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Friday Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023



St. Cuthbert's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ONE FAMILY, ALL WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have taken part in so many exciting activities and thrilling trips...



This week has been National Anti Bullying week. We started the week off by inviting the children to wear odd socks to school, to celebrate #oddssocksday. This is a day when we remind one another that we are unique and it doesn't matter what we look like or what we wear etc. We are all special. We have also completed lots of activities in class around anti bullying. The Explorers have been listing all the key people they could speak to if they needed support. KS2 have been looking at compliments and how lovely it is to receive one! A smile also goes a long way!



On Wednesday KS2 spent the day in the woods at Forest School with Ro. The children had a fantastic day making fires to cook homemade bread on. They carved natural drawings in copper using nails which they attached to pieces of wood.



The Explorers visited Hayes Garden World, Ambleside on Wednesday too. They enjoyed time exploring the amazing Christmas Grotto and playing some winter games, including throwing snowballs into a target, searching for golden acorns and conkers, finding missing Christmas letters to make a special message and fishing for Christmas keys to open magic doors. We also had a special visit with Father Christmas and his friendly Elves. The children were all delighted to receive a gift from Santa too. We are so grateful to Hayes Garden World for their generosity in allowing our Explorers to visit their amazing Winter Wonderland. Father Christmas was very glad to see EYFS and KS1 early this year too, so he could remind them all to remember to write their letters to him and to be on their best behaviour! (which of course, they always are!)

We celebrated *Children in Need* in school this week too. The children enjoyed dressing up in their spots. As well as participating in some exciting activities, we raised essential funds for CAFOD.



On Thursday the Explorers enjoyed another exciting trip! They visited the Royalty cinema in Bowness and watched 'The Smeds and the Smoos' and 'Superworm'. Many thanks to the Royalty and also INTO films for enabling our children to enjoy films on a big screen as part of their festival of films.



On Friday KS2 spent the day in Kendal. They joined lots of other local schools at Kendal Mountain Film Festival at Kendal Leisure Centre, where they enjoyed listening to lots of inspirational speakers, all about their adventures far and wide.

Year 3,4,5 and 6 then went on to Kendal Care Home and joined the residents for a delicious lunch. This was a really special visit, as the children were able to put a face to the pen pal letters they had been sharing with residents from there over the last few months. The children loved sharing stories with the residents and also gave them some special Christmas cards and gifts, to ensure they have Christmas cheer when the time comes. We are very excited to continue our friendship with Kendal Care Home and thank them for their hospitality.



Raffle tickets have been sent home this week. We would be very grateful if you could help us raise funds for school by selling the tickets you have been given. Please ensure all sold / unsold tickets are returned to school by 27th November (or earlier so we can re-sell them). The raffle will be drawn on Friday 1st December at our Christmas Fair, which is at 15.30 in the Church Hall. We are also singing at Lakeland LTD on Saturday 2nd December – 10-12. Please join us if you can. Everyone is welcome.

Next Thursday, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in their own clothes in exchange for a 'bottle' for the PFA's Christmas tombola.

The Parish would also like us to remind you that you are most welcome to join them for their coffee morning on Sunday 9th December at 10am-12pm and also their Carol service in church on Sunday 3rd December at 15.00.

I hope you enjoy your weekend,

Stay safe

Mrs Bone

We always enjoy our visits to the Forest



Please keep an eye on key dates below and also on DOJOs.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 29th Nov—Forest School KS1 only

Fri 1st Dec — PFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm

Sat 2nd Dec—Christmas Carols @ Lakeland 10am

Mon 4th Dec—KS2 Xmas Performance @ 2pm

Tues 5th Dec—Explorers Xmas Performance @ 2pm

Fri 15th Dec—NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB due to Staff Training

Tues 19th Dec—School closes @ 2pm



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