

Pixies news

Merry Christmas!



Coming up in January...

Thurs 5th Jan

Children start back

Fri 6th Jan

Swimming lessons start

Thurs 12th Jan

FOPHS meeting

Tues 17th Jan

Parent Tour for prospective parents
(late applications)

Fri 20th Jan

Young Voices

Mon 23rd Jan | 3.30pm

Governor School Improvement

Thurs 26th Jan | 9.15am

Year 1 Class Assembly

Fri 27th Jan

FOPHS Film Night

Mon 30th Jan | 7pm

Governor Resources Committee

It was a long
journey to
Bethlehem –
imagine
how they felt!



Value of the month

Empathy is the perfect value for December as we think about the Christmas story and also how we interact with one another in this wonderful world we are part of. The children explored the meaning of empathy and we described it as 'taking time to understanding one another's feelings. Tying this in with Christmas, we thought about how we need to be especially mindful of empathy at this time of year and to be thankful for all that we have. The children were able to look at a series of scenarios such as a child winning a race or a child crying at lunch. We were able to begin thinking about how they were feeling and how we could empathise with them, perhaps if we'd felt like that ourselves in the past. We looked at how we might interact with others in each situation. Our value of the month for January is **Politeness**.

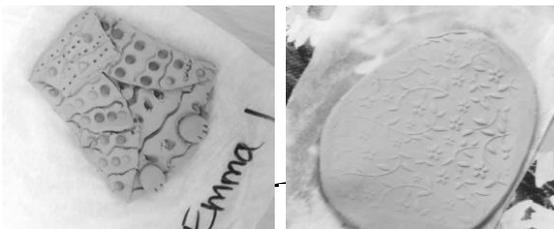
Martin Smith, Headteacher

Pottery Workshops



Mrs Van Rhee and Mrs Fitzgerald were joined by folks from Love Arts and Crafts to do a two part pottery workshop with children across the school.

The children were set the task of designing their own Christmas decoration they could hang from a tree and were taught various techniques to produce their final products, include a glazing and painting stage. The handmade pottery designs have now gone to their respective homes where they are (hopefully) adorning family Christmas trees!



School will resume on
Thursday 5th January
at the usual time



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We love to learn
and learn to love!

Christmas Production



Thank you for attending the KS1 production which was truly spectacular.

We are continually amazed at how brilliant the children are at singing and remembering all their lines and there is so much learning that comes out of the many rehearsals, casting sessions and prop making.

A big thank you to all the staff (and parents) who contributed towards making the production so memorable and magical.



Christmas Service

It was wonderful to see such a packed service this year and we are grateful to Carole Lewis for once again leading our service which is always perfectly pitched, meaningful and sprinkled with humour.

We forgot to mention at the end of the service that Pixies had decorated a tree (see right). The theme for the church this year was Christmas past, present and future and we thought we would focus our tree on 'A Christmas Carol'. If you look carefully at the picture, you will see a distinct Victorian feel with top hats, money bags to represent Scrooge and humbug sweets. Thank you to Mrs Axford and representatives from Year 6 for popping down to the church prior to the service to make sure the tree was decorated.



And finally...

It wouldn't be the Christmas edition of the newsletter without popping up a picture of the Christmas Panto. Unfortunately, I missed it this year due to an almost fatal bout of man flu but I am told that the children really enjoyed the show and Mr Lawrence played a starring role. Thank you to all our parent helpers!



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stars of the week



Week of 02/12/16

Reception: **Lucas Turner**
Year 1: **Freddie Powell**
Year 2: **Myla Hyams**
Year 3: **Ellena Curtain**
Year 4: **Mayur Panchal**
Year 5: **Sophie Brand**
Year 6: **Diya Liyanwela**

Week of 09/12/16

Reception: **Sania Bouri**
Year 1: **Raya Prestedge**
Year 2: **Chloe Michael**
Year 3: **Alfie Surety**
Year 4: **Sofia Milligan**
Year 5: **Alfie Surety**
Year 6: **Brandon Eyles**

Week of 16/12/16

Reception: **Whole Class**
Year 1: **Whole Class**
Year 2: **Whole Class**
Year 3: **Ryan Jackson**
Year 4: **Bruce Giles**
Year 5: **Samuel Dale**
Year 6: **Charlie Carroll**

Hellos & Goodbyes

We wave a cheery goodbye to Mrs Brooks who has served the school faithfully across several years. The picture here tells you everything you need to know about her – the children adore her and we will all miss her greatly.



Mrs Bhandal will be taking over the role in the New Year until the end of the academic year. She arrives with many years of teaching experience and a specialism in working with groups and individuals to raise attainment.

Well done to everyone!

