



St. Mary's & St. Peter's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final week of a very busy term was rounded off with Year 3 and 4 Sing Up and the carol service led by Year 5. The children sang beautifully and with such enthusiasm; an absolute joy to watch. Well done!

I wanted to use this opportunity to say a big thank you to our staff for their positivity and hard work this term. A huge amount of thought and planning goes into everything we do and I know the staff are all ready for a well-deserved rest! On behalf of the staff, thank you too for your kind words in the lead up to Christmas. They are truly appreciated.

We wish you all comfort and joy with those closest to you this Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

With warm wishes,
Ms Helen Swain
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates

December

21st End of Term @ 2pm

January

8th INSET Day

9th First Day of Term

10th Rec Dinosaur Workshop

15th - 19th Art of Brilliance Week

30th Rugby Match vs TPA

30th Y3 Ancient Egypt Workshop

February

2nd Number Day

2nd Y3 Collective Worship

2nd Friends' School of DJ

6th / 7th Book Fair

6th / 7th Parent Teacher Meetings

8th Richmond Singing Gala

9th Y6 Cake Sale

9th Last day of Half Term

Welcome to Mrs Novell



Hello! I'm Mrs Novell and I have been enjoying getting to know 3BD as I have recently started teaching them on Mondays and Tuesdays. I have been teaching for nearly 30 years in the Borough and am delighted that my career has now taken me to this lovely school which I am very familiar with as both my children (now aged 12 and 15) went here. I feel very privileged to now be standing this side of the school gates working amongst a great staff team.

I am a member of St. Michael's Church, Fulwell. I enjoy being active and aside from regular exercise classes, I often cycle and walk in the local area. Cooking is another interest, especially baking, brownies being a particular favourite!

School Library

In January, we will be collecting children's books written in different languages for our school library. We currently have 29 registered home languages spoken by our pupils and would like to be able to offer children a wider variety of language books. This is especially important for children who are new to the country and may not have access to any reading books in their first language. If you have books at home which your child no longer reads or has outgrown, or you are travelling abroad over Christmas, we would be very grateful for your donations. Please look out for a message in the Newsletter in the new year stating when and where we will be collecting the books.

Miss Richardson

Year 5 Carol Service

This week, Year 5 led a carol service at St. Mary with St. Alban. We enjoyed singing carols with the congregation and leading some of our own songs. We also performed Jesus' Christmas Party, which is a poem that tells the story of Jesus' birth from the point of view of the innkeeper. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

I enjoyed the carol service because I liked singing the songs.

- Alastair

I really liked the carol service because I enjoyed learning all the new songs particularly We Three Kings.

- Jack



Eco-Warriors

Over the past few weeks, our diligent Eco-Warriors have been keen to find out how eco-friendly we are at SMSP and also what we are doing in our homes to look after our earth. The Eco-Warriors also wanted to explore if there is anything more we could be doing as a community. The team put together a questionnaire to be taken back to their class for discussion.

The results were very interesting. We discovered that most of us are being eco-friendly by using cars less and walking to places if they are local; using reusable water bottles; switching off lights and devices when not in use; taking care not to use more than we need in lessons such as art/DT and recycling our waste carefully.

Ideas on how we could improve included the following:

- Choosing to buy products with less plastic packaging
- Planting more trees
- Recycling whiteboard pens
- Using pen refills more often at school
- Encouraging more wildlife into the nature area, for example, by putting up more bird feeders and planting butterfly friendly plants

The children also had ideas for larger projects such as solar panels on the school roof, replacing the minibus with an electric one in the future and creating a green wall.

Have a look at these websites to find out more information about how you can continue to look after our planet.
[Protecting the environment - BBC Bitesize](#) [How to be more eco-friendly at Christmas - BBC Bitesize](#)

Wheelchair Rugby Talk



On Friday, Matt and Sara Hunt came in to talk to year 6 about physical disabilities. Matt has been using a wheelchair for the past 4 years, after an unfortunate accident. Before this, Matt was a semi-professional rugby player, who played for Harlequins, but he didn't let his disability stop his love for sport. He is now a wheelchair rugby player who has participated in leagues. He talked to us about the origin of wheelchair rugby, and even let us have a go sitting in his wheelchairs. He taught us the rules of wheelchair rugby, and we had an interesting discussion where year 6 got to ask some questions about his experience of being in a wheelchair. Overall, we found it extremely fascinating and everyone really enjoyed the visit.

-by Lyla and Rafe (6HN)



A Journey around the world

This term Y3 have been taking a 'virtual' trip around the world to find out about music from different countries and cultures.

They have enjoyed hearing and playing a variety of world musical instruments, creating their own music to match certain countries and even trying on some traditional costumes.

'My favourite part was getting my passport stamped with a picture to remind us about each country.'

'I remember we went to Spain, the Pacific Islands, Kenya, Scotland, Central America, India, China and Jamaica.'

'I liked dressing up and using the instruments from the countries we visited.'



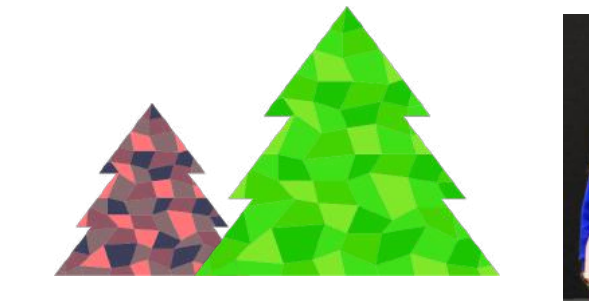
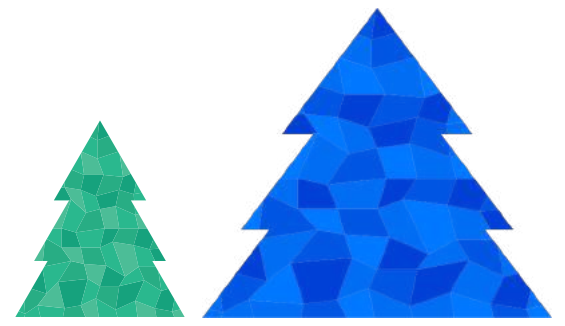
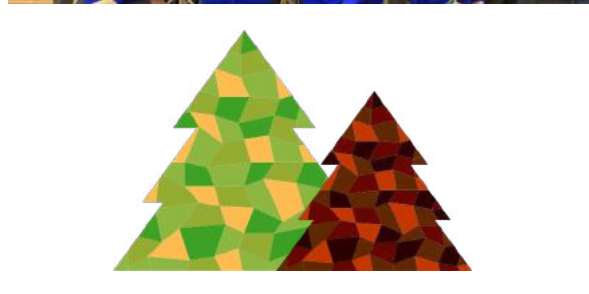
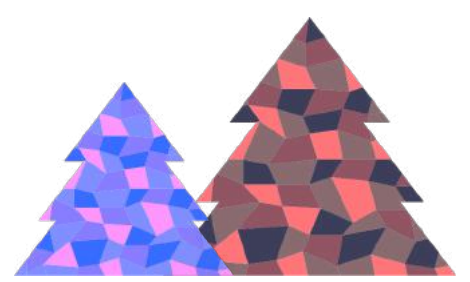
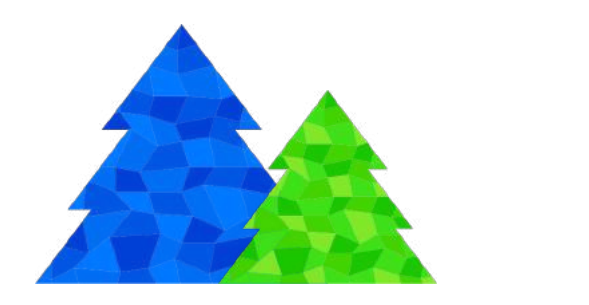
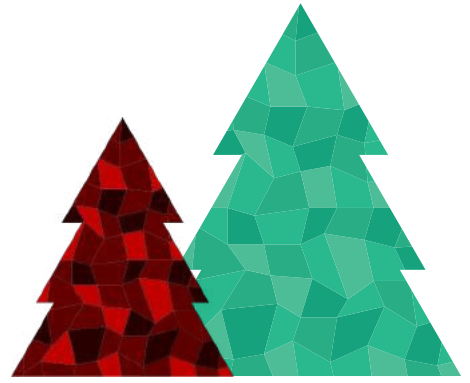
Reception Nativity



KS1 A Midwife Crisis



Year 3 & 4 Sing Up



Year 6 Madagascar! A Musical Adventure! Jr.

