Newsletter

3rd December 2021

Dear all,

The excitement is rising with rehearsals at full speed! Thanks to everyone who has sent in costumes (your teacher will have let you know if your child needs one). I have certainly seen sheep, angels and the occasional king around the school! Please let us know if you need help with this. Our plans remain unchanged for the performances. The weather is looking like 'light rain'. We do plan to 'keep calm and carry on' so please ensure you are wrapped up for sitting outside in drizzle for an hour! The children's voices and enthusiasm will surely warm your hearts, if not your feet!

Thank you to our wonderful choir for Saturday night's performance and to Mr Downton for leading them. You were absolutely brilliant! I do hope you all enjoyed the evening.

In assembly this week, the children have been learning about Patron Saint Andrew, as it was St.Andrew's day on Tuesday. We were delighted to welcome Rector Sue Sheppard into school who lead a lovely assembly making super links to Moretonhampstead's St Andrew's Church. I think we all learnt lots! Many thanks Sue.

As you are all aware, due to Covid, we are required to keep the school well ventilated with doors and windows open. Please can I ask you to ensure your child has enough clothes on to keep warm. Some children are wearing coats in class, this is fine, but does make it difficult for them to work. My suggestion is to layer clothes under school uniform, e.g. thermals, tights under trousers, long johns, double socks etc. A gilet/ body warmer is also a good option as they have arms free and can still write easily! Many thanks in your support in this and helping to keep the children safe and comfortable during these winter months.

I look forward to seeing you all today at the Christmas Trail.

Kind regards,

Mrs Alex Waterman



News from FOMS

FOMS would like to invite all children from Little Tors up to Beckaford, to join us for a very special breakfast.......

On Friday 10th December, after school drop off, we're looking forward to seeing all of the children (over two sittings) in the school hall for a wonderful festive feast, seasonal music and a visit from Santa himself.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £2.50 per child to be sent into the school office in a named envelope by Wednesday 8th December. If you could advise us of any dietary requirements/allergies that would be helpful. Any worries then please speak with reception.

The FOMS Team

School Christmas Dinner

Another quick reminder about booking your child(ren)'s Christmas Dinner for Wednesday 15th December. The order MUST be completed by Wednesday 8th December in order for Zoe to get her food order in on time. Unlike other days, we are also asking you to choose pudding on this day too.

| Dates for your diary | |
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| Fri 3rd Dec | FOMS Christmas Trail/Fair |
| Wed 8th Dec | Christmas Performance 9.30 KS1 & 10.15 KS2 |
| Wed 8th Dec | Flu Vaccinations (PM) |
| Thurs 9th Dec | Christmas Performance 9.15 KS2 & 11.00 KS1 1.45 KS1 & 2.30 KS2 |
| Fri 10th Dec | FOMS Breakfast with Santa |
| Fri 10th Dec | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wed 15th Dec | Christmas Dinner |
| Fri 17th Dec | SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2PM—END OF TERM |
| Wednesday 5th Jan 2022 | Back to school |

News from the classes

Little Tors

This week in 'Little Tors' we have started our Christmas Celebrations. We have been busy decorating our classroom, Christmas tree and have started our countdown to Christmas using our Christmas tree advent calendars.



Shapley

Shapley have enjoyed working with Mardon this week, researching Christmas traditions around the world and producing posters ready to share with parents next week at our performance. We have also continued designing and making our rainforest instruments during outdoor whilst learning using new tools such as saws and drills!





Pepperdon

This week has seen the arrival of Santa's Workshop in Pepperdon. The children enjoy the opportunity to dress up as elves and make presents for their friends, wrap them up and write labels. We have also been exploring 2D and 3D shapes by playing our maths games.



Mardon

In Shapley and Mardon, we have been finding out about how Christmas is celebrated around the world for our performance next week!



Easdon

We have been working on our number bond this week. Recapping number bond to 10 and 20, and starting to challenge ourselves with number bond to 100!



Beckaford

Beckaford have been working hard over the last 4 week to design and make their own Anderson shelters based off those that were used during World War 2. Each group researched the materials used to make Anderson shelters and found their own materials that they felt would make their own miniature versions look realistic. The class have been excitedly working on both their MED Theatre and Christmas performances since the beginning of this term. The children will be performing their MED Theatre play to the rest of KS2 on Thursday this week and we will be recording their performance to upload on our school website for parents to very large.

