

Our stars of last week are...

- ★ Bright Sparks **Matas** for showing **respect** to adults and friends. Beautiful manners.
- ★ Year 1 **Lexie** for persevering with your handwriting. Miss Callen is very proud of the presentation of her work.
- ★ Year 2 **Ellie** for always showing **self-belief and perseverance** in your learning. Ellie is always focussed and ready to learn.
- ★ Year 3 **Madison** for **persevering** with her presentation in her written work.
- ★ Year 4 **Melanny** for **persevering** with her reading. Well done.
- ★ Year 5 **Nya** for always **persevering** in Maths. Nya always works hard and tries her best she is a superstar!
- ★ Year 6 **Shay** for showing **respect** and **pride** in all lessons. Keep up the hard work.



“Our First Nativity”
EYFS Christmas Production

The children in Nursery and Reception class will be performing their nativity on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December. Both performances will start at 9.15am prompt.

More Information regarding seating allocation will be sent home next week.

FOR SAFEGUARDING REASONS UNFORTUNATELY PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOING IS PROHIBITED.



“BABUSHKA”
Tuesday 13th December & Wednesday 14th December

Starts 6pm Prompt

Children from Year 1 to Year 5 will be taking part in a school performance of “Babushka” a Russian Christmas tale.

Next week one child from each family will receive 2 tickets only for the performance and a letter about requesting further tickets.

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TICKET INFORMATION

EYFS PRODUCTION:

Each child will bring home a letter today with details about seating requirements. We expect there will be sufficient room for everyone, however we would like some guide for seating purposes. Please return the reply slip on the letter to the school office.

BABOUSHKA:

Due to Health and Safety regulations we are issuing families with two tickets for one performance of the production.

Today the youngest sibling will come home with an envelope which will have two tickets enclosed. Please keep them safe as we are unable to re-issue copy tickets and no admission will be allowed without tickets.

If you are unable to attend please return tickets to the school office. If you require extra tickets or tickets for the alternative date please read the additional information enclosed.

Nursery & Reception Class PARENT WORKSHOP

Wednesday 7th December 8.45am

Nursery and Reception class children would like to invite their parents to a workshop where they are keen for you to see a slide-show of recent class activities.

Mrs Cliffe will then lead a session on:

“Inspiring Independence”.

We look forward to seeing you!

TALK HOMEWORK – NURSERY

Thank you to all the parents that attended the workshop last week, it was lovely to see so many faces.

Talk to your child about their favourite activities from the workshop and try some at home too. It would be lovely if you could send photo’s of activities you have tried together.

Thank You

Mrs Clarke and Mrs Monaghan

Rhyme of the Week—Nursery Class

This week’s nursery rhyme is

“Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”.

Please practise the rhyme with your child at home and we look forward to seeing you all on Friday at 11.40am for our performance.

LATENESS

We have noticed an increase in children arriving late for school. Can we remind parents all children need to arrive in school on time and ready to learn.

Any child arriving after 8.55am will be marked late (even if it’s one minute). Any child arriving after registration closes at 9.15am will be marked as an unauthorised absence. If this happens on 20 occasions or more, you will be liable for a penalty notice which is issued by the local authority.

PENALTY NOTICES ARE FINES FOR A CHILD’S UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.



BRIGHT SPARKS—TALK HOMEWORK

Last week we read, watched, learnt and acted out the story, “A Squash and a Squeeze”.

Continue the learning at home by retelling the story and discussing the funny things that the old wise man advised the old woman to do.

In maths, we are learning to count as far as we can. Every day last week we counted how many children were in the class. After we have counted we say the following, “How much is there here?” 32 children!

Thank you

Mrs Cliffe

Accelerated Reading Programme

As part of our aim to further improve reading practice and monitoring, Years 2 through to 6 have been taking part in the Accelerated Reader programme. The programme allows pupils to take an online quiz after finishing a book to demonstrate their understanding and comprehension of what they have read.

On passing the quiz, the total word count is added together to give a class total for the week. Each week the two year groups (3/4 and 5/6) will compete with each other for the most words read.

Last week’s word count was...

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| Year 2 | 12,574 |
| Year 3 | 33,072 |
| Year 4 | 11,203 |
| Year 5 | 8,265 |
| Year 6 | 61,204 |

NUT ALLERGIES

WOULD PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE CHILDREN AND STAFF WITH NUT ALLERGIES. WITH THIS IN MIND WOULD PARENTS REFRAIN FROM SENDING FOOD INTO SCHOOL THAT CONTAIN NUTS.

BOSTOCK FUNDRAISING

Tuesday 6th December 2016

Team Bostock are raising money for their chosen charity "Katherine House Hospice". To kick start the fundraising they have organised a "Soak the Teacher" event, two sponges for a £1.00. The event will take place in the KS2 playground on Tuesday 6th December at 3.15pm until 3.30pm.

We hope that there will be many children wanting to take part.

WEDGWOOD FUNDRAISING

FRIDAY 9th December

Team Wedgwood are holding a cake sales on Friday 9th December, they raising money for their chosen charity 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'. Cakes will be on sale at lunch time and home time for 20p.

House Captain Phoebe and Vice-Captain Tommy, would be grateful if Talbot team members could help by donating cakes.

Beauty and the Beast



TOMORROW

As a Christmas treat we have arranged for M & M Productions to visit and perform "Beauty and the Beast". To help cover the cost we are asking parents for a donation of £4.00. Parent Pay letters were sent home last week!

M & M Productions visited before and performed "The Hobbit", "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"

SNOW PROCEDURE

No doubt bad weather is on its way so here is a quick reminder of our winter weather procedure. To check if the school is closed you can do the following:

- * Visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures IF WE DO NOT APPEAR ON THE LIST WE ARE OPEN.
- * BBC Radio Stoke will broadcast closures 94.6FM, 104.1FM or DAB or www.bbc.co.uk/stoke/radiostoke
- * Notices will be put on both school gates on Doxey Road and Marsland Road.
- * School web site will be updated www.doxeyprimary.co.uk
- * Text and E-mail service may be used at short notice

Dates for your diary...

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| Tuesday | 6th December 2016 | Bostock Fundraising Day – Soak the Teacher 3.15pm |
| Tuesday | 6th December 2016 | Beauty and the Beast Production to School |
| Wednesday | 7th December 2016 | Nursery & Reception Parent Workshop 8.45am |
| Friday | 9th December 2016 | Wedgwood Fundraising – Cake Sale |
| Tuesday | 13th December 2016 | EYFS Nativity - 9.15am |
| Tuesday | 13th December 2016 | Baboushka Performance 6pm |
| Wednesday | 14th December 2016 | EYFS Nativity - 9.15am |
| Wednesday | 14th December 2016 | Baboushka Performance 6pm |
| Thursday | 15th December 2016 | Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children |
| Thursday | 15th December 2016 | Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday | 15th December 2016 | Christmas Service at Doxey Church 2.15pm |
| Friday | 16th December 2016 | School Closes for Christmas Holiday |
| Tuesday | 3rd January 2017 | School Re-Opens for the Spring Term |

CHRISTMAS AT DOXEY SCHOOL

Festive Lunch

Thursday 15th December

We are no longer taking bookings for this event, closing date was Friday 2nd December.

If you have not booked a place please provide your child/children with a packed lunch.

**Place bookings not accepted after
Friday 2nd December 2016.**

MESSY CHURCH – DECEMBER

There is a change to Messy Church arrangements for December. The Messy Church and OTB team would like to invite children and their families to Messy Christingle on Sunday 11th December at Doxey Church from 4.30pm – 6pm.

This is a free event where children will have the opportunity to find out about Christingle as well as making other Christmas Crafts. This will be followed by a light meal which you will be more than welcome to stay for.

For more information please contact Claire: 07889277766



CHRISTMAS EXPLORERS

KS2 children attended Christmas Explorers last week at Doxey Church.

The event gave the children the chance to look at the Christmas Story in creative ways; through drama sketches, small group work, craft, game, reflection time, quizzes and film clips.

BABOUSHKA AT BELWAY HOMES

Bellway Homes housing development has invited year 5 children to sing songs from "Baboushka" on Monday 12th December at the site on Doxey Road. The children will be singing from 2.30pm and their parents are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT DOXEY CHURCH

Thursday 15th December 2.15pm

The children will be walking to Doxey church for the Christmas service and carols around the Christmas tree. Parents, Grandparents or carers are able to attend the service, and *it would be lovely if we had some volunteer parents to help escort the children to and from the church. After the service refreshments will be served. If you are able to help and walk with the children, please inform your child's class teacher.*

Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church

Last week Mrs Hall and selected children from Y6 decorated the tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.

The tree was decorated using recycled products found around the school.

Part of the proceeds collected during the festival will go to the Mayor's chosen charities, which is Stafford and Stone Guide Dogs for the Blind and Community Hubs in Stafford.

Pictured with the tree is Mrs Hall, Reece, Aalayah, Bradley and Alex.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

Children are allowed to come to school wearing Christmas Jumpers in exchange for a 50p donation.

The money raised will be sent to "Save the Children"

Thank you for your support! 