



Newsletter No.7

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always it feels like December has arrived suddenly! There is definitely a feel of Christmas in the air. The children are all continuing to work hard and have lots of exciting Christmas related activities coming up in the last two weeks of term.

As I write this we are getting ready for our outdoor Christmas market which will have taken place by the time you read this. A big thank you to all of you who will have attended and supported FABS. Thank you also to FABS, who have worked so hard to organise this event within our risk assessment parameters, it is greatly appreciated.

If you did attend the FABS event you will have noticed that all food items sold had ingredients listed. This is in line with Natasha's law which came into effect in October and was a response to support those with severe allergic reactions. You can find out more about it here: <https://natashas-law.com/>. As a school we have worked with our caterer to ensure we are meeting this requirement and as an additional step, all ingredients are now displayed at events such as the FABS market.

The school has been a hive of activity of late. Year 2 had a wonderful time creating Caribbean inspired rhythms in their world music day. Year 5 developed their camping skills and put up tents on the school field, many thanks to Mr Foster for his help. The sounds of singing and acting can be heard from around the school as year 3 and Reception are practising their plays. Year 6 have begun working on their carousels with a trip to their Reception class buddies to help develop their initial designs. In year 4 there has been some very exciting trading going on with their Mayan market activity which really helped the children consider the worth of items. Year 1 have been doing some fantastic writing about hedgehogs alongside making their own hedgehog homes. Each year group has also begun to practise their own song for our upcoming Christingle services which we are looking forward to. Finally, the children came together as a whole school virtually to congratulate the winners of the handwriting competition, congratulations to them all! The children really are 'soaring to success' and we are sure you are proud of these and many more individual achievements for your children.

Speaking of 'soaring to success' we are delighted to let you know that both of our year 6 teams have reached the final of the Cambridgeshire English challenge. The final is on Wednesday afternoon (in school time) and we are sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best of luck. We are so proud of how well they have done so far.

As we move into the last two weeks of term we will continue to follow our risk assessment and do all we can to ensure we can all have a very enjoyable Christmas with our friends and families. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding with regard to decisions we have had to make for the end of term to ensure we can all have a safe and happy Christmas break.

With the Christmas holidays in mind I'm sure many of your children have advent calendars and have begun to enjoy the countdown. It's a few days late but if you're looking for something a little different this year you may wish to dip in to some of the ideas on here <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/december> as a family this year. Action for Happiness generate a calendar of activities every month of the year with a focus on a particular area that promotes happiness. This month, rather appropriately, is kindness. Please enjoy and share!

**Best wishes,
Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney**



Year 5 putting their tents set up on a cold but sunny day!



Year 2's world music day was lots of fun!



Just one of the many decorations around school!