



LORENDEN

Newsletter



Newsletter 12 - Friday 10 December 2021

From the Head:



We are so happy to have been able to host some special events already this week, and have more to look forward to in the days that lead up to the Christmas holidays.

There was not a dry eye in the Hall as Nursery and Reception took to the stage for their Nativity. Ably supported by their Year 6 buddies, the children did so well to sing their songs and remember their lines.

Today's Christmas Fair is a further opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate Christmas and enjoy some special moments that have been unavailable to us in the not too distant past.

Next week sees more events to look forward to - check the calendar section for all of the details! It is clear how much these Christmas events mean to everyone in our community, and these moments are all the more precious in these uncertain times.

Given the ever changing landscape and latest updates to Government guidance, it is important to communicate the following measures that are in place for all upcoming events.

- Face coverings must be worn by all adults inside the Hall, unless individuals are exempt
- I am sure many of you are using the lateral flow tests regularly in your own contexts, but we encourage you to complete one where possible before we gather collectively for any events in the Hall

Thank you all for working together as a community to enable these opportunities for the children. Preventing the disruption of the children's education through ensuring they remain in school is of critical importance and my approach is always driven with this at the heart of any decision. This is balanced, of course, by ensuring appropriate measures are in place to help reduce the potential of any outbreak. Thankfully, there continues to be very low numbers of positive cases in the Lorenden community. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events, so that we can celebrate Christmas in true Lorenden style.

Class News



Nursery

'Tis the season to use as much glitter as possible! We started to work on Christmas crafts this week and have already made trees, angels and cards! The children are using their wonderful fine motor skills as they cut and write messages and we have enjoyed sitting together to chat and sing Christmas songs as we worked!

On Wednesday, we all performed in our Nativity and it was amazing! Well done to all the children in Nursery and Reception for doing such a super job!



Class News



Nursery and Reception Nativity Play



The Nursery and Reception children put on a wonderful performance of their nativity play for their parents and grandparents on Wednesday.

It was so good to see so many parents in school and to be able to serve tea, coffee and mince pies too! A joy!

Thank you to our parents for supplying these photos.



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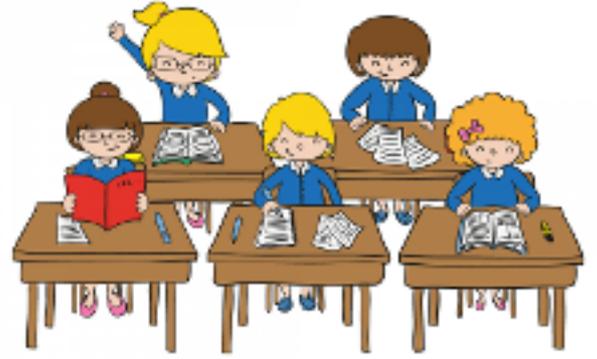
Year 1



On Monday, Year 1 had a workshop with Classroom Adventures where they learned about old toys, pushes and pulls and then got to make their very own, old style, wooden toy! First they designed and coloured it. Then Steven guided them through the assembly. They got to do all the hammering themselves. Amazingly, no thumbs were hit and the children were super sensible! Each toy was different and lots of fun to play with.



Class News



Year 3



On Wednesday 8th December, we had a special Ancient Greek day, with a lady called Lauren. First, Lauren introduced herself and told us a little bit about Ancient Greece. She then told us about Athens and Sparta. Lauren then asked two people to come up, one to be Athens and the other to be Sparta. They did not like each other and they both thought they were the best.

Later, we went outside and we pretended to be Greek soldiers and when Lauren said some words in Greek we had to do something like fight and create shields with our arms. We did some little Olympic games and our last competition was a humming one. There were two other ones, one throwing and one lap of a table with a bean bag on your head.

At the end of the day, Lauren told us the story of Pandora's box. Then she got out a special box. When she opened the box some snakes jumped out without Lauren touching them! Some people were very shocked and some were laughing.

By Matilda



Class News



Year 5



Year 5 spent an engaging afternoon in an interactive learning environment at Ospringe church this week, arranged by the Rev Dan Corcoran. They looked closely at each aspect of the Christmas story, engaging in discussions and raising thought provoking questions to the numerous church volunteers.



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Year 6



Year 6 were getting crafty during Buddy Time - I think the Reception children really enjoyed cutting and sticking with their Buddies!

French

French parcels;

I am delighted to announce that we have received a couple of parcels from our French partner school in Santes. The work looks lovely and the children will enjoy discovering what is in their parcel in their last French lesson next week. I'm including a link sent by one of the French teachers. The French children sent us a message expressing their gratitude for what they received.

Merci!

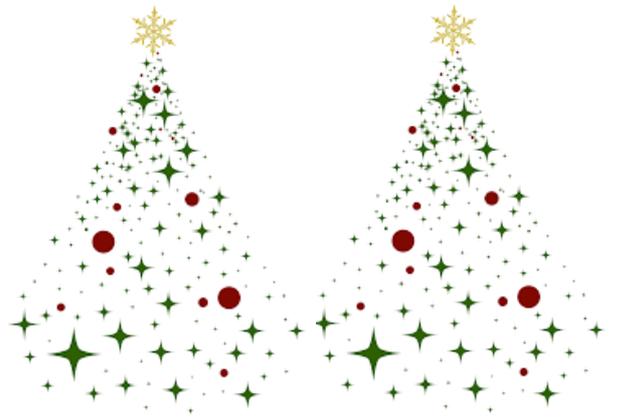
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Year 1 and Year 2

Nativity Play on Wednesday 15 December
in the Hall at 9.15am

We look forward to seeing Year 1 and
Year 2 parents from 8.30am on
Wednesday morning for coffee and
mince pies before the performance!

Prep School Carol Service - Ospringe Church

Friday 17 December at 1.30pm

We are so looking forward to our Carol
Service this year with our Prep School
and parents.

We have the capacity for 2 guests per
child.

Children can be taken home at the end
of the Service



Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17 December





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Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 15 December Yr 1 and Yr 2 - Nativity Play - 9.15am in the Hall

Thursday 16 December Christmas Jumper Day

Pupils Christmas Lunch

Carols Around the Tree - 3.30pm

Friday 17 December Carol Service - Ospringe Church - 1.30pm

Please note there will be no ASC or homework club this evening

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Lorenden for all of their hard work in arranging the Christmas Crafts for the children a few weeks ago, for the mammoth task of arranging the Tea Towels ready for order, co-ordinating the children's Christmas cards and for all of their hard work in arranging the Christmas Fair. They are a wonderful support to the school and we very much appreciate all that they do for the children.

Have a very restful weekend

Kind regards

Richard McIntosh