

THE GRAPEVINE

THONGSLEY FIELDS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

THE ADVENT OF ADVENT

BY MR JONES, HEADTEACHER

Jack Frost has definitely made an appearance this week with temperatures plummeting! Gone are the wonderful colours of the Autumn leaves but replaced with the equally stunning shapes that the icy crystals create all around us. Whatever the time of year, there are marvels to discover... we might just need our hats, scarves and gloves to help us appreciate them!

The beginning of December also marks the start of silly season in school where the diary becomes packed with all the traditional events and themes. Please keep a close eye on the calendar, emails and Tapestry/ClassDojo messages to avoid missing anything.

We are also mindful of everyone in school - those who don't celebrate Christmas and those for whom this is a more difficult time of year. Regardless of family backgrounds, personal experiences, views and opinions, we aim to promote mutual respect and understanding for all our children and adults. I am delighted that Y5/6 will be taking part in the Faith Tour next week - an excellent opportunity to help bring our world closer together - a better, kinder more understanding and peaceful world. I can't wait to hear all about it when they return and having been before, I am disappointed not to be going with them!

Wrap up and stay warm this weekend everyone!



Exploring the wonders of the changing seasons.

TERM DATES

HSSP Futsal Competition (Y3/4)	5/12
Rocksteady Concert	6/12
Christingle Service (Y5/6)	7/12
Walters Cup Football Tournament	7/12
Santa Dash	8/12
Faith Tour (Y5/6)	12/12
Burwell Residential (Y3/4)	13/12 - 15/12
KS1 Performances (10.30am)	13/12
EYFS Sing-a-long (9.30am & 2pm)	14/12
KS1 Performances (2pm)	15/12
Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day	19/12
Last day of term	20/12

More details and other diary dates will be available soon.

CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER



Independent cycling in Ash Class.



The awesome author Hannah Gold visited!



No pens day - irreversible reactions!



NEWS IN BRIEF

FROM TEAM THONGSLEY

INDEPENDENT CYCLING

There has been lots of whizzing around, steering, coordinating and balancing to build up strength on the school playground over the past few weeks. We recently received a grant and purchased some brand new balance bikes, which the children have been thoroughly enjoying while learning how to be independent, confident and safe cyclists.

KS1 - HOME BELONGINGS

We have recently had a few extra personal belongings being brought into school from home. Please ensure toys and teddies are not brought into school. They are a distraction to both your child and others in class and there is also a risk of them getting lost or damaged which can be very upsetting for your child.

NO PENS DAY

On Wednesday, we celebrated No Pens Day where we locked the pens and pencils away for the day. All the children across the school have been getting stuck in with a variety of hands on, strictly No Pens lessons and activities from baking in Science, painting in Art, puzzles in Maths and even more exciting ways to learn!

WINTER WEATHER

You may have noticed that Jack Frost has recently been visiting - this week especially! In our school we take every opportunity to be outdoors at break time, lunchtime and for lessons whatever the weather! Children need to have the correct clothing in school: long sleeves, jumpers and sports trousers for PE as well as wellies, thick winter socks, hats, winter coats and gloves for Forest School.

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone else."

-Charles M. Schulz