



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS...

The children have been incredibly busy getting themselves ready for this week's Christmas celebrations. They have prepared dances, poems, songs and carols and made the most stunning decorations and Christingles, many of the decorations can now be seen hanging on our beautiful Christmas tree (See pictures on page 3). The week was topped off by the arrival of a snow machine on site and a visit from Rolo, the most adorable and well-behaved donkey. Although next week promises to be a little less frenetic, there will be time for reflection as well as the inevitable build-up of excitement and anticipation!

December's core value is 'love'. We invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage: *'This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as our atoning sacrifice for our sins'* 1 John 4 verse 10

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Lois Davis and Sharon Saunders

Co-Headteachers



WELCOME

This week, we have been delighted to welcome a new Orchard After School practitioner, Mrs Susanne Blake.

LAST DAY OF TERM—18TH DECEMBER

We can confirm that the last day of term is next Friday, 18th December, with normal pick-up times.

YEAR 3 AND 4 WARBURTONS' VISIT

Years 3 and 4 had a virtual visit from Warburtons on Thursday. They learnt about all the different jobs within the company and about eating a healthy, balanced diet. They watched a bread making demonstration (with the hopes they can make their own bread at home!).



CHRISTMAS TREES!

Again, our thanks to Stonepitts Farm for the beautiful Christmas tree situated at the front of the School.

We understand that the Farm has now sold out of trees. Our thanks to those who supported them and, as a result, supported our PTA.

KS1 'IT'S A BABY' AND KS2 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



The children would love to share all that they have done to prepare for their KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Celebration recordings. These events were professionally recorded this week and promise to be very special.

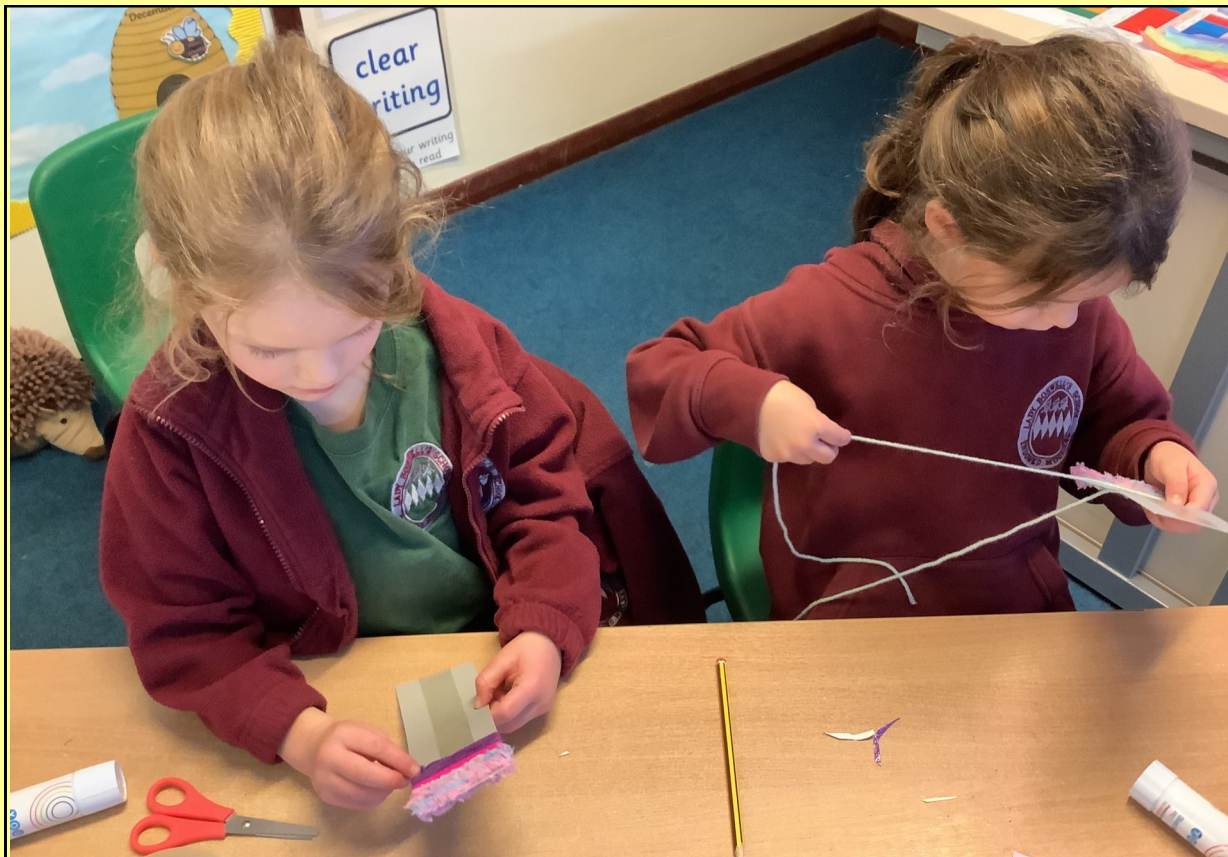
For more information on how to access a copy of the recordings, please see our Parentmail of 7th December. Please order your copy by 5.00pm Wednesday, 16th December.

Please be aware that any contributions made on top of the £7.50 cost of the recording will be donated to FOM (Farming for Orphans in Mozambique).

Above left is a photo of Rolo the Donkey's visit to School. Our thanks to Sue at Whiterocksfarm for bringing her; she was an absolute delight and melted many hearts!

<https://www.whiterocksfarm.co.uk/>

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Our children have been incredibly industrious and creative in making some stunning Christmas cards to share with their loved ones. Here are some pictures of some of our Year 1 pupils hard at work.

Last week children from across the School created Christmas cards to be delivered to residents at local care homes. These were duly delivered at the beginning of this week and we have received this message from Weald Heights who were the recipients of the Christmas cards made by our Year 5 children :

'We would just like to pass on our sincere thanks for the beautiful individually made Christmas cards that year 5 have done for our residents.'

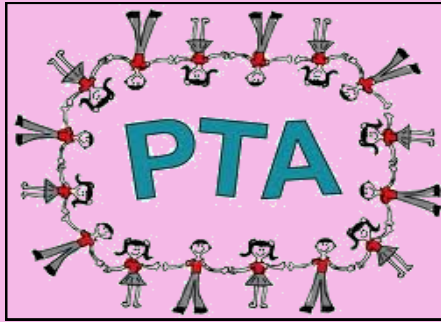
'Our residents were totally amazed at the standard of art work created and they were also deeply touched to receive their own individual card. It made it very personal to them and they are deeply grateful.'

YEAR 5 'CHOCOLATE DAY'



One of the highlights of the Year 5 calendar is 'Chocolate Day'. Accompanied by a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm, this took place on Wednesday of this week. In previous DT lessons the children had designed individual chocolate bars and on Wednesday they got to make them up, along with the boxes that the chocolate was to be taken home in. The children worked incredibly hard and some rather delicious looking chocolate bars were sent home for evaluation. The children were very reflective and thought of some great improvements to their original designs. We obviously have some budding chocolatiers on our hands! Well done year 5!





Own Clothes Day – Friday 18th December

To celebrate the last day of term, we are once again inviting children to attend school in their own clothes in return for a suggested £1 donation.

The PTA will be shaking their buckets at both gates at drop off and they'll be a separate collection box for those children attending breakfast club.

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/ 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	
15/12/2020	School Christmas Lunch—children invited to attend School wearing Christmas jumpers with their uniform or wearing Christmas onesies	4/1/2021	First day of Term 3
16/12/2020	5.00pm Closing date/time to purchase a copy of KS1 Nativity or KS2 Christmas Celebration recordings.	12/1/2021	Open Classroom—to be confirmed
18/12/2020	PTA Fundraising Own Clothes Day	15/1/2021	Primary Admissions Application system closes (see flyer attached to this Newsletter)
18/12/2020	Last day of Term 2—normal pick up times	25/1/2021	School Book Week
		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



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!

 @vinebaptistchurchsevenoaks



SENNOCKE CENTRE

SEVENOAKS SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE

Dear Parent or Guardian

Christmas Swimming Courses

Dear Parent or Guardian

The Sennocke Centre is delighted to be running Return to Swim courses over the Christmas break for the local community. The courses are a great opportunity for your child to regain water skills and confidence.

Course 1: After school Return to Swim (Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December 2020)

Course 2: Block of 4 lessons (Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 December Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 January)

The courses are for Level 3 through to Level 10 following the Swim England curriculum. All teaching will take place from poolside in order to maintain social distancing by an experienced Level 2 teacher.

The minimum requirements for Level 3 swimmers being:

- Very confident to swim 5m+ on front and back without aids.
- Swim out of depth without an instructor in the water (poolside instruction only).

We are a Covid-19 secure venue and are strictly following guidance and recommendations from Gov.uk, Swim England, DfE and WHO. For further details on the measures we have in place to ensure staff and public safety, or to book your child's space, please visit our website. <https://www.sennockecentre.co.uk/swim-school/>

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us via email swimschool@sevenoaksschool.org

We look forward to welcoming you to the Sennocke Centre.

Kindest regards

Sophie Alchin

Aquatics & Activities Co-ordinator

Sennocke Sports Centre

Sevenoaks School

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