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Head Teacher's News

Christmas is now in full swing! We find that, once the children have opened that first door on their advent calendars, the roll into Christmas really begins. This year, the school feels particularly festive thanks to an incredible donation from the Sinclairs of a whopping great Christmas tree in the playground! It is definitely Radnage's version of the tree that Norway donates to be displayed in Trafalgar Square every year! This has made a real difference to the children and is a focal point for lots of excitement at break and lunchtime.

We have managed to tally up the money raised by the children from Rugged Radnage two weeks ago. Incredibly, the children raised £495 which will be donated to Cancer Research as requested by the Year 6s who organised the events. That is a phenomenal amount and a particular shout out goes to Archie in Reception for raising a jaw-dropping £124.50! Well done to everyone for taking part and thank you for your support.

We are very excited about welcoming parents from Reception and KSI to watch our Nativity next Thursday. This is the first time that we have been able to welcome parents inside to watch a performance since March 2020, so it feels like quite a significant moment. Due to the prevalence of cases within the school, and the majority of local schools, we are taking extra precautions (as detailed in yesterday's email) to keep everyone safe. However, we know how much parents enjoy watching a Nativity, so we will be recording it onto memory sticks so that those who can't attend can watch (and rewatch) at home (for a small fee). An email will come out asking for you to pre-order so that we can make sure the correct number are made.

Unfortunately, our transition to a new phone system did not go as smoothly as planned this week! However, everything now appears to be up and running ok, so we are back in business! Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

Have a fabulous weekend and see you on Monday.

Sam Browne



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Mustard Seed of the Week

This week, the Worship Leaders chose Arwen to be our Mustard Seed of the week. Arwen has been cycling to her dance lessons instead of driving. She wrote a brilliant piece for the Worship Leaders that greatly impressed them!

This week's challenge is for children to replace meat with a vegetarian option for one meal this week. We discussed the importance of a balanced diet, but also how meat has a much higher impact on the environment (make sure you ask your children what the impact of cows is...). Again, children can submit photos or write something to our Worship Leaders to stand a chance of winning.

Star of the Week

Bronwen for doing an outstanding job with her reading and using her initiative to complete classroom activities

Lucas for his great enthusiasm during rehearsals for the Nativity

Javier for excellent handwriting in English

Felix for producing a brilliant and mature piece of writing in English, showing careful consideration of vocabulary and setting

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
December 2021			
Tues 7 th	Nativity Dress Rehearsal	School Hall	Children
Tues 7 th	Year 5/6 Badminton Festival	John Hampden	Year 5/6 Children
Thurs 9 th	Nativity	School Hall	Children and parents
Fri 10 th	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 10 th	Deadline for Raffle tickets to be returned	Whole School	Everyone
Tues 14 th	Christmas Crafternoon	Whole School	Children
Thurs 16 th	Reception and Year 1/2 visit to Norden Farm	Norden Farm	Reception and Year 1/2
Fri 17 th	Christingle	School Hall	Children
Fri 17 th	Carol Concert	School Hall	Children and parents
Fri 17 th	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw	School Hall	Children and parents
Fri 17 th – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Everyone

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