



1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



December has arrived and has brought lots of excitement in school. Trees and decorations have been put up however despite this excitement the children are continuing to work hard and make the most of all the learning opportunities around them. We are currently updating our school website and you will be able to see more examples of work as we add to the year group pages. This week, Senior Leaders looked at books across the school and spoke to pupils – we were very pleased with the quality of work that we saw and the children spoke confidently about their learning.

Thank you for supporting the home projects that have taken place in some year groups, I can see the time and care that has gone into these and it has been fantastic to watch the children show their work.

Year 4 enjoyed their Roman day – they dressed up and looked at Roman Numerals and Roman sports and shared their projects.



Year 6 visited Coventry city centre to look at the impact of the Second World War and the Blitz on the people and the landscape. They visited the old and new Cathedral and asked lots of well thought out questions.

Year 5 have been to the Black Country Living Museum and have found out more about life in Victorian times. They listened very carefully and asked some good questions.



## Contribution

This half term, we have been looking at Contribution. We have talked about different ways children can contribute their ideas when learning and how we can contribute to the community around us.



On Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, we dressed in spots; brought in coins; hunted for Pudsey Bear and had lots of fun to help raise money for Children in Need. As a school we did 62,352 'Bearpees' throughout the day – congratulations to 5M who did the most – nearly 12,000! All of these efforts helped raise £986 for Children in Need.



We also raised £485.46 for the Poppy Appeal – thank you to all who bought a poppy or other items.



Today we have had a non-uniform day and children have donated food items or 'Bags of Kindness'. These will be given to our local food banks and The Risen Christ Church. We are very grateful for the fantastic response.



### Snow / Severe weather

This week has seen the first signs of winter weather. The forecast is slightly better for next week but I wanted to outline what happens if the weather becomes very severe. Our aim is always to remain open if it is safe to do so. Any decision to close is taken based on safety advice; availability of staff, heating and water. As conditions can change overnight or within hours, it is often not possible to make a decision until the morning. We always aim to notify parents by 7.30am – this will be through the MCAS (My Child at School App) and a message on the school website. I understand that this can cause issues for working parents as childcare may be needed and I would suggest that you make a contingency plan on snow days, just in case we can't open. Please also allow extra time in the mornings to ensure your child arrives safely and on time to school, particularly when it is icy on the roads and pavements.

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	RA & RN Christmas Performance - 2pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	RM & RH Christmas Performance - 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	RA & RN Christmas Performance – 9.30am
	-	RM & RH Christmas Performance – 2pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	AM Nursery/Phoenix Nursery Christmas Concert – 10.15am
	-	PM Nursery/Phoenix Nursery Christmas Concert – 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Year 6 Carols at Risen Christ Church 6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	-	Year 6 Carols at Risen Christ Church 6pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	-	Christmas Day in a Day – Last day of term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	-	School Closed to all pupils

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs G Franklin  
Headteacher

