



# The Manor CE Primary School

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## Newsletter 8

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Children can wear their Christmas jumpers again today
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner – please order by Fri 11 Dec.
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Parties in class – children can wear their own Christmas party clothes
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Term 2 ends – Christmas jumpers can be worn again if you wish.
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Inset (no children in school)
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Start of Term 2 for children



This is the penultimate newsletter of what has been an incredibly busy and successful autumn term. As we near the end of term, I want to remind our whole school community on everything we have achieved since all children returned to school in September. The huge effort between parents and school has meant that school life has continued as close as possible to 'normal'. This has been an incredibly hard job – a huge thank you to everybody involved. Although Christmas festivities are very different to normal this year, the children are now in full Christmas mode and getting into the Christmas spirit! FOMS have done an incredible job with their virtual Christmas Fayre and all the children's Christmas shopping – children will bring their shopping home at the start of next week. Children have loved wearing their Christmas jumpers today and look very festive – children can wear their jumpers in school again for Christmas dinner on Wednesday and for the last day of term (next Friday). Children can wear their Christmas party clothes to school on Thursday.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Flanagan

### Social Distancing Reminder

Please can we remind parents to maintain social distancing whilst on the playground. Please ensure drop off and collections are as swift as possible to allow space for other parents. The Local Authority is now advising parents and carers to wear a mask onto the school site and we fully support this.



### Carols for Bristol

The Diocese is holding 'Carols for Bristol' this Friday at 7pm. [www.carolsforbristol.co.uk](http://www.carolsforbristol.co.uk) available on Youtube from 7pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December



### Antarctica Class

There has definitely been a theme emerging this week.

The children in Reception have been intrigued with length and as you can see from the photographs, the maths involved in their play is incredible. They have been working out if they have enough cubes to make certain shapes, whether they have enough to measure the length of something and have been estimating how many cubes they have used. None of this has been led by an adult but from their own ideas and curiosity. Creative thinking and problem solving happening without them even realising it!

### Antarctica Class



### Asia Class

This week, Year 4 have enjoyed learning about our science topic of Food Chains and Webs. We spent the day looking at different global habitats and the animals and plants that live within them. We learnt the roles of different animals within the food chain and have even created different food chains!

Please also be reminded that as Christmas Festivities begin next week, Year 4 will still be doing PE on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. This day is also Christmas Party Day so please wear appropriate party clothes and please bring in or wear your trainers on this day. Our usual Wednesday PE lesson will not be taking place next week. Thank you for your co-operation.

### North America

What a busy week we have had in North America class! We started the week with our Incarnation faith day and the children thought about why Christmas is so important to Christians and why they believe Jesus is the Saviour. In Maths, we have been learning about area and how to use a formula to calculate the area of rectangles. In English, we have been continuing with our story writing by stacking sentences that include using the senses to help the reader feel like they are experiencing the same as the characters. In topic, we have been geographers and looking closely at locations of countries in Europe as well as using geographical terms.

### South America Class

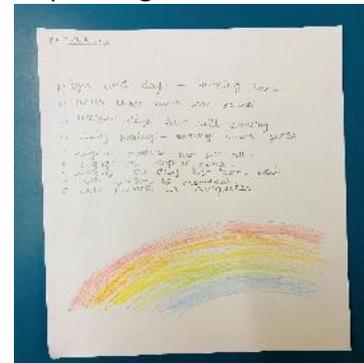


Year 6 have had another great week.

We started the week with our Incarnation Day when we learned more about the Bible and about the Christian belief that Jesus is the messiah. We considered the importance of Christmas to Christians and considered why Christmas was so important to us personally. We created a beautiful wreath reflecting our personal views on the true meaning of Christmas.

### Africa Class

This week, Year 2 have been very busy finishing off their stories and learning about the importance of Universal Healthcare and the NHS. They did an incredible job in their Phonics Screening checks and are excited about the upcoming Christmas activities.



### Europe Class

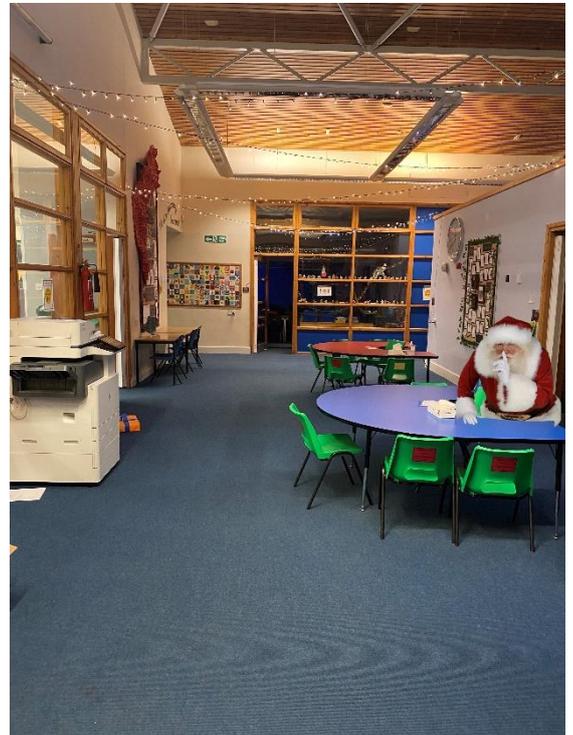
Year 3 have had a great week this week. We have completed some fantastic learning, including some brilliant coding. Please remember that we will still have PE next Wednesday so please ensure you are wearing your PE bottoms with your Christmas Jumpers and trainers.

### Australia Class

It has been wonderful to see the Year 1 children in their Christmas jumpers today. What a great way to start the festivities! The children have been working hard this week on their writing and have now completed their unit on Grandad's Island. It has been lovely to see them all so engaged with the story. They also practiced their coding skills this week by creating their very own program on Purple Mash!

### **SANTA SPOTTED!**

All of the teachers were shocked in school today when they checked the CCTV footage from last night. It would appear we had a special visitor! We're not sure what Santa was doing in our school – perhaps he came to appreciate our Christmas decorations up in class or perhaps he was dropping off a few presents! Children, keep your eyes peeled next week – we might just catch him in the act!



# ★ ★ Santa is visiting ★ ★

Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath

on

18th/19th/20th Dec. between 5 - 8pm

Come outside  
& give Santa  
a big wave  
& shout hello!

He'd love  
to see  
everyone

A list of roads Santa will visit will be published on  
Facebook nearer the time ★

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Also collecting donations & any items  
for Foodbank at a safe distance