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Newsletter 7- 11th December 2020



Well done to our stars:

Blackbirds: Ferne and Leah

Owls: Harley-James, Archie

Robins: Summer, Jack M

- A reminder for Reception children to remember to bring their reading book into school on a Friday morning please.
- A reminder that Reception homework is due by Wednesday 16th of December. Children can post their homework on class dojo or return their homework book to school.

Esme's Fundraising Swim



Every month throughout the Winter I will be doing a cold-water swim either in a lake, river or in the sea. I am doing this to raise money for people with dementia. The charity is called Dementia

Adventure and it helps people with dementia to connect with the great outdoors which helps them to enjoy their lives more.

My grandad has alzheimers and I can always see a difference with him when he is outdoors in the fresh air.

I chose to do cold water swimming because I like the thrill of the open water and weather and also because they have proved that cold water could help fight off dementia.

I have done two swims so far in Derwent water in the Lake District in October and in the canoeing lake at the Hub in November. I might even do my December swim on Christmas day!

I will keep swimming until the Spring!

You can sponsor me

at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Dip4Dementia>

Blackbirds

Blackbirds would like to ask if anybody has any spare loose parts that they are able to donate to EYFS for outdoor play? We are looking for items such as pallets, crates, wooden planks, drain pipes, etc. They will need to be clean and in good condition. Please contact the school to arrange a time to bring them.

Christmas Foodbank Collection



much appreciated.

Thank you for all the donations that have been made towards this worthy cause they were very

Christmas activities



Wednesday 16th December -

Christmas Lunch 'in bubbles'

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Party.

This will be within the current 'bubbles', children can wear party clothes and food will be provided.

Friday 18th December - Christmas Film Day

Children can wear their normal clothing to come to school. Owls (KS1) can wear their PJ's if they would like to.

Class Christmas Videos

These are now available to access using the password that you have been sent via email. They can be found on the school website under classes where there is a section called Protected Christmas videos.

Please be aware that you can access the videos as many times as you require. If using the same device, you will only be asked once for the password.

Bonus ball numbers

If you have bought bonus balls your allocation has been e-mailed to you today. Draw will take place on Monday 14th December. Winner will be announced on the FOB Facebook page and via e-mail.



Class Dojos



Please check on your child's profile to see some of the things that they have been learning about and watch out for any class notices that are displayed.

Learning around school

The distant sound of Christmas songs can be heard amongst the sound of maths and phonics.

Blackbirds had a wonderful time last week performing in the Christmas nativity play. A big well done to all the children for doing such a fantastic job!

Craft afternoon: Robins class

Robins class used recycled materials to make ornamental snowmen. They used old newspaper, socks, and ribbons. A large snow men and snow women family are cheering up the classroom windowsill!



Term dates

School will be closing after school on Friday 18th December and opens again Tuesday 5th January 2021. We would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



In Owls we have been learning about advent and we made advent wreaths. We have been looking at 3D shapes in maths and we made presents using a net of a cubes. In science the children had a go at presenting their own weather forecast which they enjoyed and some could have potential for the future. Watch this space!!!!



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