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## Newsletter No. 5

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has certainly been a very busy couple of weeks in and around school, since the last newsletter. Children in years 4 and 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their recent trips into Cambridge. We are so lucky to be sited so close to the bus stop for the number 7 bus which, conveniently, takes us straight into the centre of Cambridge.

The journey itself is rather fun; firstly the children delight in identifying and waving to their own or friends and relatives houses around the village before heading along Shelford Road and doing a grand tour of the Addenbrookes site too. The children are always amazed by the size and designs of the different parts as well as spotting the helipad!

The year fives trip took them to The Scott Polar Institute on Lensfield Road. Fortunately, due to covid restrictions, the children had the whole space to themselves where they were able to wander, examining every case at their leisure. They were particularly intrigued by the model of Shackleton's boat, Endurance, which they enjoyed sketching. Using ideas from the exhibition, they considered what they would need to take on an Antarctic voyage: compass, chocolate, Bovril, sharp knives and husky dogs seemed to be popular!

In support of their Mayan topic, the year 4 children visited the museum of Archaeology and Anthropology to attend a workshop based on identifying artefacts and the materials used in their making, as well as understanding how to recognise a Mayan King or Queen. Cross curricular links with Mayan cocoa and Roald Dahl's Charlie and The Chocolate factory, obviously required a trip to the Cambridge Fudge Kitchen too, where they were treated to a fantastic demonstration of how fudge is made.

The children's behaviour was absolutely exemplary and specifically commented on by a member of the public using the bus too. A huge thanks to all of the parent helper who accompanied the trips, making it safe and fun for all.

Mrs Pentney and myself have been enjoying showing new parents around the school as they make the all-important decision of which school to apply to for their young child. As always, we are so proud to show people around our school; the children confidently chatter to them whilst sharing work they are proud of, the displays show beautiful examples of work demonstrating the high standards that the children across the school achieve and the whole school feels welcoming and friendly.

The FABS team have had some difficult decisions to make recently, in judging the Sunflower competition, but congratulations go to the following children for their entries who won 'Best in Class': Annabel, Maxton, Henry, Eliza, Harry, Giovanni, Livy, Tilly, and to Grace who was the overall winner. Thank you to FABS for this lovely idea and for supplying the prizes to the winners.

Finally, we would all like to say a CONGRATULATIONS to our two Y6 teams who took part in the English Challenge this week and came joint 1st. A wonderful achievement! They have qualified for the final which will take place in December. Watch this space.....!

Do look in the diary dates for the latest Christmas events too!

Mrs Kendall & Mrs Pentney | Headteachers



Winning entries for the FABS Sunflower competition—they're amazing!



Archaeologists in Action! What was this used for....?



The children had fantastic questions for the confectioner as they demonstrated curiosity about the 'fudge making' process. I hear that it tasted delicious too!



We are so lucky to live so close to a wonderful city, rich in opportunities and sights, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!



Here are the Y6 team members who took part in the English Challenge against 6 other teams. The questions are challenging indeed and require contestants to have a deep knowledge in wide range of text types, authors and grammatical knowledge. Well done to this amazing group who came joint 1st in their heat!

The final is in December—good luck team!





# Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET day – school closed</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>INSET day – school closed</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y2 World music day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 Christmas party
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Christmas party
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am Robins Nativity to parents— ticket event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 Wrens Nativity to parents— ticket event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30pm Christmas production to Swallows parents—ticket event
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Christmas party
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Carol Concert (at church)*
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30pm Christmas production to Doves parents—ticket event
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert (at church)*
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Christmas party
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch day—dress up in Christmas clothes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Christmas Party
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term

Dates for parties for YR and Y3 TBC

\* dependant on local number of covid cases and subsequent risk assessment TBC