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‘Our school community is inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan from the Bible (Luke 10:25-37), where we are encouraged to love one another with courage and compassion. Through friendship, kindness and thoughtfulness, we will nurture each other to learn and flourish as individuals.’

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Living our Vision

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### Year 6's Blog



In History we have been learning about civilizations such as The Indus Valley, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Sumer and The Shang Dynasty Empire. You may have already obtained a lot of diverse facts and knowledge about Ancient Egypt but I bet you never knew any of these facts: Did you know that the Ancient Egyptians invented mathematics, paper and medicine. Although you may not think much about this, most of the things we do in our everyday lives came from The Ancient Egyptians.

During Maths we were learning about fractions. We solved a lot of different word problems and found equivalent fractions for example, if you had  $\frac{1}{2}$  an equivalent fraction could be  $\frac{3}{6}$  because we multiply the numerator (the top number) and the denominator (the bottom number) by 3.

In R.E. we drew artistic expressions of Christmas to share the Christian meaning, central beliefs and concept of it. Most of us drew a picture of the nativity scene. We also explored the visual meanings and reasons behind the visual representations for example, baby Jesus in the crib full of light in otherwise dark room which represents that he is holy and the king.

In Art we have been drawing self-portraits of ourselves by using a mirror. In our first attempt we drew our self-portraits without a tutorial. After this we had a second attempt using a tutorial, most of us agreed that using a tutorial produces a better result.  
*By Dominik and Ehsan*

### SPECIAL DATES

- Christmas break - 21<sup>st</sup> Dec– 4<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Inset day - 4<sup>th</sup> Jan
- New term starts - 5<sup>th</sup> Jan



Arthur YN "We made our donkey ear hats to sing 'Little Donkey'."



Sonia YR "We went to the post-box to mail the letters we wrote to Santa. He will write back to us."

### Christmas decorations for sale!

As we do not have our traditional Christmas Fair this year, we are selling our hand-made Christmas decorations to our parents via pupil mail!

With today's newsletter, you will receive a mini envelope.

Please send **£1** in for your decoration and your child will bring it home the next day!

Thank you for supporting our school in this way!



Children from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 having their Christmas dinner in their classes.



# St Cuthbert with St Matthias CE School

**“For God loved the world, that he gave His only son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 ”**



**David Y3** *“I learnt and shared a fact about hand dryers. They were first invented in 1921 in New York by inventers called RB Hibbard, DJ Watrous and JG Bassette.”*



### Year 4's Blog

Welcome to our Blog

We are so lucky because we did a trip to

the riverside! First, we walked through the cemetery and we were looking for some objects in the Brompton cemetery. We went to the River Thames and we did a survey. We also had some hot chocolate. We were also chasing pigeons and at the end of the trip we stopped at Westfield Park for a play!



This week we also did assessments. We had to sit separate and we had to do our assessments. We found the maths assessment a bit tricky.



In History we are learning about Vikings and we made a Viking boat. We used a template and we cut it out also some of us made a poster. If you made a poster you have to label the Viking boat and in a Viking boat there is 80 Vikings. In a small Viking boat there is 60 people. We used some scissors card, glue, straw and a piece of paper we use blue tack as well.



In English we did our own poems, they were all about cats and dogs. After we read it aloud to our class. We voted for the best poem and Dani got the most votes.

Have a nice weekend, *From Aiden and Hareem*

## HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear St Cuthbert children and parents,

‘St Cuthbert’s is surrounded by angels,’ a parishioner reported to Fr Paul last week.

‘Yes, of course it is!’ he responded.

‘No really, there are actual angels outside the school,’ was the response.

And so, to investigate this further, Fr Paul took a trip along to St Cuthbert School, and sure enough he spotted them right there, on the school gate, helping St Cuthbert pupils, staff and school community to celebrate Christmas!



Venturing out and along our corridor on Tuesday morning, I too bumped into a bubble of angels (and an hour later, a bubble-herd of sheep). With donkey ears hanging in nursery class, angels at our gate and in our corridors, and sheep on the move, it must definitely be a sign that St Cuthbert children are still celebrating Christmas – despite restrictions. Class by class, the children have been recording their Christmas carols, ready for the compiled whole-school recording that we can all enjoy next Wednesday. Thank you to Miss Nicholls for all her hard work in helping us to celebrate in this special way. We are so grateful for the extra thought and effort involved in preparing the children for their final recordings - a new experience for all.

Day by day, Christmas reminders are appearing in school. And as if by magic, a manger (modelled from a recycled box) arrived at my door yesterday morning, filled with hay and... a baby! Thank you to Miss Avaan and the nursery children for crafting such a magical manger, and for ensuring that a carefully-wrapped baby Jesus was inside. A lot of planning, experimenting and crafting to help us celebrate Christmas 2020!

Hopefully, alongside our blogs this week, you will enjoy seeing photos of our St Cuthbert Christmas dinner, with each class enjoying their fish&chips&cookie Christmas ‘packed dinner’ in their classroom today. What a change from our normal routine, but thank you to our admin team (Cathy, Khalida and Dionne) and our chef team (Gina, Loraine, Maureen and Rosa), for all their hard work in making this a unique and possible experience for us all.

And on that note, I will sign off and leave enough space for the photos!

With best wishes,

Gill Putterill and the St Cuthbert Teaching Team.

Did you have a chance to be kind to anyone today?

*Let's take a minute to chat!*

### Christmas gifts for sale!

Please send your money in via your child and we will give your child their recipe book or brooch. Please specify clearly which you would like!



Recipe Books - £5

Christmas (gold-plated) brooches - £10

**Yad Y2** *“In our advent calendar we get random prizes, like chocolate coins and a chance to read a Christmas book kept by our Christmas tree. I hope to get a legendary prize next time.”*





## Year 5's Blog

In English we continue to watch David Attenborough's documentary, about South America. We learnt that you can find penguins in South America and they can dive in the sea about 1000 ft. deep. Also you can find bears in South America and they love to climb trees

to get the most ripe fruit. An interesting fact- humans are the only predators of bears. We made a mind map to write all these amazing facts down of animals and the landscapes in our books.

In Maths we have been learning about Prime numbers and composite numbers. We also multiply numbers up to 4 digit numbers by 1 digit number using formal writing method which is column multiplication. We also answered multiplication word problems. We tried to work out the missing numbers by using place value counters e.g.  $\square \times 2 = 2 \square 8$  the answer is 1, 4 and 4.

In RE we looked at the religious meanings of the Christmas trees and cards. We explored what is sacred and secular in the Christmas celebrations. We found out that the nativity scene is a sacred display. Whereas the Christmas tree and cards are more secular traditions. We watched a video about when Christmas cards were invented. They were first made by an civil servant called Sir Henry Cole in 1843. We made our own Christmas cards. We chose the sacred one to make. In Czech Republic they celebrate New Year and then Christmas.

In Spanish we also learnt how to write sentence in Spanish about ourselves. We wrote down our favourite things to do, like singing, dancing, swimming, playing football, cooking and reading. We also wrote letters to children in Spain introducing ourselves. Late in Year 6 we are hoping to meet them when we go on our trip to Barcelona. Until then our teacher Miss Claro said we can be pen pals and write to each other. *By Aya and Tallulah*



**Sparkly Nativity scene displayed on our outside wall.**

**Year 4's collection of Christmas trees made out of pine cones.**



**Mark Y2** "In English we wrote about how we made our collage of the great fire of London. We explained all the texture and methods we used like smudging pastel colours for fire and graphite pencil for houses."



**Giya Y3** "We made Christmas hats and stockings in DT. We also learnt about the meanings of the five candles that we light every week until Christmas"



**Some of our delicious dishes for our Christmas dinner with our lovely kitchen angels.**



**Gaia Y1**

"In Art we have been painting Aboriginal art. We use dots to make our paintings."



**This week's Good Samaritans are Trung and Malik Year 2, for supporting a classmate in the playground voluntarily.**



**Congratulations to all of you!**

This Week's Attendance

<b>N</b>	Ella	For doing great singing.
<b>R</b>	Yara	For always being helpful and kind to others.
<b>1</b>	Husna	For being a fantastic role model for others.
<b>2</b>	Malik	For writing a great postcard in English.
<b>3</b>	Ammar	For improving his English and trying hard all the time.
<b>4</b>	Anna	For an excellent result in her assessment.
<b>5</b>	Rhys	For enthusiasm reading last week's homework! Well-done!
<b>6</b>	Max	For an astounding improvement on our Maths Arithmetic! You are amazing! Hard work paid off!!

Class	Attend
YR	98.9%
Y4	98.6%
Y6	98.0%
Y2	97.6%
Y3	95.9%
Y1	90.5%
Y5	89.2%
YN	88.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.13%</b>

**Notice to parents**

**After School clubs**

This is a reminder to parents that there will be no after school clubs the last week of term – Monday 14th Dec – Friday 18th Dec. Children need to be collected at the end of the school-day.

**ST CUTHBERT  
WITH ST MATTHIAS  
CHURCH OF  
ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Originally founded as a choir school for St Matthias Church, our school has a rich heritage of education within the context of a Christian framework.

Our school can look back at over a century of providing an excellent education for the children of our community. We have the highest expectations of each one of our children and we work to ensure that every child leaves our school having gained all the important skills and knowledge that will help them become successful in their future life.



**Music Maestros this week:**  
Naomi Y3, Aya Y4 and Leah Y5.

**Puzzle time**



**Christmas Crossword**

Answer to last week's puzzle.

**Santa Word Search**



- Chimney
- Elves
- Fairies
- Jolly
- North Pole
- Reindeer
- Rudolph
- Sled
- Sleigh
- Sleigh Bells
- St. Nick
- Toys



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**ACROSS**

- Pumpkin or mincemeat
- Santa's ride
- Celebration
- Newborn
- Northpole crew
- Word of praise
- Words on a Christmas card
- It's opened on Christmas

**DOWN**

- Alternative word to 17 across
- Christmas drink
- Christmas dinner centerpiece
- Dec. holiday
- "Jingle \_\_\_\_"
- Christmas tree
- O. Henry's "The Gift of the \_\_\_\_"
- What carolers do
- French Christmas.
- Snow glider

There will be exciting prizes, for the right answer to this week's puzzle handed in on **Thursday**.

Please write your name and answer on a separate piece of paper. **Good luck!**

