



### A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS...

We hope that the twinkling lights of our Christmas tree and the many wonderful Christmas displays in people's windows and gardens are helping to get you all into the festive spirit. There is certainly mounting excitement here at School!

We hope and pray for lovely weather next week for the recording of our Christmas celebrations—please keep your fingers crossed!



As we start December, our core value changes to 'love'. We invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage: 'Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.' 1 John 4 verses 11-12 '

Best wishes

Sharon Saunders and Lois Davis

Co-Headteachers

## CAR ENGINES



We are aware that many parents are currently having to wait around to do drop offs or picks ups for different year groups and that sometimes it is more comfortable to wait in the car. We have, however, been contacted by a local resident who is very concerned that quite a number of parents are sitting in their cars with the engines on for long periods of time. This will clearly have an impact on the local air quality and we would ask for your consideration by turning your engines off whilst you wait. Thank you.

## PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

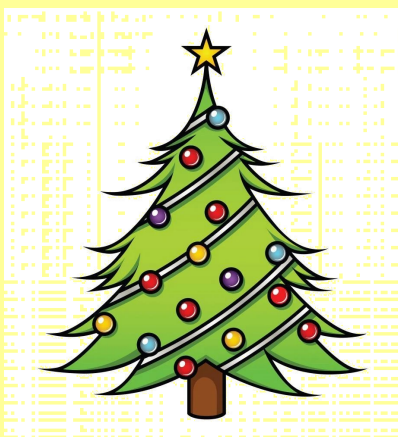
We are aware that a small number of parents are using the space immediately outside the school gates to do a 'rolling drop off' for their older children, or occasionally to turn around. This area must be kept completely clear at all times to provide full visibility for families coming and going on foot.

In addition, please could we ask the owner of vehicle with the registration V332 FGK, who frequently parks on the 'Keep Clear' marked area in front of the gates, to refrain from doing so.

## HEAD LICE

We have been informed of a case of head lice in Year 6. Please ensure that you check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

## CHRISTMAS TREES!



Our thanks to Stonepitts Farm for the beautiful Christmas tree situated at the front of the School. Stonepitts Farm have agreed to contribute £2.00 to our PTA funds for every Christmas tree purchased by a parent or member of staff. This contribution is in addition to funds that they are raising in support of The Stag Theatre and Help for Heroes.

Trees are currently on sale and Stonepitts will be operating from their Farm Shop Yard but also through online channels. Details are available on [www.stonepitts.com](http://www.stonepitts.com).

## YEAR 6 ENGINEERING



This week, Year 6 'zoomed' an ex-civil engineer, Jon, who spoke to the children about the world of Civil Engineering and his experience within the industry. He shared with the children one of the projects he worked on in Weston-Super-Mare - involving the sewer works! The children learnt an awful lot about the engineering involved with designing and maintaining the water ways and sewage systems underground - a world we often don't see much of! They enjoyed hearing about all the problems that Jon, and other engineers, encounter and help to solve and were able to ask him lots of questions around the topic. There are certainly some budding engineers amongst Elm and Oak class!

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



Children from across the year groups (Year 1 to 6) have been creating beautiful Christmas cards to send to the residents of local care homes. The cards have been prepared with great thought and care and we know that the recipients will appreciate the sentiment behind each of these works of art.



## ITEMS TO SCHOOL



Just a reminder that from Monday to Friday of next week, the children are invited to bring in any Christmas cards that they may wish to give their friends and to post them into their class post box.

All cards will then be "delivered" on Monday 14th December and taken home with the children on that night.

Please can we respectfully remind parents that, in order to comply with current safety precautions, children should not be bringing any additional and unnecessary items into School and that any gifts for their friends or Year R buddies should be shared off-site.

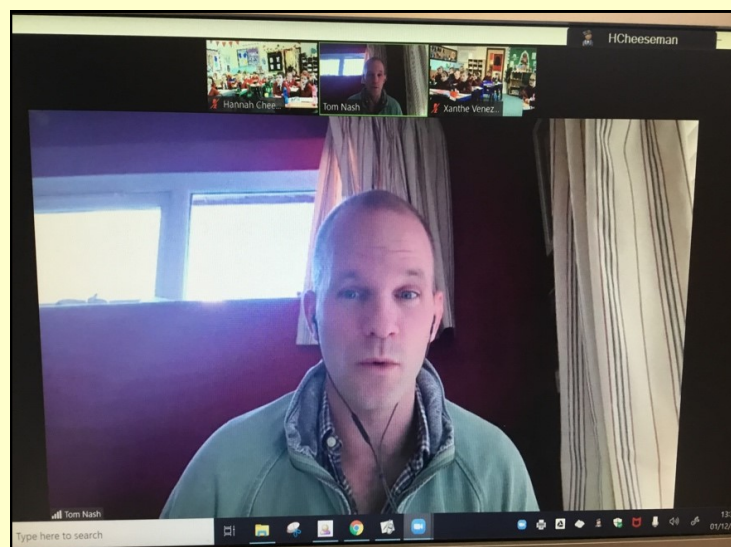




## 'MEET THE MINISTER'!

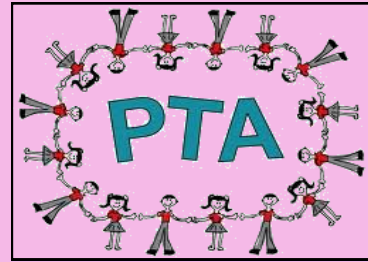
Year 4 have certainly had a busy week! As a part of their RE Learning, this week, the children had an opportunity to interview a Minister of the Church. They met with Rev'd Tom Nash on a Zoom call in which Tom answered questions that the children had about the Trinity and incarnation.

Our thanks to Tom for sparing the children his time.



### **Countdown to Christmas raffle**

We are off and running with our Countdown to Christmas raffle draws - Congratulations to our winners from this week, we hope you enjoy your prizes!



The PTA have finished counting the raffle ticket money and are absolutely thrilled to announce that the raffle has raised just over **£6,200**. This is an incredible result and much more than we ever thought possible! A huge thank you to everyone who has been involved, particularly to class reps who have done an incredible job with the class donated prizes.

Good luck to everyone for the rest of the prize draws which will kick off again on Monday.

### **Thank You Hawthorn**

We want to thank everyone in Hawthorn class who helped to raise £70 through their virtual Christmas social/quiz. We really appreciate the support and hope you all had a great time!

### **Online shopping reminder**

#### **Amazon Smile**

As well as receiving donations when you shop at Amazon via easyfundraising, we are also registered directly with the Amazon Smile initiative, which makes raising money from Amazon purchases even easier.

If you have the Amazon app on your phone or tablet, please do check the settings to ensure any eligible purchases are captured. It takes less than two minutes to set up and then it will work automatically every time! In the settings menu, select Amazon Smile and search for the Lady Boswell's Parent Teacher Association charity. Ensure you switch the "generating donations" option to ON, and it should always work with no further effort!

If shopping via an internet browser, just ensure you use [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) to register your purchases for donations.

#### **Easyfundraising**

Thanks to those of you who have recently signed up to easyfundraising. It's a really brilliant way to support the school during lockdown and particularly in the run up to Christmas! If you would like to sign up, please do so using this link: [Refer-a-friend](#) so we can earn an extra £5 bonus donation.

If you have already signed up here's a reminder of some useful tools that will make fundraising while shopping easier:

The *Donation Reminder* will give you an alert on your PC whenever you visit a shop or site that donates. You can then activate the donation in one click! It's completely FREE, so please get it now to make sure you never miss a donation for us using this link: [Donation Reminder](#)

The *easyfundraising App* is the easiest way to raise for Lady Boswell's when you shop on your mobile. It's completely FREE and available on iOS and Android, so please download it now to make sure you don't miss out on any donations. You can go directly to the App store or use this link: [easyfundraising app](#)

## DIARY DATES

All diary dates can also be found on the Lady Boswell's website under Parents>Calendar.

TERM 2—DIARY DATES		TERM 3—DIARY DATES	
9/12/2020	KS2 Filming Day	4/1/2021	First day of Term 3
10/12/2020	KS1 and KS2 Filming Day	12/1/2021	Open Classroom—to be confirmed
15/12/2020	School Christmas Lunch—children invited to attend School wearing Christmas jumpers with their uniform or wearing Christmas onesies	15/1/2021	Primary Admissions Application system closes (see flyer attached to this Newsletter)
18/12/2020	PTA Fundraising Own Clothes Day	25/1/2021	School Book Week
18/12/2020	Last day of Term 2	12/2/2021	Lent Service led by Year 5—to be confirmed
		12/2/2021	Last day of Term 3



INVITATION TO JOIN THE ST. NICHOLAS 'WINDOWS OF HOPE' SCHEME

# Windows of Hope

*12th and 19th of December 3-7pm*

Windows of Hope is a fun, family friendly walking trail in and around central Sevenoaks. There is a short walk, a medium length walk and a longer walk for those who are more adventurous!

As you follow the trail you will see a number of windows lit up to celebrate Christmas. As well as plenty of bonus things along the route to *Spot and See*.

At the end of the route will be a goody bag for each participant.



To register your interest and to be sent the map and the *Spot and See* sheets, please email [cara.smith@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org](mailto:cara.smith@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org)



**St Nicholas Church**  
SEVENOAKS

INVITATION TO JOIN THE VINE BAPTIST CHURCH NATIVITY  
TRAIL



**Saturday 12th December**  
**10am - 3pm**

**Starting from Vine Baptist Church**  
**Park Lane**  
**TN13 3UP**

**Approx. 1km to the finish line for a prize!**

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