



DARTINGTON
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Red Kites Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th December 2021



Reading –

Please read at least 4 times a week at home. If you can, try logging on to accelerated reader and trying a book quiz!

Home learning –

Enjoy, switch off, relax and spend time with your loved ones. You have worked so hard, and come so far in just 1 term, you really do deserve time to just enjoy your Christmas break.

Dear Parents/Carers,

And just like that, we have reached the end of Autumn term. It has been a term of real triumphs alongside some testing and tiring moments for us all. But what has been clear throughout all of this, is the pure resilience and determination our children have – Red Kites you truly make me so proud.

The sense of pride shined through from the children as I told them how much we had raised from our Christmas fair – over £800!!! We are truly grateful for everyone who attended, purchased crafts, and treats, alongside our raffle tickets, it has made such a difference to both the raising of money for refugees alongside funds towards potential trips. The children were truly in shock at our total – a heart-warming moment, especially after all their hard work and efforts.

We have continued our Christmas spirits into this week, starting with discussing and evaluating our gingerbread house creations. We thought about the challenges we faced, what we were most proud of, and what things we may change if we were to recreate our gingerbread houses in future. One of the main things = more icing!! The children also reflected on how they may tweak their original templates to have stronger sides, to then support the roof and weight of the decorations!!

Alongside this, the children all took part in a secret Santa Christmas card challenge! Each child made a card, then picked a name from an envelope, and had to address the card to this person. Then, we showed each card one at a time, and the child it was addressed to, had 3 guesses to figure out who had made their card – they have recognised that next time, it would be a good idea to disguise their writing better, as some people instantly spotted who had made it, from their handwriting alone!!

I hope that you all can have a restful and exciting Christmas break, spending time with loved ones, and friends. We return to school on the Wednesday 5th of January.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and safe New Year.

Best wishes, Miss Humphries 😊

Thank you to everyone for continuing to do everything we can to make sure children are in school as much as possible. This time of year always brings a lot of coughs and colds and we are grateful for parents being particularly vigilant about ensuring that children are well enough to be in school and in particular making use of the PCR tests available when children show any



Star of the Week

Miss Matthews – Thank you for all that you have done for Red Kites within their first term in year 6. Supporting children in their learning, leading interventions, teaching lessons, all alongside learning herself at university. We are truly going to miss you and wish you all the best for your next term in your new school.

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symptoms. Please continue to bring your child to school if they are well enough unless they have had a positive test result.



Important!

Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat and possibly a spare pair of clothing at present. The weather is so unpredictable, and we have had some children getting wet and muddy during outdoor sessions this week!

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