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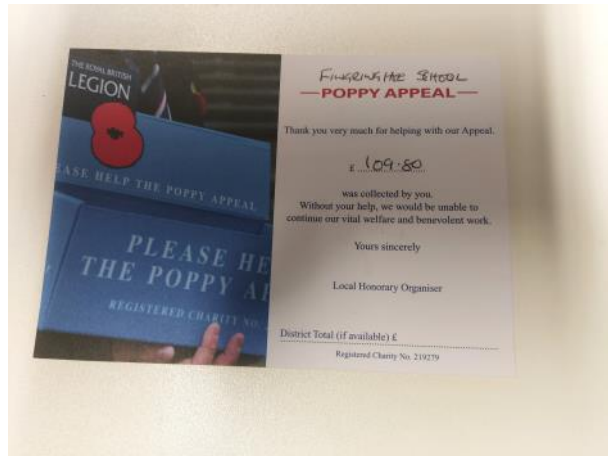
Church of England (VA) Primary School

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st December 2023

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 5th December— Willow & Beech classes Nativity (in church)
- Wednesday 6th December— Willow & Beech classes Nativity (in church)
- Wednesday 6th December— Flu immunisations
- Thursday 7th December— Maple class 'Athletics Event'
- Saturday 9th December— PTA Christmas fete
- Thursday 14th & Friday 15th December—Christmas Jumper days (optional) & Christmas school lunch
- Tuesday 19th December— Nativity Gazette supplement on sale
- Wednesday 20th December—Celebration assembly with mince pies afterwards & the last day of term!



Dear Parents,

Firstly, thanks to you all for your donations in support of our recent Poppy Appeal, a total of £109.80 was raised which is fantastic. This week in school the children have enjoyed getting out and about with our Year 3 children enjoying a fun run at the Northern Gateway and our Year 5 and 6 children had a great day at Layer Marney Tower yesterday. Back in school, Willow and Beech class have been busy making preparations for their upcoming nativity performance - it's sure to put us all in the Christmas mood! Thank you for all your chocolate donations today in support of our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December. Our PTA have been very busy behind the scenes making sure it will be a fantastic event for all to enjoy - we look forward to seeing you there!

Best Wishes, Mrs Coyle & Ms Parker

Headteacher Awards	Week commencing 20/11/2023	Week commencing 27/11/2023
Willow Class	Roscoe	Archie
Beech Class	Louis & Perrie	Woody & Roseanne
Maple Class	Zac & Sophia	Jaxon & Noah
Elm Class	Maisie, Jude & Charlie	Lilah, Leo Ayaan

Willow

This week, the children have been working exceptionally hard in their phonics lessons and have begun to write their own sentences to retell the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. They have also been consolidating their decoding skills through independent provision activities.

In science, Willows have completed multiple experiments to enhance their understanding of materials. Buddy the Elf even set them a challenge to make Santa a new waterproof sack...his old one was leaking! They tested a range of materials to find a solution to the dilemma.



Beech

This week in Beech Class, we have been getting into the festive spirit. Our RE enquiry question this half term is 'What does the Nativity Story teach Christians about Jesus?'. We have been thinking about how Christians prepare for Christmas and will be visited by a member of the church next week to spot signs of Christmas in the church. Children have enjoyed discussing their festive traditions, both at home and at school, for example taking part in the Nativity play. Children then investigated what the word advent means and created a 'reverse advent calendar' to help and show kindness to friends, family and our local community.

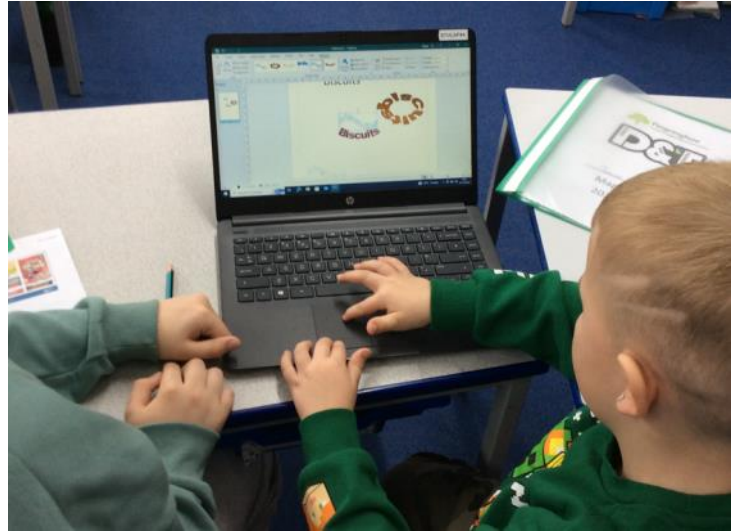


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Maple

Maple have started a new Design and Technology project. They are investigating packaging and the different ways that manufacturers create it. They have looked at the uses such as to protect, to present, to contain and to preserve. They will continue with their investigating, designing, and making for the rest of the half term.



Elm

Recently, Elm Class have been learning about writing Newspaper Reports in English, Fractions in Maths, how our eyes work in Science and the physical Geography in the Paris Basin.

But more recently, Elm Class went to Layer Marney Tower to learn more about the Ancient Greeks. The children took part in 4 learning modules: Daily Life, The Olympics, Herakles (and his impossible labours) and the Greek Gods. The children took part in different activities based on these areas of history. Children learned how bread was important for city-states, so they worked in groups to grind wheat. They also took part in 'impossible' tasks to represent the trials of Herakles which included trials like team stepping stones, spinning plates and juggling! The children created Greek-like plates that depicted athletes competing in the Olympics, and their last activity was to create an Olympian Calendar.

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