Semley
CE VA Primary School

Friday Round Up!

29th November 2024

School Vision

Rooted and Growing in Love:
A culture of kindness in which all can flourish
(Ephesians 3 & 4)

We have ended the week with our annual decorations day. It is always a lovely day and now means that the school is partly decorated. We will be adding the tree on Monday and the school will become ready for the Christmas countdown. Thank you to all the staff for creating lovely activities for the children and also Claire and Charlene for cleaning the school down at the end of the day! There is lots going on over the next few weeks linked to Christmas for various different classes, all dates and times are under the Term Dates. If you haven't already replied about the pantomime trip please do let us know. Also as December will have arrived then so will the beautiful FoSS Christmas hampers! Raffle tickets on sale from Monday 2nd in the office and at the Robins and Doves performances, before drawing the lucky winner on Friday 13th.

Our collective worship focus over the last couple of weeks and in the build up to Christmas is about the Christmas story and also about the traditions of Christmas. This week we talked about 'stir up Sunday' and the children enjoyed sharing some family traditions they might have. Next week we will talk about Advent as we add our advent wreath to the hall. I always enjoy listening to the thoughtful contributions the children make and we had a visitor to Collective Worship this week who said the same.

This week we have welcomed a new member of staff to our team, Miss Brine who will be working alongside the TAs and she will be working in a variety of classes across the school. We also say goodbye to Charlene one of our lovely cleaners who is going on maternity leave. We wish her every success with her new baby.

The Wrens had a taste of India this week, smelling spices, painting with them and making magic potions. They also decorated their lamps for Diwali. Robins have been making wreathes in Forest School and alongside Doves they are working hard on the Nativity which we are all looking forward to. Doves also had a Magic Lantern session with Briony Brickell this week to go alongside their history topic of Vikings. Owls have had a busy week looking at shadow puppets in science and also beginning to forecast the weather in French. Kites have been working hard learning about anatomy.

As mentioned next week we will be putting our tree up and be in our final week of preparations for the Nativity play. Lots to look forward to. We are very grateful to Dorset Tree Care for a fantastic deal on a tree and also delivering it to us. There were lots of great trees there if you need one! We hope you have a restful weekend.

Important Term Dates

November 2024
Fri 29th: Decorations day

December 2024
Tues 10th: Nativity Robins & Doves *6pm*
Thurs 12th: Nativity Robins & Doves *2pm*
Mon 16th and Tues 17th: FOSS shop
Tues 17th: Carol service Wrens, Owls, Kites - *2pm*
Wed 18th: Christmas Lunch
Thurs 19th: Pantomime trip – *6pm return*
Fri 20th: Christingle - *9am*
Break up *1:15pm*

FOSS News! Could you volunteer to help with the secret Christmas shop on the 16th or 17th. Or to serve refreshments at the Performances on the 10th and 12th. If you have any time please do let one of the team or the office know. Also don't forget your raffle tickets! Finally if anyone has any bright ideas where we could source 120 Christingle oranges please let the FOSS team know before they buy them from Tesco!

We are really happy if your children want to wear astro trainers for PE but please can they wear different trainers in the school building. Astros are not a friend to our carpets!

Congratulations to our School Values Award Winners:

Wrens: Max
Robins: Max and Faith
Doves: Arthur A, Ralph and Lily
Owls: Angus and Lottie C
Kites: Grace