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December 2021 Newsletter

PFTW

Perseverance, Friendship, Thankfulness, Wisdom

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.
(John chapter 10 verse 10)

Stepping forward together.



It is difficult to imagine what the very first Christmas was like. The cold of the stable, the joy of a newly born baby, the anxiety of the situation and some bewilderment brought by visitors bringing gifts, and wondering what might happen next. We may never know exactly what happened and perhaps the scene is best housed in our imagination. We do however know about the miraculous act of giving. The wise men brought gifts. We also know what it means to give good gifts and we know what it is to receive good gifts. I wish you every happiness and blessing as we give and receive this Christmas time.

Foundation stage 1 (F1 Nursery News)

This half term we have been using our senses to explore the world around us. We made 'smelly pots' and used our sense of smell to guess what was in them and used our sense of taste to explore sweet, sour and salty flavours.

We enjoyed watching fireworks, sharing our experiences of Bonfire night and learnt some new WOW words. We also created some fantastic firework pictures using plastic bottles.

As Advent began, we listened to the Christian story of the First Christmas and the children have enjoyed recalling the story with our Nativity figures. Through advent we have been counting down to Christmas by adding to Father Christmas's beard, giving us another opportunity to reinforce our counting each day.

The children have enjoyed getting ready for Christmas in our role play, wrapping up warm, dressing up, cooking Christmas dinner and sharing gifts. Although we have not been able to sing in class we have enjoyed our Christmas singalongs outdoors. We have also been practising some new skills with our Christmas crafts.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas from everyone in FS1 (Nursery)









News from Class 1



The story of the 3 little pigs - I wonder which is the best material for building the house?



....and he huffed and he puffed and he blew the house down...

This year we made our own Christingles in class and watched the service prepared by classes 4 and 5



Christingle means 'Christ's Light' and it is a symbol of the Christian faith. Lots of churches hold Christingle services around Christmas time. The custom of giving out lighted candles in these services began in Germany in 1747 but it wasn't introduced to the Anglican Church in England until 1968.

Christingles are made up of different parts, each one being there to remind us of something.

- The **orange** represents the world.
- The **candle** reminds Christians of Jesus who they believe to be the light of the world.
- The **red ribbon** goes all round the 'world' and being the colour of blood, reminds Christians that Jesus died.
- The **four cocktail sticks** could have either of two meanings; the four seasons or the four corners of the world.
- The **sweets** (or sometimes dried fruit) remind Christians of God's gifts to the world including kindness and love.



We enjoyed making our Christingles.



She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

**The birth of Jesus.
Like Chapter 2 verse 7**

Our nativity scene.

News from class 2

We have had a tremendous term! We are so pleased that we were able to carry on throughout the term with very little interruption to our teaching and learning. The children have done well and we are extremely proud of each child for their fabulous efforts and team work. We have been very busy and the children have worked really hard as well as having lots of fun, especially with the run up to Christmas.

Early on in the term, the children were fascinated by the story of Guy Fawkes. They used their history skills to find out more information about Guy Fawkes and were very creative in thinking of some amazing ways in which they would break into the houses of Parliament! (This is not something that we would encourage!)

Recently, we have been learning about incarnation in RE and getting ready for Christmas. We have often followed up our learning of the Christmas story through art or drama, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

Making our Christingles





We lit the candles on the advent wreath and thought about the meaning of advent and what each of the 5 candles represents.

During Advent no flowers decorate churches, but it is usual to have an Advent Crown also known as an Advent Wreath. These are made from a circle of evergreen plants like holly and ivy which symbolises God with no beginning or end. The evergreen is a reminder that God does not change. The holly is also a symbol of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified. Four candles are fixed round the circle with another in the middle.

What do the Advent Candles stand for?

1. The candle of **Hope** so prayers on this day focus on hope.
2. This candle is a symbol of God's **Peace**, reminding Christians of the Prophets who said that the Messiah would be born.
3. The candle of **Love**, represents John the Baptist who baptised Jesus.
4. The candle of **Joy** reminds Christians of Jesus' mother, Mary.
5. The fifth candle reminds Christians of the birth of Jesus.





We enjoyed making our Christmas angels and practicing our parts for the Christmas nativity scene.

From all the children

**At Cawood CE
Primary School**



Sad news that Mrs Sykes and Mrs Hodgson are leaving us.

It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that Mrs Sykes and Mrs Hodgson are leaving us at the end of this term.

Both staff have been a truly amazing members of the team bringing such fun and great energy and creativity; and contributing so much to the education and wellbeing of the children. Both staff have worked across key stage 1 and key stage 2 and have tremendous gifts in quickly getting to know and work with children of all ages.

They have become integral members of the team and have given so much over the years to help the children and contribute to the success of the school.

Mrs Sykes is moving to Balby Bridge Primary School where she will take on the full time position of the Sports Curriculum leader. She has a great passion for working with children and outdoors education and I'm sure that she will continue to be successful as she continues to develop and extend her career.

Mrs Hodgson is taking a well-earned break from teaching and supporting children in their learning and we all hope that she finds time to rest and relax to focus on her own health and wellbeing.

I know that we will greatly miss them both but we wish them well for 2022 and in the years to come, and I'm sure that they will keep in touch with us.

Mrs Hodgson sends her love and best wishes to the children and whole school community.

I am very sad to be leaving Cawood CE Primary school and would like to thank everyone who has made my time here so special - the wonderful people I have worked with who have supported me each in their own individual way and the amazing children who have come through school who I will miss so much. Good luck to everyone for the future,

Mrs Hodgson (Zoe)

Letter from The Chair of Governors – Mark Rounding

Dear Nick and all the School Community,

As we all know 2021 has been another very challenging year with the unexpected at every turn. All of you; teachers, staff, parents and pupils have worked together fully living up to our principles of:

Perseverance, Friendship, Thankfulness and Wisdom (PFTW)

As a governing body, we have been very impressed that, although various Covid 19 safety measures have had to be introduced and we have had to close key stage 2 for just over a week, by and large we have been able to keep going and the teaching and learning has been able to continue. If you had suggested to the teachers a few years ago that that they would be setting up virtual lessons and home learning support for their class they probably wouldn't have believed you. It is a real testament to the staff that they have managed so well in the circumstances and I know that every effort will be made to maintain our high standards.

There have been some difficult decisions to make over this term but I am confident that we have made the right decisions to keep everyone as safe as we can whilst maintaining teaching and learning which is vitally important.

I know that many of us greatly enjoyed the Harvest Festival celebration in church this year. It is probably because such events have been impossible for almost two years that it was truly uplifting to see the children's joy and enthusiasm to speak and present in front of so many people. Their presentations and the art and innovation used to make the lanterns from water bottles were amazing, bringing together light and water two of the essentials for life.

Although overshadowed by the new Covid variant and a move to plan B, we should be able to celebrate Christmas together as families and move forward into the New Year in hope and expectation of a bright future.

Christmas is a celebration of the coming of Jesus who said:

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Wishing you a joyous Christmas and an abundant New Year,

Mark

Mark Rounding
Chair of Governors
Cawood Church of England Primary School

A warm welcome Mrs Buckley and Mrs O' Donnell who join our team in January.

Mrs O Donnell has worked at Cawood School before and we are very pleased that she has returned. She very much enjoys being part of the school and helping all children at every stage on their learning journey. It was lovely to meet Mrs O' Donnell just before the start of the holiday, as she came into school for the last two days of term to get to know the children and the staff a bit better. With 12 year's experience of working with children from nursery to year 6, Mrs O' Donnell brings a great deal of experience and understanding to the role. She enjoys a challenge and recently gained the Elklan speech and language support qualification.

Many of you will know that Mrs Buckley has been working in school supporting children in reception (F2) and more recently, supporting children in class 3. Mrs Buckley has a tremendous understanding of education, how children learn and is nearing the completion of a Foundation degree in Learning Support.

We are very fortunate to have both members of staff as part of the team. We are all looking forward to working more closely with them in January and I'm sure that they will make a significant contribution to the school and the children's education.



The weather is likely to turn much colder in January and we still have to keep the classrooms and corridors well ventilated with a steady movement of fresh air. The heating will be on as usual and our new boilers are working very well. However, the school will feel a lot colder than it normally does so please remember to wear an extra layer, a vest and/or thermals. You may even need an extra pair of socks. Windows will be open, and doors opened occasionally to keep the air circulating.

Please come and support us.
It's a great way to keep make new friends,
Keep in touch and support the school.



A big thank you to Helen Davison and the Friends of Cawood team who did a magnificent job in organising the Christmas raffle. Also A big thank you to Sally Benson and the Friends team for organising the key stage 1 film night; and a special thanks to the parents who helped to supervise the children on the evening.

We are a great team – please do join us.
Merry Christmas.



We are happy to be working with Club Doncaster In January 2021 -2022



If the weather looks particularly bad or rainy, we will cancel the after school clubs run by Club Doncaster by lunch time. We'll send out a text message so please look out for texts from the school.

Classes and teacher in 2021 - 2022

Nursery – Mrs Rodgers
Class 1 - Mrs Jackson
Class 2 - Mrs Ramsdale
Class 3 - Mrs McKee
Class 4 - Miss Richardson
Class 5 - Mrs Walker

Important Message

At the time of publication, we are anticipating that the school will be open to all children in January, as usual. However, the situation may change. We will continue to follow the government's advice and inform you of any changes as soon as we can.

Tuesday January 4th is a training day.

APC clothing link

<https://www.school-uniforms.co.uk/index.php/find-your-school/cawood-c-e-primary-school.html>

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School uniform 2021 – 2022

Girls uniform 2021 – 2022

- **navy skirt or pinafore dress** or grey tailored trousers
- **white blouses**
- **navy** v-neck jumper or cardigan
- white, grey or navy socks or navy or grey tights
- dark shoes, not boots or trainers



Summer dress – short or long sleeved – blue and white check

Boys uniform 2021 – 2022

- grey shorts or trousers
- white shirt
- navy v-neck jumper
- dark socks (**black, navy or grey**)
- dark shoes, not boots or trainers



Children in reception and key stage 1 are also permitted to wear polo shirts in place of a school shirt.

PE Kit: Boys and Girls. 2021 - 2022

- black cotton shorts
- white plain cotton t-shirt
- plimsolls
- dark coloured tracksuit for winter (optional)
- trainers for outdoor games (but please note that trainers will not normally be allowed indoors)

The PE kit should be kept in a named bag and should be in school every day. We value your views and will send out a questionnaire in the Autumn term.



Our Vision & Values



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Perseverance, Friendship, Thankfulness, Wisdom

Stepping forward together.

Our vision and values are very important to us.

... 'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

(From John chapter 10 verse 10)

We strive to give the very highest standard of education for every child – every day.



John chapter 15

Stay Connected

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.

Matthew Ch. 6 V. 9

This then is how you should pray....

Our Father.....

Matthew Chapter 25 V 29

Always do your best

The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, you have entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'



Matthew Ch. 6 V 29

Do Not Worry

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Matthew Ch. 2 V.11

Give Great gifts

...and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Luke Ch.6 V. 31

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Learn all that you can.

John Ch. 14 V. 5

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Matthew Ch.11 V. 29

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart."

Five ways to flourish – living life to the full.

These dates are subject to the latest government advice and directives.

Dates for 2020 -2021	School Closes	School Re-opens	Training Days
Autumn		Tues 7 Sept	Mon 6 Sept
Autumn Half Term	Fri 22 Oct	Mon 1 Nov	
Christmas	Fri 17 Dec	Wed 5 Jan 2022	Tues. 4 Jan 2022
Spring Half Term	Fri 18 Feb 2022	Mon 28 Feb 2022	
Easter	Fri 8 April 2022	Tues 26 Apr 2022	Mon 25 Apr 2022
Summer Half Term	Fri May 27 2022	Tues 7 June 2022	Mon 6 Jun 2022
Summer	Fri 22 Jul 2022		Mon 25 Jul 2022
Summer	Additional bank holiday identified by the school due to the movement of the May bank holiday to June 2nd and the additional bank holiday on June 3 rd .		Tues 26 Jul 2022

Please come in and see us if you would like to help in school. It is great to have help in the classroom and the children really benefit from this. Also please ring or come and see us if you can give an hour of your time to help out at lunch time as a mid-day supervisor. We are always in need of an extra pair of hands at lunch time and it's a great way to help out in school and to get to know the children better. Please consider if you can help as it is a very important role and we do need someone to help out at lunch time.

Parent Helpers 2021 – 2022

I can help with:	Please tick	Regularly	Occasionally	
<i>Classroom activities</i>				
<i>Educational visits</i>				
<i>Reading with children</i>				
<i>Activities at home e.g. preparation of resources, collating vouchers, etc</i>				

Signed: _____

Parent/Carer of: _____

The staff and governors wish you a very peaceful and blessed Christmas time....

