

Newsletter (14) – Special Christmas Edition Autumn Term – 20.12.2023

What happened this week in school?



We ended the Autumn term on a high!

- The school and class elves are still at it doing funny things in school
- Christmas disco
- WESSP sports day in school
- Christmas Concert
- Christingle competition
- Church service at St Nicholas' Church
- ... and Dr Lawson was Father Christmas giving everyone a treat on the last day of term.

A BIG THANK YOU to all our volunteer parents and helpers who helped with making Christmas memorable for the pupils.



Picture News – This week's Big Question...



Are decorations an important part of celebrations?



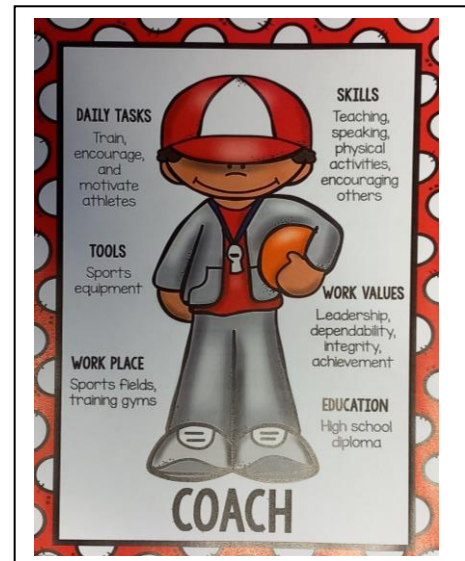
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Information

Career guidance

The subject Leads are organising visitors coming into school to talk about their careers to inspire our pupils and help them to make valuable links with the subjects taught in school.

Mr Marcus Cattell
delivered a sports day event on Monday
and also spoke to pupils about his job as
School Games Organiser.



Job/Career title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Games Organiser for West Essex School Sports partnership (WESSP).
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University qualification in Sports Development.
Which subjects did you enjoy in school?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE • History • Geography
How did the subjects in school inspire you for the job you are doing?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like practical subjects and had good relationships with my sports coaches.
What do you do as part of your job?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in schools to promote active participation in sports. • Motivate the next generation to be more active. • Organise sporting events for local schools through West Essex School Sports partnership (WESSP).

Christmas Disco





WESSP extra sports day in school

Red Class - Warm up!



Knee up speed hurdles



Long jump



Long Jump Distances:

Lucas	0.72cm
Talula	0.77cm
Jake	0.82cm
Harry	0.84cm
Noah	0.56cm
Ellen	0.82cm
Poppy	0.60cm



Years 1 and 3



Years 3 and 4



Staff and Governor well-being

A big thank you to all the staff and Governors for all the hard work and effort with Dr Walker's - the school cannot function without your input and commitment.

You are all very much valued! THANKS! To say thank you, all staff and governors received a small thank you present.

Staff also had a Secret Santa gift exchange.



Christmas around school



Mrs Spanton has shown her knitting skills by creating the Nativity scene for us to enjoy in school.

The donkey is yet to make an appearance!

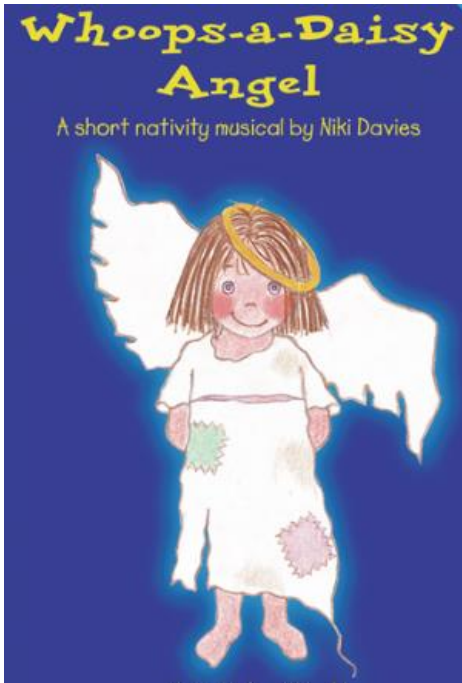
Staff in a festive mood



Christmas concert

What a wonderful Christmas concert!

We put on a performance of *"Whoops-A-Daisy Angel"* with the Reception pupils dressed up as the nativity characters. There was a musical performance on ukuleles and xylophones (thanks to Mr Tom Eastwood – Essex Music Services); stories of Christmas around the world and traditional and contemporary Christmas songs. And all staff were dressed up!















Christmas Service at St Nicholas' Church

We would like to say a special thank you to Reverend Sam Brazier-Gibbs and Mrs Lesley Wallis (Church warden) for arranging the Christmas service at St Nicholas' Church. Also a big thank you to Mrs Spanton who arranged for the Bell Ringers. They were amazing!





Christingles



Our winners are: Doty, Harry, Madison and Talia

Elves working at home...



Elves at school...



Wildlife Trust – 12 Days Wild 25th December 2023 – 5th January 2024

A midwinter nature challenge

12 Days Wild is our festive nature challenge, encouraging you to do one wild thing a day from the 25th December to the 5th January each year. In those quiet days between Christmas and New Year, winter wildlife is just waiting to be explored! Your wild acts could be little things to help nature - like recycling your Christmas tree or feeding the birds – or ways to connect to the natural world, like taking in the calm of stargazing.

Sign up [here](#)



Wishing everyone a very blessed Christmas



**All the Staff and Governors,
wish our Dr Walker's Community
a peaceful and festive Christmas season
and a happy, prosperous 2024.
Have a lovely festive seasons.**



(The donkey made it to the stable – thanks Mrs Spantron!)

Raffle Winners!

Prize	Ticket Number	Name
Dead Sea Salt Gift Set from Smooth Skin Care	128	Alice B
Flower Bouquet	410	Dolly G
£25 voucher for Dog & Pickle	406	Dotty M
Wax Melts	89	Daisy
Shape & Polish with Natalie's Nails & Beauty	395	Teddy Do
Wolf Fishing Accessories	352	Amber P
Breakfast for 2 at Hazel's Kitchen, Harlow	496	Archie B
2 Complimentary Entry Tickets for the Cutty Sark & Royal Observatory	149	Teddie T
Proxellimini Hair Straightener	380	Gabby
Christmas Penguin from Piccola	167	Max
Eve Taylor Bundle from smart Beauty	346	Harrison
Krazy Kids voucher	428	Loki
Bubble Tea @ The Potty Painting Studio	479	Madison
Wash & Blow Dry @ Hadley Yates Salon	496	Jude
£10 Voucher for the Cheesemonger, Ongar	94	Poppy
Cherie's Boutique Voucher	142	Eva
£100 gift voucher - Shirley Rita Aesthetics	426	Cassidy
Cut & Blow dry @ your home by Kelly	411	Lucas M
Cake Stand	489	Barney C
2 Christmas Table Arrangements	463	Freya J
£10 Food Voucher for The Crown @ Sandon	366	Sienna
Ribbons		Amelia-Rae
Ribbons		Poppy
Ribbons		Dolly
Ribbons		Daisy
Ribbons		Alice Cur
Ribbons		Dotty
Ribbons		Eva
Sweets jars		Jesse
Sweets jars		Kai
Sweets jars		Max
Sweets jars		Joey
Sweets jars		Sidney
Sweets jars		Jude
Sweets jars		John-James
Sweets jars		Tilly
Sweets jars		Gabby
Sweets jars		Amelia V
Sweets jars		Sienna
Sweets jars		Talia
Sweets jars		Ellen
Sweets jars		Lillie
Lucky Dip		Ralph
Lucky Dip		Paul
Lucky Dip		Jake
Lucky Dip		Maci
Lucky Dip		Freya
Lucky Dip		Scarlett
Lucky Dip		Nellie