 6 are really proud of some of the artwork that we produced recently. We studied the works of Käthe Kollwitz, a German artist, who drew powerful images of poverty and war. Year 6 learnt how to draw different emotions and created our own pictures based on her style.



Our Christian Values in Action



Samuel (Y3) and his family have been making Christmas care boxes, containing toys and other essentials for children in Darlington and Malawi.



SUPER LEARNER

Week ending: 27th November 2020



Rec	Isaac Cox for making good progress with his reading and handwriting.
	Jenson Buckley for making progress in phonics.
Year 1	Harrison Lough for trying his best and working hard every day
	Daulton Paylor for having a magnificent 'I can if I try' attitude.
Year 2	Shania Davies for super contributions to our writing lessons this week.
	Aiden McDonough for always giving 100 % and taking care and pride with his written work.
Year 3	Alfred Leafe excellent written answers to reasoning and problem solving questions in maths.
	Ellis Smurthwaite for resilience and perseverance when working with column subtraction.
Year 4	Benjamin Williams for always challenging himself in lessons and being determined to be the best he can be.
	Mia-Rose Wilson for super participation and enthusiasm in all lessons this week.
Year 5	Tia Suckling for impressive levels of participation and a real desire to make progress. Well done Tia
	Keira Neesam for improving pace and producing some high quality writing around the story of Beowulf. Well done
Year 6	Kendra Dent for improved maturity towards school, resulting in her being more productive and achieving higher.
	Llayton Davison for increased independence and a more proactive attitude towards his learning.



Thomas took part in an outdoor rough sleep over the week end and helped raise over £200,000 for the charity helping to get families and young people off the streets



SCHOOL OVERALL ATTENDANCE

96.62%

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	Week 4	100%	98%	100%	99%	100%	96%

DATES FOR DIARIES

Friday 18.12.20	Break up for Christmas Celebrations
Tuesday 5.1.21	Return to school
Friday 12.2.21	Half term holiday
Monday 22.2.21	Return to school