

## Dear Parents

It is now under two weeks until the end of term and the momentum is gathering speed. I am not sure how we will fit in everything that needs to be done but we are working hard as a team to ensure we manage a fantastic end of term for all. Thank you for your continued support at this busy time of year.

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

### In EYFS:

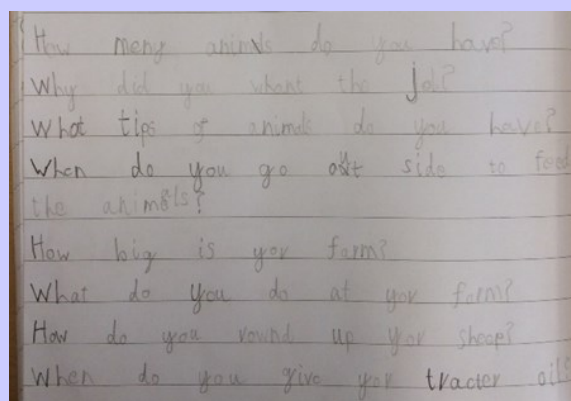
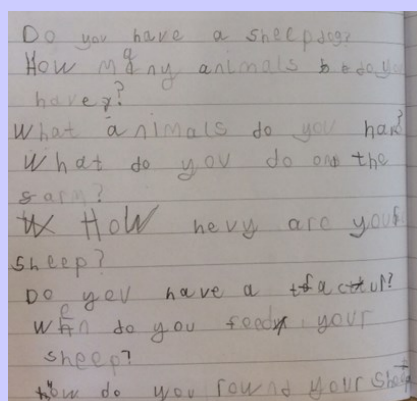
We have been busy learning our Christmas songs in preparation for the school Christmas play. We have been reading the book 'Little Owl and the Star' and completed lots of star themed activities this week. We have used the small world resources and puppets to retell the story.

FS1 children have helped make a post box ready for Christmas cards next week. They have enjoyed writing and posting letters in the classroom.



### In Caracara Class:

Caracara Class have been busy working with the whole school in preparations for the Christmas play. We have learnt to use a ruler to draw matching triangles from a rectangle to create stars for the backdrop. We found it a little difficult as once we'd lined up one side of the ruler the other side moved. We have also been busy thinking about today's trip. In English, we wrote relevant questions which we will ask Suzi today.



### **Falcon Class:**

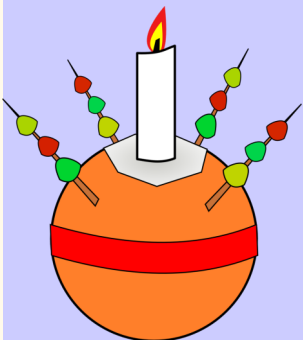
The school has been a hive of activity this week with preparations for the nativity, school trips and preparations for the Christmas celebrations. Falcon Class have had a great time making their Christmas decorations ready for the tree decorating event. The children used felt, feathers, sparkles and their unique stitching skills to create themed baubles, with some fantastic results.

On Monday we were lucky to join Years 5/6 on a trip to HMS Protector where the children learned about weaponry, visited the bridge and had the opportunity to sit in the Captain's seat as well as experiencing what it would be like to be a fireman. The children were surprised by and weighed down by the amount of equipment they had to wear. They have also been absolute stars in learning their lines for the nativity play.



### **School Christmas Post Box**

The children in EYFS have been busy making us a post box ready for Christmas cards to be posted. This will be located next to the Christmas tree in the hall. From Wednesday 1st December children are welcome to post cards for other children in the school. These cards need to be addressed with the child's name and class. The School Council will then sort this mail daily where possible and deliver the post to classes at the end of the school day. The children will then be able to take these cards home to open.



### **Christingle:**

We are delighted that so many of you are able to join us for our Christingle on Monday 29th November at 1400. All children who attend MPS will be making Christingles. However, due to health and safety reasons, only the children in FS2- Year 6 will be given the opportunity to light their Christingle in school. All children will be able to take their Christingle home to light with you later. If you attend with younger siblings the child in school may also be asked to light their Christingle later at home. This is to ensure we meet the requirements of the approved Risk Assessment.



## **Meadowlark Class**

How lucky we are to live in such a unique location! Year 5 & 6 Meadowlark were fortunate enough to go on two incredible educational trips during the past two weeks. On our first trip we learnt more about the inner-workings of the 905 Expeditionary Air Wing and had a really busy, but rewarding day visiting the following places on the patch: Fire department / Met office / Typhoons / A400 / Air traffic control / British International Helicopters.

Apart from gaining a deeper understanding of how Science and Maths are used within the different departments, we also learnt about the career choices within the Armed Forces and the qualifications needed to join the different sections. Listening to my students on our way back from the trip; we might have a future loadmaster, engineer, fighter pilot and Met Office weather forecaster in the making.

Most importantly, we were told about the importance of '**RESILIENCE**', following your dreams, never giving up and to keep on trying until you succeed.

For our second trip, we were fortunate enough to go and visit the HMS Protector to find out more about the role of the Navy's only ice-breaker that will be leaving shortly to go to Antarctica. We had the opportunity to visit and learn more about the armoury, fire-fighting area, the Bridge and Survey room.

I would like to say a special thank you to Sqn Ldr Harvey and his team from 905EAW and to Lieutenant Simon Elmore and the personnel of HMS Protector for taking time out of their busy schedules to provide us with these special learning opportunities that most children can only dream of.



**Diary Dates**

- Monday 29th November - 1400 Christingle in the school hall. Please join us to help the children make and light their Christingles with Padre John.
- Wednesday 1st December - 1430 Christmas tree decoration event. Please join us in the school hall. The children will make the Christmas decorations in school as part of their DT work, you are invited to join us to decorate the tree and hall and to enjoy a mince pie with us. **Please can you support the Stanley Food bank by bringing an item of tinned/dried food or toiletries to this event.**
- Friday 3rd December - 1400 Christmas production loosely based on the Nativity in the school hall - parents and invited guests are welcome to join us.
- 6th December - Last date for comments on Morning Club.
- Thursday 9th December - Wear a Christmas jumper to school voluntary donation £1 towards our sponsorship of Antarctic-Quest Expedition.
- Thursday 9th December - 1015 Leaver's assembly by invitation.
- Thursday 9th December - School finishes at 1300.
- Thursday 9th December - 1300-1530 Inset day for teachers.
- Monday 3rd January - 0900-1530 Inset day for teachers.
- Tuesday 4th January - School starts for children.
- Friday 7th January - 0900-1000 Launchpad event, parents are invited to join child/ren with learning.
- Friday 7th January - 1000-1015 Golden Assembly for invited parents. Children are presented certificates for their hard work and for demonstrating the school values.
- Friday 21st January - 1330 Sports Day afternoon - details to follow
- Friday 28th January - 1330 Alternative date for Sports Day afternoon if the weather on the 21st January is against us.
- Friday 11th February - School closes at 1500 for half term.
- Monday 21st February - School starts for children.
- Wednesday 9th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1715
- Thursday 10th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1800



**MONTHLY  
DIARY**

2021-2022

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**DEC 20TH - HOW THE GRINCH  
STOLE CHRISTMAS 19:30**

**DEC 23RD - THE POLAR  
EXPRESS 14:00**

**DEC 23RD - ELF 19:30**

**DEC 24TH - MUPPET  
CHRISTMAS CAROL 15:00**