



NEWSLETTER

Our Value for December is Peace

The following pupils have received Merit Badges:

Class 1 **Jasmine & Grace** - For joining in and singing beautifully in the Lights, Camel, Actions rehearsals.

Class 2 **Alice** - For writing a splendid letter, imagining she saw The Great Fire of London in 1666.

Class 3 **Molly** - For shining in our Lights, Camel, Actions rehearsals.

Class 4 **Alfie, Jesse B & Sorrel** - Wow! Fantastic debating at the competition and representing our school.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 9 December 3.30pm—5pm

Please come along and join in the fun! There is lots to do, face painting, bottle stalls, chocolate fountain, music and much much more. If the children and teachers have been good Father Christmas may make a visit? See you there.



Children's Illness

At the moment there are a few children absent from school with a sickness/diarrhoea. It is essential if your child becomes ill they need to be 48 hours clear from the last incident before they return.

Debating

On Friday 25th November, Jesse, Sorrel and Alfie took part in a debating competition at Whitecross High School, against 10 other schools. We had been practising for multiple weeks with the brilliant Miss Lloyd and had been rehearsing our paragraphs on each point. For our first round we were arguing over the 'Banning of school uniform' which we were in favour of. We believe that we made some excellent points which led us through to the semi-finals. We faced Burghill in the next round and had to argue in favour of 'Banning Homework'. Again we got some strong points and because of that we successfully argued our way to the final! With only 20 minutes to prepare we had to fight our point to 'Ban the Internet for children under 12'. The debate was strong between us and Stretton Sugwas which resulted in a draw. The judges then had to vote for the winning team and unbelievably that was a draw too. Eventually the judges awarded the trophy to Stretton Sugwas. We are very proud of how well we worked as a team and found it an honour to represent our school so well. Thank you to Miss Lloyd for your wonderful help
By Jesse, Sorrel and Alfie



Reminder

Second Payments for London & Oakerwood Residential Trips are due by Friday 9 December.



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A Message From Reverend Michael Cluett

- Special services during Advent & Christmas
- Friday 2 December at 6.30pm Light up a Life for St. Michael's Hospice at Wellington Church
 - Sunday 4 December at 6.30pm Advent Carol Service at King's Pyon Church
 - Sunday 11 December at 6.30pm Ledgemoor Carol Service
 - Monday 12 December at 6pm Canon Pyon School Nativity at St Lawrence's Church
 - Friday 16 December at 6.30pm King's Pyon Carol Service
 - Friday 18 December Birley Carol Service 3.30pm
 - Westhope Carol Service 6.30pm
 - Wellington Carol Service 6.30pm
 - Saturday 24 December Nativity & Christingle at Wellington Church 6.00pm
 - Sunday 25 December Midnight Mass at King's Pyon Church 11.30pm
 - Thursday 29 December 6.30pm Christmas Day services as above.
 - Sunday 1 January at 10.30am Canon Pyon Carol Service
 - Group Service at Westhope Church

As you can see from the list of services, December is going to be very busy. I hope to see you at one of the services over the Christmas period.

For some reason the words of an old nursery rhyme came to me, and I can't get them out of my head.

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
 please do put a penny in the old man's hat.
 If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
 if you haven't got a ha'penny,
 then God bless you.

Pennies and half pennies show how ancient this rhyme is, more likely today it would be a pound or 50 pence, perhaps even a £5 note, or more! But it does remind us that amidst all the celebrations of the season we must not forget those less fortunate than ourselves. Many of us give to charity over the Christmas period, as at other times of the year, but Christmas is special and there are many deserving causes that have Christmas appeals.

Have a wonderful Christmas, I wish you all God's blessings.



WOW Well done to you all! The amount donated has increased £908.38!

December Arrangements

- Tuesday 6 December - We are all off to the pantomime at The Courtyard to see Aladdin.
- Wednesday 7 December - Children to be dropped off at St Lawrence's Church, Canon Pyon at 8.45am for church rehearsals. Children who travel to school on the bus will be transported to the church by minibus. The children will be transported back to school by the minibuses in time for lunch.
- Thursday 8 December - Dress Rehearsal. Children to be dropped off at St Lawrence's Church in full costume at 8.45am for church rehearsals. Children who travel to school on the bus will be transported to the church by the federation minibus. The children will be transported back to school by the federation minibuses in time for the Christmas lunch. They will need to bring in their school uniform to change into once back at school.
- Friday 9 December - Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 5pm
- Monday 12 December – Christmas Performance at St Lawrence's Church at 6pm
- Wednesday 14 December – AiP Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 15 December - Christmas Party. Children are to wear party clothes, throughout the day they will be playing games, craft activities and enjoying music within their classes. Lunchtime arrangements will be as normal.
- Friday 16 December - Wear What You Like Christmas Jumper Day -School Finishes at 1.30pm

SHYPP - Helping Young Homeless People in Herefordshire

Canon Pyon CE Academy are supporting Hoople Recruitment and Supported Housing for Young People Project (SHYPP) to support young people stay clean, dry and fed. Donations of the following would be gratefully received into school:

Sleeping bags and bedding (must be new for health and safety reasons), tents and blankets, torches, rucksacks, clothing and shoes, especially coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Toiletries, tinned foods (preferably ringpull) and soft drinks and pocket diaries.

Donations to either Hoople Recruitment office, 57-59 Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2AR, between 10.30am and 1.30pm on Wednesday 7th December or to school by Tuesday 6 December please.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 6 December Pantomime at The Courtyard
- Friday 9 December Christmas Fayre 3.30pm—5pm
- Monday 12 December Christmas Performance at Canon Pyon Church at 6pm
- Thursday 15 December Christmas Party Day
- Friday 16 December Christmas Jumper Day, Wear What You Like Day, End of Autumn Term, 1.30pm



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