



Chapel Chat

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has arrived this week. It has been lovely to see everyone getting in the festive spirit with still more exciting events and activities planned for next week (see on the next page for more information).

Our whole school focus of our value 'organisation' has come to the fore today during our day creating Christmas craft and we are looking forward to sharing our creations with you on Monday after school. Please bring some money as there is a chance to purchase some items. As the children are organising the event the price is down to them!



See you on Monday!

Graham Almond

Back to School

8.45am

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Connecting Classrooms

Over the last term we have been part of the British Council's 'Connecting Classrooms' project. Mrs Bell and the Year 5 children have been connecting with our new partner school in India. The school is based in Mumbai and is part of the Vigbyor group of schools.

This is very exciting and opens up the children to a very different way of life and culture, broadening their minds. The children will continue to work with the children from Vigbyor as part of their topic work on 'Coasts' next term looking in particular at plastic pollution and what we can do to protect our coastal environment.



The children 'met' virtually for the first time this week and were really excited to write letters to each other and share what life is like in their different localities.



We have a new flag of India which we will fly on our flagpole on the days when we are specifically 'connecting' with Mumbai.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play

It was lovely to see parents and carers at our three performances this week. The children were brilliant they have done so



well learning lines and songs and knowing where to be at the right time!



Thank you for your support with costumes and also adhering to our COVID-19 restrictions which meant the performances could go ahead with a 'live' audience.

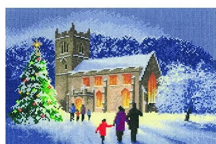
Christmas at St Leonards Church

Sunday 19th December at 11am

A Christingle service - perfect for the family.

Monday 20th December at 4pm

A Christmas carol service.



COVID-19 Notification

If you need to inform the school of any COVID-19 related issues out of school hours please use the school COVID email address: Covid19@chapel-cit.co.uk to keep school updated.



Chapel Champions: 17th December



Achievement Award

Values Award: Organisation

Reception	Sophia: always working so hard and blowing our socks off!
Year 1	All of the Year One class for their enthusiasm and efforts with their nativity performance.
Year 2	Leighton: fantastic recall of learning in our History topic during the Autumn term.
Year 3	Amilee: applying different skills to her own writing.
Year 4	Bella: a beautiful piece of writing about the Iron Man in English this week.
Year 5	Rosey-May: amazing maths work.
Year 6	Alfie.G: fantastic structure and humour in his informal diary entry.

Zayd: his organisation around the classroom and careful consideration for the safety of others.
Lavinia: reading each day at home and bringing her reading record into school.
Jayden: organising the other shepherds during our Nativity performances.
Rio: always being organised and ready to start his learning.
Keria: improving her organisation of time and equipment in lessons.
Ellie: demonstrating an increasing use of personal organisational skills.
Kristoffer: organising his work well in maths and helping others around him to do the same.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day on Monday 20th December

This is the day of the year when we all come together to eat a special Christmas Dinner prepared in our school kitchen with great food, festive music, crackers and Christmas inflatables! The children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day too: no donation is needed.

Christmas Craft Fair on Monday 20th December from 3.15pm

We will be selling the craft items that the children have created after school on this day. If the weather is fine we will have our stalls outside. If the weather is wet we will set up stalls and a one way system in the Hall.

Christmas Pantomime: Aladdin on Tuesday 21st December

We have organised for the children to watch a special performance of Aladdin in their classrooms to get them into the Christmas mood. We will join Aladdin to take part in an incredible adventure on his magic carpet!

We will also be holding our final assembly of 2021 on this day and finding out which of our four houses are crowned the winners for Term 2.

We are looking forward to helping the children celebrate this special time of year!

Carols around the Tree

On Thursday the Key Stage 2 children did a wonderful job at getting us right in the Christmas mood with their singing around the tree.



Thank you to the parents and carers that joined us and the staff for their support in helping the children learn their songs.

Ben Keaton



On Thursday we were visited by a very special visitor. Ben Keaton is a professional actor, writer and director. You may recognise him from his roles on TV in Casualty and Emmerdale.

Mr Keaton led a whole school assembly where the children created a brand new story! Their own story!

Mr Keaton will be visiting the school in the Spring Term to do some work with the children and the staff around the theme of 'creativity'. We know from his assembly that the children are already looking forward to his return.