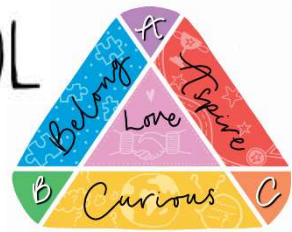




THE CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2024 Newsletter



Whole school diary:

December

- 7th – Christmas Market
- 11th – Year 5 Christmas Coffee Morning
- 11th – Last Karate Session
- 12th – Year 6 Christmas Coffee Morning
- 13th – Year R Nativity 9:30 & 2:30
- 17th – FOTC KS1 Christmas shop
- 18th – Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day
- 19th – FOTC KS2 Christmas shop
- 19th – Year 1 Christmas Video Screening

January

- 6th – Children return to school
- 10th – Year 2 African Dance Workshop
- 13th – Year 1 Grandparents Afternoon
- 16th – CENSUS Day
- 16th – Aspens Special Menu
- 17th – Year 1 Milestones Museum Trip
- 20th – Year R Sublime Science Visit
- 23rd – Year R Stay & Play 2.30pm
- 29th – Aspens Lunar New Year Menu

A message from Mr Wartnaby:

My message this week is a sad goodbye to Mrs Fear. Mrs Fear has worked with us for many years now in the role of our PE teacher and has been an excellent member of staff. Mrs Fear's fitness business has taken off and she would like to concentrate on this. I wish Mrs Fear all the best in the future.

On to the future, Mr Botcherby will be returning in January to take over Mrs Fear's PE lessons. This will see us through to the end of the summer when Mr Tavender will move into a new role as the school's PE teacher. Mr Tavender is an outstanding PE teacher and has excellent ideas on how to develop PE further in the school. The reason Mr Tavender is not moving into this role in January is this would not be fair on his class to leave half way through!

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Market!

Our star value performers!

A huge well done to Lenny in year R who has shown many of our school values including love and aspire. He has achieved red and orange musical theatre awards.

Well done Lenny we are really proud of you!

If your child is about to embark on something extraordinary, please drop Mr Wartnaby an email on adminoffice@crecscnt.hants.sch.uk to be featured in this section.



A Huge Thank You!



We would like to send a huge thank you to Brambridge Garden Centre and Dobbies Garden Centre for kindly donating this year's Christmas trees which are displayed in and around reception and in the main hall. We would also like to thank The Friends of The Crescent for organising the collection of Advent Calendars and Christmas Chocolates for The Chocolate Elf HQ. The Crescent has collated a total of 103 advent calendars and 65 selection boxes! This was really great to see our community coming together for a good cause, to help but a smile on the faces of children in Hampshire, not just for the chocolate, but showing people care and that they are not forgotten.



Current Vacancies:

School Governor Vacancy: [Vacancies | The Crescent Primary School](#)

Email: adminoffice@crecscnt.hants.sch.uk

Call: 02380 612536

Search: www.thecrescentprimary.com

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Year R news:

In Year R we have been learning about Space and planets. The children enjoyed the Wonderdome visit and learning about the Solar System. We have learnt about life on the International Space Station and how to become an astronaut. We read 'Astro Girl', 'Look Up' and 'Meet the Planets'. We made split pin astronauts and painted planets. In phonics we have been learning more digraphs and our first trigraph and been developing our writing of words and sentences. In maths we have been playing '4 or not 4' and learning about the composition of 4 and 5.



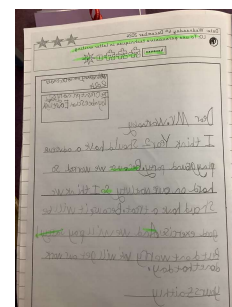
Year 1 news:

In Year 1, we have been busy learning about Mary Anning the fossil hunter. The children were surprised to see a video of dinosaurs on the playground and enjoyed making their own fossils out of clay. They learnt how fossils are made and wrote about why it was significant that Mary Anning was a girl. In computing this week, the children have been enjoying making their own pictures on the I pads using a paint app. They explored how to create different shapes and how to change the colours they were using in their work. In English, the children have been learning how to write questions and punctuate them with question marks. In maths, they have been subtracting on a number line and have applied their learning to solve word problems.



Year 2 news:

Year 2 have had a wonderful few weeks practising and performing their Christmas Nativity to a range of audiences in school. They have learnt their lines and sung brilliantly. Thank you for all their wonderful costumes. Whilst this has been going on they have continued to work hard on their letter writing skills in English and have managed to persuade Mr Wartnaby to allow them to have extra time on the adventure playground. Next stop is writing to the King! In Maths they have been learning about 2D shapes using the correct vocabulary of shape names, sides, vertices and lines of symmetry. The children have enjoyed receiving their mystery books from the library and sharing these stories.



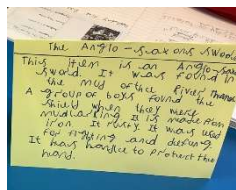
Year 3 news: Year 3 had a fantastic visit to Butser Farm. They learnt about the different stages of the Stone Age period and how their lifestyles changed. The children had a chance to be archaeologists and found some very interesting artefacts! Year 3 also had the opportunity to handle some replica stone age artefacts and they had to predict what these artefacts were used for!



In English, the children have been writing instructions on how to hunt and gather food during the stone age period. They used a lot of the facts they learnt from their visit. Year 3 have been learning how to exchange when adding and subtracting in maths. They have been using dienes to support column addition and subtraction. In Design and Technology, the children have been busy learning how to sew. They will use these skills to design, make and evaluate their own purses – watch this space!

Year 4 news:

Year 4 have continued with their brilliant learning this term. In English, we have been studying the book: Thames and Tide Club. We learnt all about mudlarking and even had our own in-class mudlark! We used this as inspiration to write as historians by creating a museum factfile based on an Anglo-Saxon artefact. After this, we wrote our own diary entry about what it is like to go mudlarking and how we would feel if we found a valuable artefact.



In Science, we started our electricity unit by creating our very own simple circuit with electrical equipment. We learnt about all the different ways that the UK generates electricity. After this, we made our own switches and used these to power our own simple circuit. We have been very busy practising our singing for the Year 3 and 4 Carol Service and it was so lovely to see so many faces there. We have continued our topic of the Anglo-Saxons in history and have enjoyed learning all about life in Anglo-Saxon times, including some very gruesome punishments!

FoTC are getting ready for our Crescent Christmas Market which is being held tomorrow, Saturday 7th December from 11am until 2pm!

This is a reminder that we have a new Christmas Experience. Tickets will be available to purchase on entry to the Christmas Market. Each ticket is £4.00 and unfortunately, cannot be sold in advance.

We have received some wonderful raffle prizes donated by friends and local companies.

Friends of The Crescent



Governor spotlight- Recruitment- Reminder

We are looking for a new co-opted Governor to join our Governing Body who shares our school values: Aspire, Belong, Curious, Love

No experience is necessary and an extensive training programme is offered. You do not need to be a parent of a child at the school. Our Governing Body has a wide range of skills and experience and we would particularly welcome applications from people with experience in HR and/or Business Administration to complement that.

Governors are essential for the effectiveness and success of the school and it is an extremely rewarding and fulfilling role. More details about what being a Governor means are in this role description - [Hampshire Governor Services | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council](#)

If you would like to find out more, or would like to apply for the role, please contact adminoffice@crescent.hants.sch.uk

Year 5 news:

This half term, Year 5 had a fantastic time during our Ancient Egyptian workshop! We watched a mummification (on a mannequin) and learned to play some replica Ancient Egyptian board games. We also carried out an artefact investigation, whereby we learnt lots of new and interesting facts about the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. As well as this, we had a go at using ink and quills to scribe hieroglyphics onto REAL papyrus paper – just like they would have used back in Ancient Egypt! In Science, we have been learning about properties of materials; we have enjoyed carrying out a range of investigations including which material provides the best thermal insulation. Can you guess which material it could be?



Year 6 news:

Year 6 had the best time at Ufton Court. During the trip the children re-enacted Spartan Military Manoeuvres, competed in their own Olympic Games and learned about what happened to Ancient Greek law breakers. The adults were really impressed with how involved the children were and the staff at Ufton Court commented on how wonderful all the children were. During their history unit on the Ancient Greeks, the children have explored how the Ancient Greeks changed the world. They compared the democracy of Ancient Greek times compared to today and considered how they changed the word of sport. In English the children have been using their knowledge of Greek mythology to produce a profile page in the style of our text driver 'Mythologica'. Finally, a huge well done to the many Year 6s who produced such impressive Ancient Greek homework!



School Notice Board!

As the year comes to an end the last of the teacher led clubs will be Friday 13th December. A list of new clubs will be published over the Christmas holidays for you to register your children on. Spaces will then be allocated and slips will be sent home confirming a place on your desired club.

In the new year clubs will commence from week beginning Monday the 13th January.

In the Spring Term there is a lot happening, to keep up to date with everything going on please visit our website for all calander dates and letters.

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Safeguarding spotlight—Online Privacy

[Taking care of your privacy and digital footprint | Childline](#)

The link above is a child friendly page about how we keep ourselves private and safe online. It is aimed at our children who are starting to engage in online communication. It is recommended that children do not do this until later into their teenage years, however I respect that ever-challenging pressures on our young people and parents may cause this to be earlier. If your child is online, this page will help shape conversations between you and your child.