



School Newsletter



Merry Christmas

SCHOOL CALENDAR

DECEMBER	
Friday 18th	Carols in Coats End of term
JANUARY	
Wednesday 6th	Term starts
FEBRUARY	
Tuesday 2nd	Parents evening
Friday 12th	Rags 2 Riches Half term
Monday 22nd	Back to school

VALUE OF THE MONTH - PEACE

Psalm 29:11

“May the Lord give strength to his people. May the Lord bless his people with peace”

Chosen by Mrs Gleaves



Message from the Governors

Sadly as there is no Christmas gathering this year, we cannot meet in Cradley Church as is normal.

It has been a dire year for everyone in one way or another but more so than ever this year. The Governors would like to thank every single member of staff for their commitment to the children and School. They have struggled through their own anxiety to enable a secure and safe place for the children in their care.

As I have been unable to visit school for many months due to Covid rules, I have missed the contact more than I can say, both with staff and children. Children always lift ones spirit, a much needed boost these days.

Thank you to you as parents for your understanding and support over the last few months. There have been some tough times but the Governors have been in regular contact with staff especially when difficult decisions have had to be made.

Every one of us must be delighted hearing of the vaccine and hope for some normality in 2021.

The Governors wish you all a Happy and healthy Christmas, which we hope brings you much comfort and joy.

Eryl Copp (Co-chair of Governors.)

Christmas News!

Nativity

Well done to everyone who participated in the very different Nativity this year, everyone did such an amazing job, we are so proud of you. A special thanks to all the staff who helped bring it all together, we hope you enjoy watching it! A link has been sent home via Tapestry.





Pantomime

The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the virtual pantomime of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Tuesday. Later in the day the children even had a zoom call from the cast! Thank you to FOCS for paying for this.

Christmas Party Day

Although a bit different this year, the children had a great time eating their Christmas lunch boxes and opening their crackers with friends, followed by lots of fun with party games in their bubbles! They even had a Zoom call from Santa himself!





Carol Service

As we couldn't enjoy our usual end of term Carol Service in the Church this year, Year 6 instead led our traditional lessons and each class have recorded a carol, which were started off with Once in Royal David's City, beautifully sung by Lottie, Tehya, Henry and Jacob. The link will be sent home via Tapestry shortly and we hope you enjoy watching it.

Carols in Coats

This afternoon from 2.30 pm all of the children will assemble in their coats in bubbles on the playground ready to go home and will sing Christmas Carols. Please join us as you arrive at pick up. Please socially distance on the playground and wear a face mask or face covering. The FOCS hamper draw will take place at 3pm.

**Have a wonderful Christmas and a
Happy New Year, from all of the
staff and children here at Cradley**

Food Bank

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations for the local food bank Christmas Appeal. A big thank you to Poppy for taking the donations to the Ledbury Food bank this morning. We always have a box outside the main door for regular donations. Thank you for your continued support.



CHRISTINGLE **Carols & Christingle**

Christmas Eve

3pm Cradley Churchyard

Come and sing outside

Christingles to take home

Donations to The Children's Society

Please bring masks and torches

Please respect social distancing

Live-streaming details at CradleyChurch.org.uk

House points

Well done to Masefield for winning the house points trophy this term, finishing on 3245 points! Elgar were second with 2834 points, and in third place were Shaw with 2804 points.



Attendance

Well done to Class 5 who have had 99.33% attendance this week. They get to look after Alfie the Attendance Bear the first week of next term. Please can we remind parents that late arrivals after the registers close at 8.55am count as a missed morning session and are included in attendance figures.

Class 1 – 96.33%

Whole school – 97.63%

Class 2 – 98.95%

Class 3 – 96.43%

Class 4 – 98.89%

Class 5 – 99.33%



★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

- Nursery -** Joziah for an excellent start in Nursery
Lauren for just being a superstar ☺
- Class 1 –** All of Class 1 for their wonderful Nativity
- Class 2 –** Becky for persistence with her handwriting
Charlie for persistence with his Maths
- Class 3 –** TJ for his enthusiasm in our Rainforests topic
Ollie for always being sensible and trying his best
- Class 4 –** Adam for taking pride in all his work this week
Annie for having such a positive week
- Class 5 -** Albert for his consistently positive attitude
Tehya for persistence and care making her model in imagineering



Footballer of the Week – Preston for working hard to be a good team player



NURSERY NEWS



Everyone in Nursery would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas! These last few weeks have been filled with festive fun and lots of wonderful activities, we've all loved every minute of it! Stay safe and take care. See you in all in 2021!



Also a very big thank you to FOCS for kindly funding our brand new Wellie Tree!



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NEWS



Christmas pop up shop – the children absolutely loved going to the pop up shop to buy presents for parents and relatives, thank you to everyone for your present donations and for sending in money for the children. An extra big thank you to Sarah, Edwina and Kitty for spending the entire morning wrapping presents, it raised over £200 which is fantastic!



At the moment it looks like we have raised over £250 for the apple juice sales which is amazing, a huge thank you to Sally Clarke and her team of helpers for organising it all.

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, we look forward to the draw taking place at 3pm today.

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas!