



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week 6

Dear parents and carers,
It's Christmas! Parents it is so wonderful this year to be able to write about all of the wonderful events that are taking place, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, without having to adjust our plans due to COVID restrictions. The return to normality has meant we have been able to plan and enjoy a range of events for pupils and whole families to enjoy. For a start, many in Years 4-6 will remember our online

iSingPop nativity concert last year. Well, this has returned and families are warmly invited to attend. Preparing for this a lot of fun but also ensures our pupils learn about the nativity story not only during our collective worships but 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. There will be two live concerts on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm and 6pm. Both shows will be held in our large sports hall and will last for approximately 1-hour. Upon arrival to the school, please enter via our main office where you will be directed to the show and offered refreshments. Please note there will be a limited number of tickets for each performance and children attending to watch will also require a ticket. Due to restricted space, we will not be able to accommodate pushchairs but these can be left in our school hall.



We have also held our very first ever Snow Ball with two discos enjoyed by Years 3 and 4 followed by 5 and 6 later on. Our school hall was transformed into what can only be described as a nightclub as our DJ, SW11DJ, filled the hall with smoke, flashing lights, lasers and 'banging tunes' as the pupils danced and enjoyed themselves as the end of a long-term

approaches. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the donated party food and drinks, which were enjoyed by all pupils throughout both parties.

Whilst on the topic of donations, we received a generous donation of food from our families for Harvest, which we normally donate to a local food bank. However, we are very aware that some of our families would be extremely grateful for these donations and we would like to add to them to create Christmas Parcels. William Ford staff and some local businesses have already begun contributing and should you also wish to donate any non-perishable foods or items which could be re-gifted, please drop them into our office by Friday next week.

Today, all pupils have been fortunate to enjoy a Pantomime production of 'A Christmas Carol'. Last year's performance was postponed until January due to COVID restrictions, so we were overjoyed that we were able to enjoy yet another festive treat to reward the children's hard work throughout this past term. As ever we are aware that the cost of living is ever rising and through the amazing support we have received throughout the year via our events, we are able to ensure every pupil at William Ford enjoys this treat. As part of our Christian intent we hope that today's performance has inspired some of our pupils to explore the theatre profession. Or maybe your child sees themselves as a future DJ?

I pray you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



**Bible Verse
of the
Week**

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



OVERVIEW

Book of 2 Kings begins where 1 Kings leaves off. Chapters 2 through 7 cover the ministry of the prophet Elisha. Elisha 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	O	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	Q	Z	L	A	K
E	X	D	V	O	E	J	H	K	U	D	P	L	E	Q	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	Q	S	N	A	I	D	E	O	O	Y
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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
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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)



SENDCO's Section

This week, teachers have identified children for the Spring booster groups before and after school. If your child has been selected, you will receive a letter via Parent Pay. Please complete the permission form so we know how many children will be attending.



iSing
POP

Christmas Concert

Following the success of our virtual Christmas Concert last year, we are delighted to invite iSingPop back into school for our Christmas Concert 2022! We will be having two Christmas concerts this year at 2pm and 6pm on the 14th December. Rehearsals have already begun and we are excited to invite you to join us for singing, dancing, good cheer, refreshments and the awe and wonder of the Christmas story!



TTRockstar Winners!

Year 3

Morgan Fuller

Year 4

Zain Rouf

Year 5

Aimee Rugg-Bowman

Year 6

Skye Jefford Christou



CONGRATULATIONS MISS ALBANY!



Last week we congratulated Miss Patullo on her recent engagement. However, this reminded me that we have also had another staff engagement recently hence we would also like to belatedly congratulate Miss Albany on her engagement to her partner, Lee. On behalf of all staff, governors and school families we wish you every happiness!

This week, Amelia in 4W writes about India day

On India day we had different stations. We could make masks, naan bread, sweets, Indian patterns, clay lamps and played snakes and ladders with Indian handwriting. I painted my mask lots of different colours like red, green, blue and yellow. My favourite station was making the Naan breads – we used flour, salt, water, yoghurt and butter to make the dough. They were really yummy!



Kerry's Korner

As the festive season continues, we are excited to announce plans for our **Christmas School dinner**. This will take place on **Wednesday 21st December** where the children will be able to enjoy a traditional Christmas meal with all the trimmings.

To add to the festivities, we ask that pupils wear their Christmas jumpers (no additional donations are required) and their dinner accounts are topped up with £2.10 to cover the cost of a normal dinner.





Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school? Well, wonder no more....

Year Three

Goodness! It has been such a busy week in Year Three. We have been working very hard in all our curriculum subjects but we have also had lots of other exciting events this week too. In English the children wrote some amazing descriptions of James entering the peach.



They took time to carefully choose really effective

adjectives to develop their use of descriptive language. We have continued our addition and subtraction unit in maths but have been focusing on how to use inverse operations this week. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about grid references in geography. The Christmas festivities have started in earnest at school with the children practising the songs for our Christmas concert which you can all enjoy next week. We finished the week with fantastic fun, dancing and singing at the Snowball and lots of excitement at the pantomime too.

Year Four

It has been a fun filled week for the Year Four children. Not only have they had their Christmas disco and pantomime, but they also experienced their long-awaited India Day. The children participated in a range of



creative activities based upon aspects of Indian culture. Naan bread was made by some of the children, whilst others got to

make traditional Indian barfi sweets. The children also got to make some rangoli patterns as well as design their own Mendhi patterns which were painted on to their hands. Other activities included making Diwali cards and clay Diwali lamps. All the children had great fun and were incredibly well behaved. In the afternoon, the children tasted a range of Indian food. Lots of the children really enjoyed trying new flavours. The Year Four teachers would also like to thank the effort made by so many families to help the children wear Indian inspired clothing for the day. As well as the fun the pupils have had this week, during our various themed days, we have also been having fun in lessons, learning. Pupils have completed their unit of Hinduism, in RE and are now beginning a new unit: Incarnation, where pupils have been comparing the gospels in the bible and their accounts of the Christmas story. Pupils have also been enhancing their multiplication skills in maths, learning fundamental skills. We really encourage you to enable your children to practice their times tables, on TT Rockstars at home. We hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week!

Year Five

Wow! What a week here in Year 5. We have now finished our topic of fractions – the progress the children have made over the past couple of weeks is extraordinary. It has been lovely to see their confidence grow. Over the next week, we will be consolidating prior learning. We have also planned some exciting Christmas themed maths! In English, the children have been undertaking the role of a character and thinking about the emotions they would be feeling in certain scenarios. Next week, the children will be looking at descriptive language and tasting pomegranates. Our history lessons have been dedicated to looking at Anglo-Saxon settlements – the children became museum curators to organise

artefacts into their correct time period. The children have looked at why the Anglo-Saxons settled here in Britain and what their settlements



looked like. Maybe you could ask your child about these? As a school, we have been preparing for iSingPop – our Christmas production. You are going to be blown away by the amazing singing from Year Five – some children have even been selected for choir.

Year Six

This week in English, the children explore descriptive language based around their recent visit to the Natural History Museum. Children created a bank of descriptive phrases and then applied these to their recounts of the trip. Next week, children will be writing their own narrative about what might happen at the museum at night, based on the book and film, 'Night at the Museum'. In maths, we started a new unit on measurements. Children explored metric units and converted between measures. In RE this week, the children explored aspects of a church and explained why they are important. During our geography lesson, children used Google Earth to see



how mountains are viewed from different

perspectives and compared this type of map with a standard and relief map. In science children investigated how we see objects and explained that we see things because light travels from light sources to objects then to our eyes. Next week, children will explore shadows and understand why shadows have the same shape as the object that cast them.



Each week, staff select three children from each class who have shown effort and commitment to upholding an aspect of our school vision, shown at the bottom of the page. Congratulations to this week's 'stars of the week' for their tremendous endeavours!

	Working diligently	Acting generously	Promoting peace
Year Three			
3M	Name: Azraq Yasin For: a hardworking approach to all lessons. Careful listening and confident participation in lessons.	Name: Ophelia Slaughter For: always offering to help out around the classroom and for helping her friends whenever she can.	Name: Gabija Kabailaite For: always being a calm member of the class and being a good role model to others.
3N	Name: Cairon Moise For: Settling so well in school and for working hard in all lessons.	Name: Ayaana Hoque For: being kind and helpful and ready to work.	Name: Muhammad Aamir For: always being calm and ready to work.
3P	Name: Soffiia Bukatiuk For: Working diligently with her maths.	Name: Patricia Maxim For: Generously sharing her language skills by translating for others.	Name: Slav Luca For: being an excellent role model for peace.
Year Four			
4B	Name: Micha Ologundudu For: excellent effort in English and R.E. lessons this week	Name: Ryan Ahmed For: teaching another pupil how to create an origami horse and ant eater	Name: Ajwa Foalem-Defo For: having a calm and peaceful approach to her peers.
4D	Name: Teslim Adeyemi For: Taking part and working hard during our India Day activities	Name: Daniella O For: being sensible and helpful around the class	Name: David Caliu For: always being a calm influence in the class
4W	Name: Aneisha For: working diligently and being an excellent participator in all lessons, as well as our amazing India day!	Name: Emmanuel For: working well with others, and helping others to overcome their challenges and misconceptions.	Name: Amelia For: living at peace and making a fantastic contribution to science this week, where she created her very own switch!
Year Five			
5A	Name: Okigbo For: superb editing in English this week!	Name: Eva For: always looking after the classroom environment.	Name: Arth For: being a supportive classmate to his peers.
5H	Name: Corey For: a super piece of diary writing from the viewpoint of a character in our story.	Name: Izabella For: acting generously to support someone who was feeling poorly.	Name: Chase For: always being ready to listen straight away and setting a fantastic example to the rest of the class.
5N	Name: David S For: sharing his excellent history knowledge in class.	Name: Aliyah For: always willing to give up her time to help others.	Name: Samuel For: his mature and sensible approach to school.
Year Six			
6I	Name: Kevin For: Being more focused in class.	Name: Chidera For: Always working to the best of his ability.	Name: Yixuan For: Working at peace in all lessons.
6P	Name: Brendan For: working diligently in science this week, producing a clear write up.	Name: Gabriel For: always being willing to help around the classroom.	Name: Angel For: living at peace in the classroom, always being a calm presence.
6T	Name: Jason For: great contribution to class discussions in English.	Name: Daniel For: always being helpful and generous with his time.	Name: Isra For: being focused and living at peace when completing her science work.



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.