



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS...



We wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and health and happiness for 2021.

As tempting as it is to talk about the difficulties faced during 2020, it is essential that we look back with gratitude for the many positives, and look forward with hope. We are incredibly proud and grateful that since September, with the exception of a couple of brief blips, that it has been possible to keep all of our bubbles open. We appreciate that we have been incredibly fortunate, but want to express our thanks and acknowledge the thought, care and diligence shown by our entire School community in helping to keep us all as safe as is possible.

We very much appreciate the anxiety and uncertainty that some of our children are clearly feeling, and we appreciate the financial impact that this period has had on some of our families. As children so often do, however, most of them have taken the restrictions in School in their stride and adapted unbelievably quickly. It has been inspiring to watch the 'innocence of youth' and we hope that in years to come that our pupils will be able to look back on the time that they have been able to spend in School this year as relatively normal!

We would, at this juncture, like to add our thanks to the PTA for their astonishing efforts this year in fundraising for the School. The support that they have received from you all has been outstanding and a testament to your commitment to enriching the children's time at School.

As well as being a time of difficulty, we feel that this has also been a time of love, and with that in mind, we invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage: *'Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.'* Hebrews 10 vs 24.

Despite the fact that many will be missing loved-ones this Christmas, we hope that you will all be able to enjoy a happy Christmas filled with love at the heart of your family.

Sharon Saunders and Lois Davis

Co-Headteachers

GOLDEN BOOK

Below are the names of the children who appeared in the Golden Book on the 20th and 27th November and the 4th and 11th December. Well done to them all.

ACORN

Lydia E
Annabel C
Toby B
Cody R
Zoe F
Avery W
Charlotte D

Whole Class—amazing effort in Nativity

CHESTNUT

Damian W
Austin P
Darcie J
Alexa B
Florence L
Ethan M
Rosa S

LILAC

Orla O'P
Harper H
Arty B
Louisa R

WILLOW

Tia K
Martha L
Lilly T
Lois W
Lily W-H
Poppy B
Stanley M

MAPLE

Whole Class—amazing effort in Nativity

Jojo T
Olivia M
Hannah M
Annabel S
Logan S
Patrick L

MULBERRY

Whole Class—amazing effort in

Nativity
James T
Chayila M
Charlotte D
Ethan B
Teddy Mck

COPPER BEECH

Isla-Rose F
Billy S
Sage M
Hector K
Eden L

SILVER BIRCH

Myla P
Jasper B
Alexa D
Aiden B

HOLLY

Bertie B
Freddie C
Harry M
Lucy O'P
Emilia M
Charlie B
Isaac F
Bailey R
Jack C

SYCAMORE

Evea C
Hannah B
Jaydan O-L
Zach N
Isaac L
Saskia M

CEDAR

Cherry C
Aimee H
Eleanor R
James A
Lily B
Konstantinos F

HAWTHORN

Alex C
Cerys S
Elliot V
Jessica VK
Billy McD
Natasha G
Christopher L

ELM

Louis H
Amelia S
Katie B
Felix M

OAK

Isabella R
Jack S
Annabel S
Wilbur W-S
Estelle E
Stella B
Carlos B
Alice F
Hannah B
Tom W-S
Nicole B

WELCOME

This week, we say a fond farewell and a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Mitchener. In January, we are delighted to be joined by our new SENCo, Mrs Hannah Browning. Mrs Mitchener will kindly be coming into School in January to complete a hand-over.

We also say a fond farewell to Jamie D from Holly Class. We wish him every happiness in his new school.

FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 — MONDAY, 4TH JANUARY

We look forward to welcoming the children back into School on Monday, 4th January, 2021.

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

In recognition for earning the most House Points this term, Everest children are invited to come to School on the first day of Term 3, 4th January, in their own clothes.

NATIVITY AND KS2 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Many of you have purchased a copy of the KS1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas Celebration recordings. We very much hope that you enjoy the children's performances and the love and care that they have put into preparing these celebrations of Christmas.

THANKS TO THE PTA!



Elf, Miss Francis, was recruited by the PTA to drop off to each class a box containing a gift of sweets for every child in the class. The children were thrilled!

Our thanks to the PTA and to you all for supporting the PTA's activities.

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW

Monday started with some 'Snow' fun for our younger children.

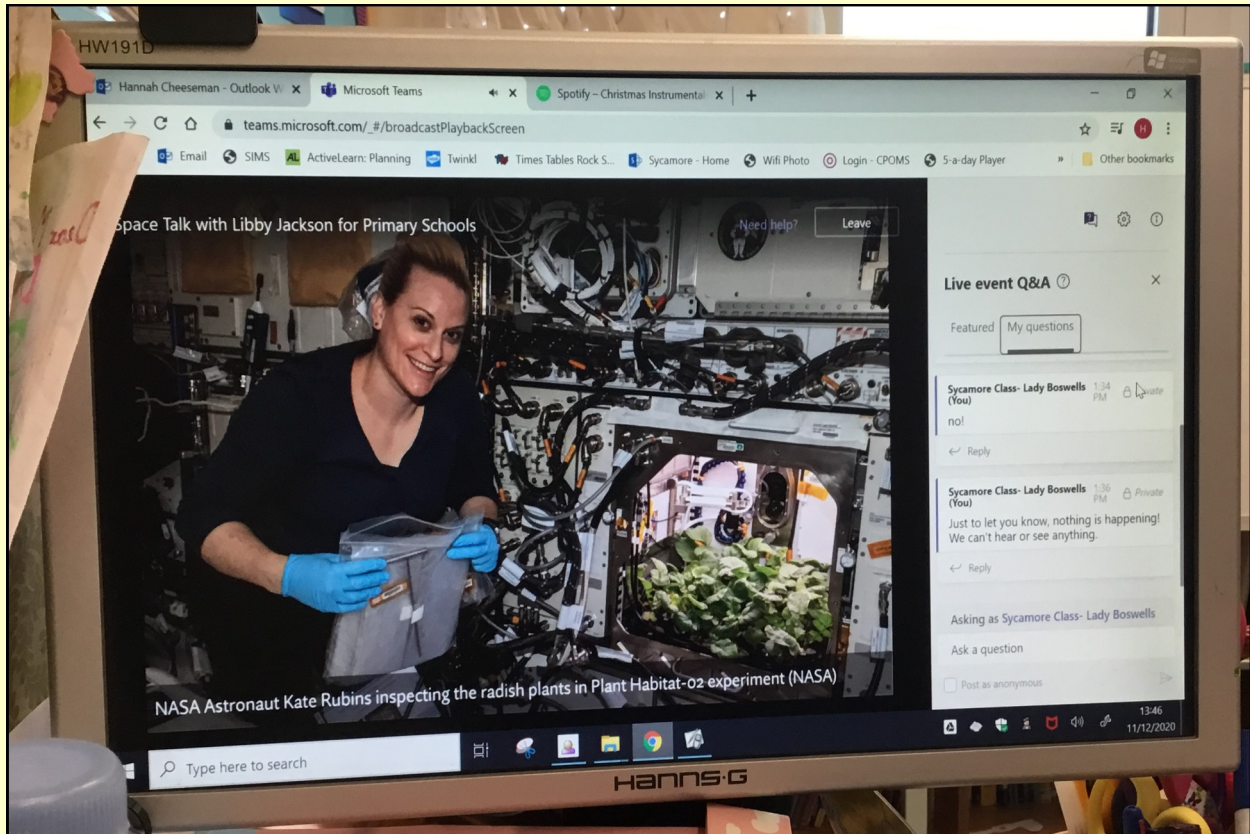


LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW CONT'D



YEAR 4 SPACE TALK

Year 4 were lucky enough to speak to Libby Jackson (author and flight director at Columbus control centre) at a virtual meeting. She told them about life as an astronaut, the space industry and most importantly about Christmas on the moon!



YEAR 4 ROMAN DAY



Salvete! Year 4 rounded off its learning about the Romans in Britain by immersing itself in a Roman day on Wednesday. Dressed as Romans and Celts, they played Roman games, took part in a quiz (with thanks to Mrs Harvey for providing this), built trebuchets, created an invasion dance, learnt about what Romans wore and finished the day with a feast!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



The School enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch day on Tuesday. With an astonishing array of fabulous Christmas jumpers and hats (and in one case entire suit and matching tie), the children sat down to a delicious lunch with their classmates.

Our thanks to the PTA for providing every child with a cracker.



WORLD WAR II MILITARY VEHICLES

After designing and building World War 2 military vehicles, Year 6 were keen to put their prototypes to the test. They enjoyed seeing the results of their labours shooting across the hall although not always in straight lines! Resilience and problem solving skills were there in abundance, as last minute repairs and adjustments were made. Well done to all of the children for their hard work.



WINDOW WANDERLAND

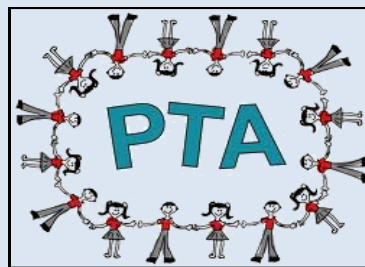
We know that many people around Sevenoaks are taking part in the Window Wanderland initiative, with windows decorated for people passing to enjoy.

Our Sycamore Class have made their own Window Wanderland, do take a look should you decide to take a walk on Knole Paddock!



Fundraising

This term has been like no other with regards to the events and initiatives that the PTA usually organise. Whilst we have still managed to run a couple of uniform sales and our usual Christmas card design initiative, we are sad that we've not been able to host a Christmas Fair or the usual autumn Quiz Night which are two very popular and well supported events. In place of these, however, we have tried something new and "virtual" in the form of an online Magic Show and our Countdown to Christmas raffle. We want to thank you all for making these really successful, both in terms of fun and fundraising!



As a small team, the PTA committee are entirely reliant on the support and enthusiasm from the wider parent/school community and this term has been no different. Since September, we have managed to raise **£9,326** which is a huge testament to you all and your commitment to supporting the school through our fundraising initiatives.

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket, watched the magic show, ordered Christmas cards, shopped via easyfundraising or donated on Own Clothes Days! We are so grateful for your support.

Own Clothes Day – Friday 18th December

Thank you for all your donations today for own clothes day. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces this morning and a lovely array of Christmas regalia! Such a lovely way to celebrate the end of term.

Online shopping reminder

Amazon Smile

As well 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 3—DIARY DATES		TERM 4—DIARY DATES	
4/1/2021	First day of Term 3	22/2/2021	First day of Term 4
4/1/2021	Own clothes day for Everest	4/3/2021	World Book Day
12/1/2021	Open Classroom—to be confirmed	5 and 8/3/2021	3.30pm Travelling Book Fair—to be confirmed
15/1/2021	Deadline for applying to KCC for a September 2021 primary school place	8/3/2021	Bentley Photographic Class Photos
25/1/2021	School Book Week	9 and 10/3/2021	Parent Consultation evenings—information to follow
12/2/2021	Lent Service led by Year 5—to be confirmed	12/3/2021	Mother's Day Service—tbc
12/2/2021	Last day of Term 3	22/3/2021	Science Week commences
		26/3/2021	Year 5 Trip to Grosvenor Hall—tbc
		31/3/2021	Easter Service—details to follow
		1/4/2020	Open Classroom—tbc
		1/4/2020	Last day of Term 4



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
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Christmas Services and Events

at St Nicholas and Lady Boswell's



A message from St. Nicholas Church Sevenoaks:

Christmas is going to look a little different this year.

Many of the traditions we share with friends and family will take some extra planning to allow them to happen.

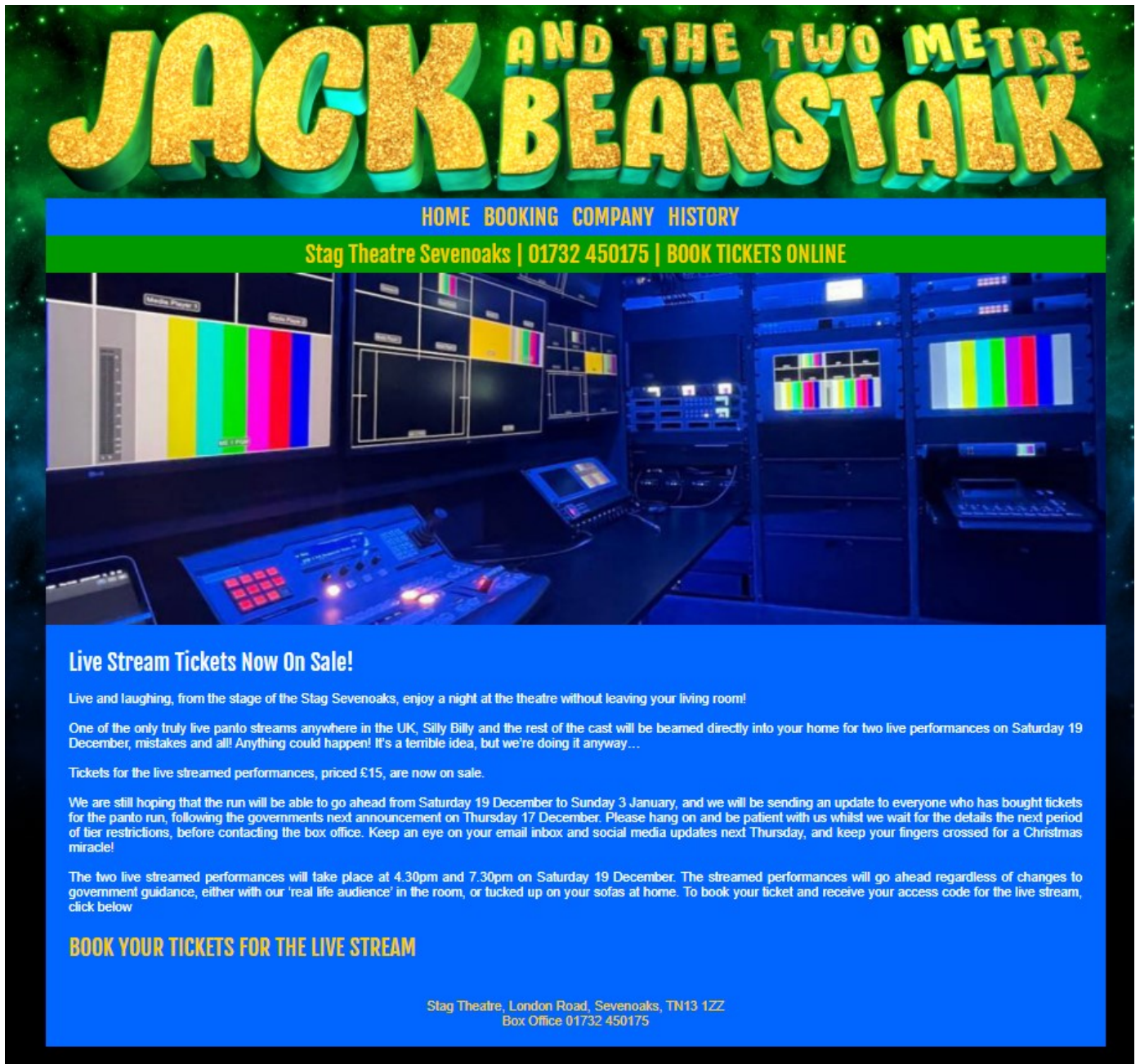
The same is true of our Christmas services at St Nicholas and Lady Boswell's.

We are limited in terms of the number of people allowed into the buildings so we are offering a mix of in-person and online services.

If you wish to come along to a service, please follow the link below to access a booking link, or if you prefer to join in from home, share the YouTube links with friends & family.

<https://www.stnicholas-sevenoaks.org/christmas-services-and-events>

IF YOU WISH TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL THEATRE, THE STAG, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO BOOK TICKETS FOR THEIR LIVE STREAMING OF 'JACK AND THE TWO METRE BEANSTALK' FOR TOMORROW NIGHT, 19TH DECEMBER.



JACK AND THE TWO METRE BEANSTALK

HOME BOOKING COMPANY HISTORY
Stag Theatre Sevenoaks | 01732 450175 | BOOK TICKETS ONLINE

Live Stream Tickets Now On Sale!

Live and laughing, from the stage of the Stag Sevenoaks, enjoy a night at the theatre without leaving your living room!

One of the only truly live panto streams anywhere in the UK, Silly Billy and the rest of the cast will be beamed directly into your home for two live performances on Saturday 19 December, mistakes and all! Anything could happen! It's a terrible idea, but we're doing it anyway...

Tickets for the live streamed performances, priced £15, are now on sale.

We are still hoping that the run will be able to go ahead from Saturday 19 December to Sunday 3 January, and we will be sending an update to everyone who has bought tickets for the panto run, following the governments next announcement on Thursday 17 December. Please hang on and be patient with us whilst we wait for the details the next period of tier restrictions, before contacting the box office. Keep an eye on your email inbox and social media updates next Thursday, and keep your fingers crossed for a Christmas miracle!

The two live streamed performances will take place at 4.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 19 December. The streamed performances will go ahead regardless of changes to government guidance, either with our 'real life audience' in the room, or tucked up on your sofas at home. To book your ticket and receive your access code for the live stream, click below

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE LIVE STREAM

Stag Theatre, London Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 1ZZ
Box Office 01732 450175



Thank you to Mrs Barnes for letting us know about an Open Air Carol Service taking place this Sunday afternoon in the gardens of Offord Manor, led by the Churches of Kemsing and Woodlands. For more information and to find out how to book a place, please follow the link below:

<https://www.kemsingandwoodlands.org/services/christmas>