

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...



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	 School Games Organiser for West Essex School Sports partnership (WESSP). 		
Qualifications	University qualification in Sports Development.		
Which subjects did you enjoy in school?	PEHistoryGeography		
How did the subjects in school inspire you for the job you are doing?	I like practical subjects and had good relationships with my sports coaches.		
What do you do as part of your job?	 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

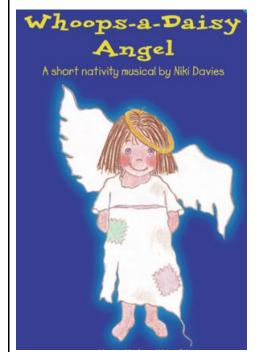




Christmas concert

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: Dotty, 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!)

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