



8th December 2023

Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Is anyone else shocked it is December? And not only December...now the second week into this special month! How quickly this term has progressed; I feel like it was only yesterday when I was writing our welcome newsletter.

The school has a very excited feel to it at the moment. Our children are looking forward to the frivolities the Christmas period brings. We are very proud to be a multi-faith school and know that many of our families do not celebrate Christmas, but are instead looking forward to two weeks away from school to rest, reflect and have fun.

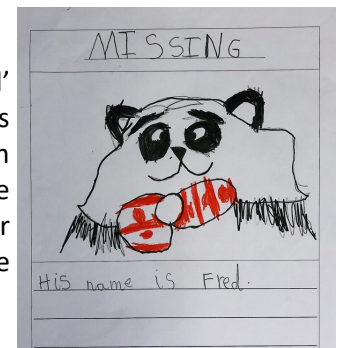
A love of learning!

As always, we would like to share with you some of the learning that has been happening in each year group since our last newsletter. As you will see, it has been another fun-packed fortnight, with some great 'sparks' to ignite the children's interest.

This week **Wrens** and **Robins** have made us really proud with their enthusiastic singing, dancing and acting! They are really enjoying rehearsing their Nativity play and we hope you enjoy it as much as the children have loved preparing it for you. They have also been doing lots of crafts linked to Christmas and have been learning two new diagraphs 'ai' and 'ee'. The children have had fun helping the shepherds find their lost sheep by decorating them with beautiful vibrant colours so they do not get lost again!



Year 1 have started their new English text 'Let's Find Fred' and are busy making posters to help find him. In maths they are continuing with their addition and subtraction topic and are challenging themselves to learn and write fact families. Thank you so much for engaging with our Toys topic and the homework contributions - they have sparked lots of interesting discussions in class.

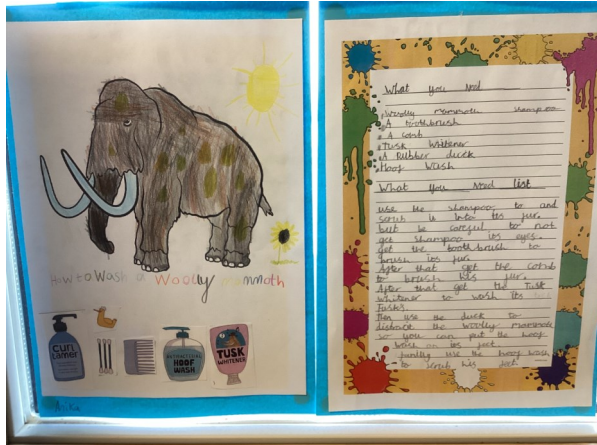


In **Year 2** the children have been listening to traditional tales from the Caribbean and they have created their own story maps for an Anansi story. The children have had the opportunity to take these talk maps home and entertain their families with their story telling. We very much appreciate the parents' engagement with the story telling at home. Year 2 also enjoyed their visit to Sawston Village College. They got the chance to experience a music lesson where we played the steel drums!



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Year 3 have been busy making fossils from plaster of Paris and clay and completing their learning about Woolly Mammoths with instructions about 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth'. These are now displayed on the walls of Doves and Swallows classrooms for parents to enjoy. Come and have a look.



Year 4 have been making their own clay versions of Ancient Maya stela showing Maya rulers. They gave them big noses because the Ancient Maya believed the soul entered the body through the nose! On Friday, they came in to find both classrooms had been invaded by some soggy amphibian creatures. They put on our detective hats to try and solve the mystery!

Year 5 have, in the role of Shackleton, been making some of his infamous "Hoosh" around the wood-burning stoves in order to keep them alive on their perilous journey. They have crossed the mountains of South Georgia and made it back to the whaling station, where they've raised the alarm. They are now recording their favourite moments in their hand-sewn "Shackleton Scrapbooks".

Having interviewed their buddies regarding their favourite fairy tale characters, **Year 6** have been working diligently to produce a working carousel using the results. They are very much looking forward to showing them to their buddies and using their scientific knowledge to explain how the electrical circuit works. Great work, Year 6!



Christmas Events

Please the email sent yesterday for full details of our Christmas events scheduled in the final three days of term. Parents/carers are invited to some events - please check the email for class times relevant to your child/ren.

Monday 18th December - Christmas Lunch Day -

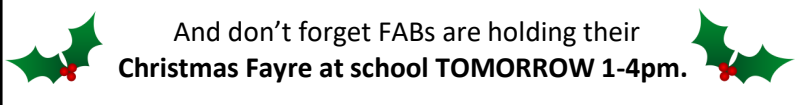
children can wear Christmas jumpers/t-shirts if they wish

Tuesday 19th December - Church Service at St Mary's Church -

class times on email. We really need **parent helpers to accompany us as we walk** to the church. If you are able to help, please complete this [form](#)

Wednesday 20th December - Carols around the Tree -

Christmas jumpers can be worn. Key Stage times on email



We can't wait to see you all there to enjoy the festivities, whilst raising money to enrich the experiences we can provide for our children. A heartfelt thank you to everyone on the FABs team who have given their time to prepare the school and resources for this amazing event.

Finally, may we wish you and your families a wonderful weekend. We know it is a very busy time of year, but do take a moment to hug your children tight and remind them you love them. See you all promptly at 8.45am on Monday.

Best wishes, Mrs Emma Clayton and Mrs Rebecca Pentney, Co-Headteachers

