

## WOW! WOW! WOW!

Thank you **SO** much for all your support at our Christmas Fayre. A staggering £2,500 was raised.

The huge success was down to **Mrs Maynard**, who organised the entire event and put together a truly magnificent raffle!

We would like to thank Mrs Maynard for all her hard work, as well as all our families and members of the local community who donated raffle prizes, bought tickets, came along on the day and of course, the staff who all helped along the way.

We are so lucky to be part of such a supportive community.

Thank you!



12th December—Christmas Dinner and children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper again if they wish.

13th December—Key Stage 1 Party

14th December—Key Stage 2 Party

16th December—Christmas Assembly

Term 2 ends

3rd January—INSET DAY

4th January—Pupils return

3rd February—Class 4 Assembly

10th February—Class 2 Assembly

13th February—Half Term

## Year 5 cooking.

This week we learnt about a range of different diets and choices people have around this. We learnt about vegan and vegetarian diets and as a result made a vegan bean chilli. We discussed how this would provide protein and lots of other important nutrients to power our bodies. We even got to dip tortillas into it!



In Science, year 4 have really enjoyed investigating the busy world inside our bodies this term! The children identified the organs that are part of the digestive system, labelled them and explained their simple functions using scientific vocabulary. They carried out an enquiry to find out the role of teeth (chewing) in digestion. They also did an experiment to see what happens to the food item when it reaches the stomach and where the absorption of nutrients happens. Children then extended their learning by creating a 3D model of the digestive system.



We are very sorry to announce that Mrs Chilman is leaving us at the end of term.

Mrs Chilman has worked with us since 2014 and we will miss her greatly. She has worked with so many of our students to great effect and has helped us enormously with our music. She has been a wonderful colleague, fantastic TA and HLTA and we are sorry to see her go.



Please join with us in wishing her well in her new venture.





# ENRICHMENT DAY

## Music Extravaganza!

On Tuesday, we were lucky enough to have another Enrichment Day, this time focused around music.

We had three professional musicians visit the school to take workshops in African Drumming, Samba and Composition. Each workshop gave the children new experiences and the opportunity to play different instruments and learn how to create a song. We also had sessions on percussion instruments, a knowledge based quiz, an ocean themed concert and some fun singing and games.

Huge thanks to the children who were all so enthusiastic and participated fully. Thanks too to the staff for enabling such a fantastic day.

We are always happy to hear your feedback, so please do let us know any comments.





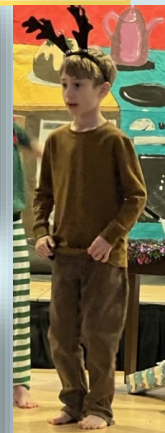


## Key Stage 1 and EYFS Christmas Play.



Thank goodness, Santa finally found his hat! Our youngest children were a big help in telling the story of how Santa lost his hat, and how he needed lots of help to find it. We had reindeers, snowmen, elves, hedgehogs, fairies and lots of other characters helping him. Our Year 1 children provided the narration, wearing some amazing Christmas Jumpers, and our very youngest ones sang a beautiful song in their Christmas Pyjamas. All of the children were incredibly brave and confident in front of a live audience, and we are all incredibly proud of them.

Huge thanks to all the Keys Stage 1 and EYFS staff, led by Miss Hobson, to create such a wonderful play and happy memories for our families.



### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are advertising for a teaching assistant on the Kent Teach website. If you are interested please first view the advert at [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com). The vacancy will be from January, and some experience or a Teaching Assistant Level qualification is needed.

### Christmas Lunch

On Monday 12th we have our traditional Christmas Dinner. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish.

### When your child is absent.....

Please can I remind all parents to inform the office, via call or email, when your child is absent. It is important for our records as well as ensuring that all children that were meant to get to school have done so safely. It is part of our Attendance Policy, and the Parent contract. Thank you.

### Christmas Cards!

We are very lucky to have a special postbox at school, that the children can post their Christmas cards in if they wish. They will then be distributed by our 'posties'.

Unfortunately, due to GDPR, we are unable to give out a list of class names. Thank you for your understanding with this.

**REMINDERS**

### Key Stage Parties

**KS1—13th Dec, KS2—14th Dec**

To help our children celebrate Christmas, we hold separate key stage parties in the last week of term. Children take part in some party games, dancing, singing and have an ice-cream treat.

The children are asked to bring something to wear to the party in a named carrier bag. The children will then get changed after lunch, and will put their uniform back into the carrier bag to bring home. Please be mindful that the clothes that they bring are still suitable for school.

