

EDITION 6.12

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Our Curiosity Week



Ath' I news for you...

A message from the Head Teacher

It has been an astonishing week with plenty of opportunities and experiences for the children to remember. We have explored the world around us and have enjoyed a variety of activities to support our understanding and recognise difference. As always, the children have embraced all of the activities and ensured that they have had fun along the way.

A key moment of the Autumn term is organising the Christmas activities and events. It is a great delight to announce that the children have begun the rehearsals for their Christmas plays - a very exciting time of year. No doubt you will be hearing the songs at home and sure enough, you will be singing them when you least expect to! I know the children are really excited to perform for you. Mrs Thorpe will be cooking a fantastic Christmas lunch for the children soon. I wish you all a very enjoyable weekend and, it is never too early to put the Christmas tree up!

Mr Athanasios

SAMPFORD SMILES CONGRATULATIONS

Harry
Henry
Scarlett Poppy
Ted
Evie-Rose
Sadie Freya

KINGFISHERS WELL DONE

Diego
Asha
Evie
Arthur

CURRICULUM

Please follow this QR code to explore our visual curriculum:



AUTUMN AWESOMENESS

Inspirational People

There are many inspirational people. Can you create a fact file for your favourite person?

Card Tricks

It would be a travesty to lose the wonderful attributes of cards. Can you learn a new game? Maybe start with a game of snap.

Can you invent a new card trick? There are loads of tricks that you might like to learn.

Dominoes

Can you organise a box of dominoes? How many ways can you do this? Odds & evens, same dots together, Venn diagrams etc. You could make some if you don't have any!



Curiosity Week

We have had an excellent week that has given us all a chance to fully explore the subjects of Geography, History, Religious Education and Languages. Today, the children dressed as an inspirational person - it was very exciting to welcome people such as Isaac Newton, Boudicca, Einstein to name a few, to our school. The costumes were exceptional and the ideas of why the people were chosen were very encouraging. Yesterday, the children 'travelled' the 7 continents of The World - learning fun facts and then carrying out an activity that deepened their understanding of a particular country. The children have also considered the planet and its sustainability alongside a variety of languages that are spoken around the world. Mr Laing's orienteering activity was certainly a hit with the children! Our assembly this morning gave us a finale to summarise all of the experiences from the week. Please visit our website for more photos.

Christmas Lunch

Please note the revised date for the children's Christmas lunch at school. Mrs Thorpe will now be serving Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 14 December** and not as previously advised. It will be really yummy!

Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our Children in Need awareness day. The cake sale raised £152.66.

PTA Christmas Event

Thank you for supporting the PTA Christmas Event on Sunday - they raised lots of money for our children to enjoy.

Audley End Visit

Robin Class will be visiting Audley End on Monday.

Pantomime - Friday 9 December

We hope that you are excited about the trip to the pantomime - all of the information you need is on parent hub but please ask the office if you are not sure. Most importantly, we will provide snacks and water for the trip but you will need a packed lunch for our return. Please be reminded that the children will arrive back to school and eat their lunch later than normal. It is sure to be an excellent experience.

Christmas Plays

You should have received a letter today regarding the Christmas plays (dates and times below). There will be 2 tickets attached for each family with the letter. We appreciate your support and cooperation.

Christmas Cards

The Christmas card post box will appear outside Mr A.'s office on Monday. You might like to start thinking about writing your Christmas cards in preparation for its arrival. Please remember to write names and classes on the envelopes. The last post will be on Thursday 15 December.

The Spirit of Christmas Event

Please join our choir at the Spirit of Christmas Event on Saturday 3 December, 1:30pm. This year, the event will be held at St Mary's Church in Saffron Walden. There is a flyer attached to this week's parent hub for ticket information.

Christmas Jumper Day

It is that time of year again when everybody can wear a Christmas Jumper to school. Please remain in your school uniform but replace your cardigan or school jumper with a Christmas one.

Please join us for the **Christingle** service at Saint Michael's Church on Friday 16 December at 9:15am. Everybody welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**November**

Monday 28 Audley End Visit - Robin Class

December

Thursday 1	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 6	Christmas Plays
Thursday 8	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9	Pantomime Visit Yr 1 - 6
Friday 9	PTA Post Panto Party 3pm-5pm
Wednesday 14	Christmas Lunch for Everyone
Friday 16	Christingle Service
Tuesday 20	Mr A.'s Last Day

CHRISTMAS EVENTS**Tuesday 6 December - Christmas Plays**

2pm - Robin Class & Eagle Class

6pm - Puffin Class & Swift Class

Thursday 8 December - Christmas Jumper Day**Friday 9 December**

Pantomime Visit Yr 1-6

Christmas Fair/Post Panto Party 3pm

Wed 14 Dec - Christmas Lunch**Friday 16 December**

9:15am Christingle Service@ St. Michaels