



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week 6

Dear parents and carers,
Not long to go now until the start of the Christmas holidays and I know that the children at William Ford are getting very excited. As I write this I can hear yet another wonderful rehearsal taking place for our iSingPop Christmas concert which I know is going to be a magical experience. Parents, I am so sorry that I cannot allow you on site for this truly incredible production. With so much still unknown about the Omicron


variant of COVID-19, and rates doubling nearly every day, I feel it is right not to take such a risk. Pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard this term and I want all of them to be able to enjoy a safe and isolation free Christmas. It would only need one parent to attend who unknowingly has the Omicron variant and that could cause significant numbers of the school to isolate which is just not fair. Staff already understand there is a risk that if a child has the Omicron variant, isolation may be necessary yet I have had nobody refuse to work with pupils or attend work. The least I can do as Head is limit the number of people in the building to keep everyone safe. I also ask that if your child has any COVID symptoms or is a close contact of someone with COVID - any variant – that you do not send them into school until they have been tested. I am in discussions with some companies about the possibility of a digital recording being made that we can sell to parents instead of selling tickets.

Following the theme of Christmas, we are continuing to learn about the nativity story during our collective worships and also through our iSingPop concert as we ensure our pupils understand and appreciate the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of God’s son, who came to earth, died for our sins yet was raised from the grave. It has been lovely to see pupils playing a part in many of the collective worships that have taken place.

Today we have held our Christmas Jumper day along with a delicious Christmas Dinner that Mrs Watkins and her team have prepared. The kitchen staff worked tirelessly to produce an amazing spread and, compared to last year where we were unable to gather together, it was wonderful to see staff and pupils enjoying this feast together. I also took the opportunity in celebration assembly today to take a photo of the whole school to showcase the vast array of wonderful Christmas jumpers that were on display – well done to everybody for making the effort!



I pray you have an enjoyable weekend.


Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



Matthew 1:21
And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.



2 KINGS



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #12



WRITTEN BY:
Unknown



TIME PERIOD COVERED:
850 BC to 575 BC



OVERVIEW

The Book of 2 Kings begins where 1 Kings leaves off. Chapters 2 through 7 cover the ministry of the prophet Elisha after Elijah is taken up to heaven. Chapter 13 covers the death of Elisha.

The book covers the reigns of many kings of Israel and Judah, telling short stories about some of the most notable, good and evil. It ends with the Babylonian invasion of Judah, when Solomon's temple was destroyed.

ELIJAH was swept up to heaven in a **WHIRLWIND** (2:1)

ELISHA was able to keep a piece of clothing from Elijah and **DIVIDED** the river Jordan (2:14)

Elisha requested a **DOUBLE** portion of the **SPIRIT** when Elijah was taken (2:9)

Elijah multiplied the oil of a **WIDOW** so she could pay her debts (4:1-7)

Elijah raised a boy from the dead whose mother was a **SHUNAMMITE** (4:36)

Elijah told **GEHAZI** to take his staff and lay it on the face of the dead boy (4:31)

Army commander **NAAMAN** was struck with **LEPROSY** (5:1)

Naaman was told to wash in the dirty river **JORDAN** seven times to be healed (5:10)



Circle the **BOLD** words in the puzzle.

G	R	M	B	C	K	Z	G	U	Q	E	H	S	Q	S	C
W	E	U	J	J	G	Y	D	F	A	A	J	R	M	N	N
L	I	P	K	Y	H	E	W	O	I	C	O	Z	L	A	K
E	X	D	V	O	E	J	H	K	U	D	P	L	E	O	C
S	G	E	O	E	E	W	E	A	X	B	B	Y	P	V	Y
H	Y	P	E	W	I	D	A	U	Z	N	L	I	R	J	G
U	H	N	V	R	E	O	S	N	A	I	D	E	O	O	Y
N	O	B	S	Z	U	Y	Y	M	L	N	V	U	S	R	X
A	L	S	B	Y	G	K	A	V	I	O	C	K	Y	D	Z
M	B	P	T	N	X	A	Q	W	P	P	T	J	E	A	U
M	N	I	J	L	N	O	L	S	S	A	C	T	U	N	Y
I	H	R	I	A	Z	R	L	S	A	E	L	I	J	A	H
T	A	I	G	S	I	K	T	X	K	E	L	I	S	H	A
E	M	T	M	H	D	I	V	I	D	E	D	L	R	T	I
H	G	M	W	B	L	I	N	D	E	D	T	G	I	I	U
L	N	E	B	U	C	H	A	D	N	E	Z	Z	A	R	K

King **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** was the king of Babylon when they invaded Judah (24:1)

King **ZEDEKIAH** was **BLINDED** by the Babylonians when they invaded (25:7)



Kerry's Korner

Please do not forget to bring in your entries for the first William Ford Christmas Bake off. We look forward to seeing (and tasting) all of the wonderful baked goods you will be sharing with us.

Can I please remind parents that you will require a parent portal and ParentPay account to be set up for you to see and consent to all future school letters, trips, clubs and activities.

If you need any support please contact the school office.

New arrangements for purchasing uniform

Please note that all of our uniform can now be bought directly from our suppliers' website

www.premierschoolwear.co.uk.

There is an option to select a FREE click and collect service from William Ford. Our delivery/collection days are Wednesdays and we will call you when your order arrives.

Please note we do still have some surplus stock, so please check with our office as we may have what you require.

Early closure for Christmas!

Please note that the Governors have now approved the school closing at 13:30 on the last day of term – 21st December 2021. This ensures we are in line with Village Infant School and the vast majority of other schools within the locality.

From now on, the school will finish at 13:30 at the end of each term (Christmas, Easter and Summer).

Eco update – Mr. Young

Thank you for all of the plastic bottles that have been donated to the school. This has saved lots of plastic from entering the oceans and will be used to create a green house to further improve our sustainability. We're also creating plastic bricks with bottles filled with rubbish.

Christmas Dinner

We hope everybody enjoyed their Christmas Dinner today – the feedback was certainly great to hear and we are delighted that everybody enjoyed this so much! We served almost 300 dinners today to staff and pupils. Happy Christmas! Mrs Watkins – cook.

Festive Feast

This week Sacha in 6N writes about Christmas dinner day.

I've just had one of the best days ever today as it was Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day. It was really fun to be able to wear your Christmas jumper and show it to your friends. We even got to eat, talk and tell jokes with the teachers while we had our dinner. We paid £1 to wear our Christmas jumpers and the money raised went to Save the Children fund.



Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

We have had another wonderful week in Year 3, concluding with our special Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. The children have also been learning lots of lovely songs for our Christmas concert and are very much looking forward to performing them. In Geography this week the children had an exciting lesson where they had to complete a puzzle revealing one of the world's continents then they used their atlases to find out as many facts as they could about the continent they had revealed. Many of them astounded their teachers with information they uncovered.

They were then encouraged to share with a friend how they had found the answer and to prove their answer using the same equipment.

One of the highlights of the week was the production of shadow puppet

theatres which the children will use to create their own shadow puppet show with puppets

they had already created. Next week we hope to work on their shows as we obviously have lots of budding performers in our midst.

Year Four

Another hard-working week has flown by for Year Four! In English, the children have continued their study of the novel *Carrie's War*. We have started examining the different personalities of the characters introduced in the story and we have also written a piece of descriptive writing based upon Carrie and Nick's scary walk through Druid's Grove. In maths, we have been learning

about multiplying whole numbers by 10 and 100. Some of the children also investigated how to multiply decimal numbers by 10 and 100. In our last music lesson of the autumn term, the children had great fun learning how to play part of the song 'Jingle Bells' on the clarinet. A few lucky children were able to join in by playing sleigh bells. In science, the children have learned what an electrical conductor is. They then investigated which materials conduct electricity by trying out a range of different materials within their electrical circuits. We've all felt very festive this week with our worship and R.E. lessons focusing on the Christmas story, learning our Christmas songs with iSingPop and wearing our Christmas jumpers whilst enjoying a delicious Christmas dinner prepared by Cook and her staff. This week's spelling winners are class 4B.

Year Five

This week, Year 5 have started an exciting project called the Young Leaders Award, run by a charity called 'The Archbishop of York Youth Trust'.

We launched this award with a whole day dedicated to discovering what it

means to be a leader and what skills are valuable when in a leadership role. The children thought hard and came up with an amazing array of skills and attributes that are shown by good leaders. We brushed aside the stereotypes of who a leader should be and decided that a leader does not have to be an adult or the loudest person in the room, attributes like being organised and listening to others were far more important. The children had a great time completing challenges that demonstrated some of these leadership

skills. You may have even noticed them completing personal challenges at home already! We will be continuing with the Young Leaders Award throughout the spring term, culminating in a community project in early summer. Watch this space! In English, we have continued our work using the book 'The Nowhere Emporium'. The story is fantastic and everyone is excited to read on. We have used the text as inspiration for our own descriptions and have begun to look more closely at one of the characters.



Year Six

It has been another busy week here in Year 6. It was 6A's turn to visit the Ben Kinsella Trust and on their return, it was clear that it had great impact on their thoughts towards knife crime. Many children have written powerful letters to the trust and to the parents of those who tragically lost their lives to knife crime. In English, the children have written a biography of the great Charles Darwin. They have learnt how to structure a biography and the features that are needed. In Maths, we have continued with our unit on fractions. The children are becoming increasingly confident with adding and subtracting mixed number fractions. Keep it up Year 6! In art, the children have continued looking at the magnificent work of William Morris. They have begun to design their own sequence of patterns ready for their Christmas gift bag printing next week. Who knows, you could receive your Christmas present in the bag your child has designed! Thank you to all of the children who have completed the Victorian project, we cannot believe how creative the children have been.





Year Three		
3D	Name: Tausif Ahmed For: growing in confidence and working well in a team	Name: David Caliu For: improved effort in handwriting this week
3H	Name: Chizaram Okoronkwo For: much improved effort in lessons this week	Name: Dylan Kerkhof For: super effort with his writing this week
3P	Name: Bethany Okojie For: enthusiastic work and singing	Name: Claude Oppong Yeboah For: diligent work especially his reading
Year Four		
4A	Name: Oluwatishe Ogunbunmi For: making an extra effort to be more focussed in lessons and working well with his peers.	Name: Alexandra Sokolova For: maintaining a high standard of work across all subjects, especially in English.
4B	Name: Sindi Cokaj For: writing a fantastic setting description in English	Name: Aaban Sayed For: working diligently in all lessons and challenging himself in every maths session
4M	Name: Awesome Nmeke For: Working hard in all lessons and listening to advice on how to further improve his work.	Name: Muhammad Ceessay For: trying hard to be more focussed within lessons. And improved listening skills
Year Five		
5I	Name: Isabella Casbolt For: Writing an amazing description of an emporium, well done!	Name: Maddison Warwick-Roe For: Always being passionate about the subjects we are learning about, keep it up!
5N	Name: Margaret For: always being polite and kind towards everyone.	Name: Keneolisa For: always being polite and considerate of others' feelings.
5P	Name: Nathaniel Lawrence For: persevering with his times tables and developing resilience when things didn't go to plan.	Name: Naomeeh Lusala For: showing a great understanding of how a Muslim might show commitment to their faith.
Year Six		
6A	Name: Kaila Gale For: reflecting on her time at the Ben Kinsella Trust and writing a thoughtful overview of her time there.	Name: Benas Krickivas For: his positive change in attitude in the classroom
6M	Name: Scarlett Siggers For: her amazing effort and dedication to her learning.	Name: Jane Iheaka For: the wonderfully thoughtful letter she has written following our visit to the Ben Kinsella Trust.
6N	Name: Leannie For: her kind and generous nature to both her peers and adults in school	Name: Esther For: her diligent work across the curriculum



Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.

Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.