



e-news @ Leigh and Bransford

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We're winning contests, we're practising for plays, we're on day trips out, and we're having festive fun days—all in a week!

Bursting with Pride – We are very proud to inform you the team of Robotic engineers we sent through to the interschool final at QinetiQ last Friday WON! That's right, they won. We are so proud of how they represented themselves and the school on the day. So Mali, Annabel & Riley huge congratulations from everyone here at the school – what a result!

Christmas Tree – A huge **THANK YOU** to the Beard family who donated our fabulous Christmas tree, you should be able to see the lights twinkling in the drop off car park.

TED Day – Please remember the school is closed on Thursday 12th December for polling. This is the final TED day now allocated.

Black Pepper Christmas Lunch – This is the 16th December – please go online and book if your little ones would like one.

Christmas Play 2019 – All ticket requests need to be in by next Monday the 9th, we will then make our way through the reserve list. Tickets will all be out to you guys by the end of next week.

Meds – It certainly is that time of year! All meds need to come into the office where we can log them in and out of the premises, do not put them in your child's bag for a myriad of reasons. They need to be labelled with a name, dosage and time of dosage. Thanks in advance! Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole!!

Director of Health, WCC – (we were sent this and thought it may be useful) Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections such as meningitis, tuberculosis and pneumonia. They do not work on viruses, so antibiotics cannot treat infections such as colds and flu. Bacteria are continually adapting to develop new ways of withstanding antibiotic treatment. This is called antibiotic resistance and is one of the biggest threats facing us today.

Antibiotic resistance can then spread between different bacteria in our bodies. Antibiotic resistant bacteria can be carried by healthy or ill people and can spread to others. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics is a major factor that causes antibiotic resistance. The more often a person takes antibiotics, the more likely they are to develop antibiotic resistant bacteria in the body. To reduce this risk, it is important that antibiotics are taken only when necessary and that patients follow advice given by the doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

There are simple actions you can take to help keep antibiotics working:

- Don't ask for antibiotics if you have a cough or cold. Antibiotics should only be taken for bacterial infections. Many infections get better on their own, without the need for antibiotics. Go to your pharmacist for advice first and they may be able to help with your symptoms.
- If the doctor does prescribe you with antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed; never save them for later and never share them with others.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about antibiotic resistance.

You can also help prevent infections spreading by:

- Using tissues and disposing of them when you sneeze.
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap, especially after you have used a tissue or sneezed into your hand.
- Get the flu vaccine if you or your child are eligible.

Christmas Jumper Day – We are supporting Save The Children and running Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 13th December** in exchange for a £1, you are welcome to wear your own clothes alongside your Christmas jumper. If you do not have a Christmas jumper you are welcome to wear your favourite jumper instead.

School Website – If you have not already, please follow the link & complete a very short survey. We would love to know what you think - <https://forms.gle/qYNTXtADxVQxTKDb8>

External After School Clubs – Karate & football have now finished, the last day of yoga will be the 13th of December, the session that was cancelled today the 6th December will run next term as it has already been paid for.

Eco Zone - Second Hand Clothes Fashion Show We are still looking for second hand clothes for our fashion show, please drop them into school if you have any. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for models too! **Clothes Recycling Bin** – Please use it! The clothes bin will raise funds towards our new eco area and Starlight Children’s Charity.

Reception, Mr Powney (he’s back) – This week we had a very exciting visit to Smart Trees Christmas Tree Farm. When on arrival we had to find lots of baubles hidden within the Christmas trees and collect the letters to spell the hidden word. Once we had done this we then went through the grotto where it was snowing inside and met some of Santa’s reindeer on the way to find him. After visiting Santa we had our lunch then went on a very bumpy tractor and trailer ride and got to see some more real live reindeer! We have also been busy rehearsing the Christmas play and have learned 6 new tricky words: I, go, into, the, no & to.



Class 1, Miss Knight - We have had a very exciting week. Elf on the Shelf arrived in our class and we wrote letters to her. We also went on as school trip to Smart Trees. While we were there we went on a hunt to find the 12 days of Christmas around the Christmas trees. Then we got to meet Santa. He gave us all a letter AND a present! We went on a tractor ride around the farm it was decorated as a sleigh.



Class 2, Mrs Tedds & Miss Gilmore - This week we have been continuing to practise the Christmas Play songs and dances ready for our show. Our trip to Smart Trees on Tuesday was brilliant! We enjoyed following a map to find clues on the Twelve days of Christmas Trail around the muddy Christmas tree fields. Then we headed into the magical indoor forest where we tried to catch falling snowflakes and bubbles and even managed to spot a few reindeer on our way to see Santa! We ate lunch on the straw bales in the barn and finished the day off with a bumpy tractor ride. What an amazing day!

So far in RE we have been learning about how Christians celebrate Easter, Harvest and Christmas and are now moving onto how different religions celebrate some of their special days. [In Science we are learning about materials - It would be particularly useful if you could talk with your children about what things \(for example, in your house\) are made of and why this is a good material for the job. There are some house points on offer!](#)



Class 3, Miss Radford - This week the children in Class 3 have been working really hard with their maths work. We have started to look at the different ways we can represent multiplication and division as well as how to prove this.

As I am sure you are all aware, the children absolutely loved their Christmas Fun Day! In Class 3 we were getting into the spirit of the gift of giving. We decorated gingerbread men and gave them as gifts to other children and staff in the school!



Class 4, Miss Albutt - Continuing with our Diversity topic, Class 4 have been exploring how children and adults with a range of needs can be supported in society. Class 4 were lucky enough to welcome Mrs Manford to school to demonstrate and explain some of the techniques we can use in and outside of school to help people who suffer from sight or hearing difficulties. The children learnt about the different types of sight loss and how it can affect people in a variety of ways as well as the different types of technology available to aid hearing. In addition, the children enjoyed testing out their own sight and hearing by completing some fun interactive tests. Thank you Mrs Manford for your time!





Class 5, Mrs Sage - Christmas creativity has been filling our classroom this week! We have been using our design and technology skills this week to make our own salt dough. We then used it to mould Christmas decorations to hang on our trees at home. We had to ensure that the texture was just the right consistency to ensure that it would mould into our desired shapes and hold its form. We look forward to when they have completely dried so that we can paint them. On Tuesday, we also learned how to make chocolate fudge, we had to use our measuring, mixing and blending skills. After this, we poured into tins to set in the refrigerator. This is in preparation for our reindeer fudge bags that we have made for the school Christmas fete on Friday.



Class 6, Miss Hutchinson This week in class six we had some amazing news from three of our wonderful pupils who managed to win the QinetiQ robotics challenge! Annabel, Riley and Mali, alongside Mrs Richards, were lucky enough to attend a robotics challenge day after winning the programming activity earlier in the term. The children had to compete against many other schools programming a robot to: drive along a black line using a light sensor; judge speed, alter the angle of its movement and complete a course in the fastest time. Having successfully completed this, the children won a programmable robot for the school!



School dates for your diary

Christmas Holidays – School closes Friday 20th December & reopens Monday 6th January 2020.

Christmas Play – Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December.

Carol Concert – Tuesday 17th December. 6pm – 7pm @ Leigh Church.

TED Day – Thursday 12th December – For polling

Friend Zone

Christmas Fete – It's todayyyyyyy!!

Christmas card Monies – Please get this into school reception by Monday 9th December. Thank you!!



Saving the best until last - Celebrating Our Success!!

Scarlett G – Setting a good example to others on the school trip.

Alfie J – Effort with your lines in the Christmas Play.

Robin T – Good effort learning lines.

Archie B – Improved attitude to work.

Dexter T, Owen S & Evelyn R – Excellent 'piece of writing to inform'.

Poppy D – Excellent knowledge in maths using money.

Alana L – Being more independent during lessons.

Ava K – Excellent contributions to class discussions.

Jayden H – For showing determination in maths

Jonny C – For improved behaviour.

George P, Bethany MB & Will S – Awarded for being caring & helpful members of Class 5.

James C, Fleur D & Lottie T – Fantastic effort in all their work.

