



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 18/12/20

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

A special mention for our highest scoring 'Doodle Maths' superstars in each class:

Rec – Callie Calvert

Y1 – Freed Woollass

Y2 – Esmae Keenan

Y3 – Jake Teasdale

Y4 – Jack Dawson

Y5 – Ameliya Buckle-Willaims

Y6 – Franco Boi

Doodle Class of the week: Year 6



A message from the Head:

Well, the sun is about to set on what has been a term and indeed a year that I am sure none of us will forget ! Thank you all for your support throughout 2020, we have asked a lot from families in terms of adjusting to new routines, coping with regular changes to provision, different methods of communication etc. Your support in adjusting to all of this has been wonderful and in turn this has made our lives in school much easier. I am sure you will join me too in saying a huge 'thank you' to all of the staff here in school, who have worked through these unprecedented times with great professionalism and an unwavering and essential sense of good spirits. We are proud of the fact that we navigated 'lockdown', providing daily care to our vulnerable pupils and children of 'key workers' throughout, we were thrilled to welcome back all year groups before the summer break and we have been delighted with just how smoothly (relatively !) this first term of the 'new normal' has gone. None of this would have happened without the dedication and flexibility of staff, for that I am incredibly grateful and I am sure you are too.

It seems unlikely that things will return to 'normal' in anything like a hurry and we will endeavour to adapt to whatever may come our way in 2021. Before then though, we wish you all a very merry Christmas! Have a super two weeks and we will see you all again on January 5th !

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

We really have had the loveliest of countdowns to Christmas this year in Reception/Year 1. With our Nativity Play by Zoom on Monday, which we were so excited to share with you all, to our Zoom call with Santa himself yesterday, we were not going to let the current situation dampen our celebrations! Christmas has been the main theme of the week with Christmas decoration-making, various Christmas art and crafts, and lots of fun! We enjoyed Year 6's Christmas Sing-a-long, with the rest of the school through Zoom, singing lots of carols and Christmas favourites. It inspired us to go and do some carol singing outside of the different classroom and office windows, so we could see our friends in the wider school! Christmas dinner was great and surprisingly calm for this time of the year- the children were enjoying the food and chatting to their friends!

With regards to home learning, there are no set tasks, but the children all have new reading books, reception phonics packs that were in school have been updated with the new sounds, and I have stuck the Christmas Doodlemaths Challenge into home/ school journals, so you can record how many stars you achieve over the break! Set yourself a goal that you know you can achieve!

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and will see you in the New Year! Mrs Wilson

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

What a fantastic term it has been! From beginning in the Stone Age, the pupils have travelled across the UK, explored different habitats, tested different everyday materials, learnt the foundations of mathematics, written instructions, poems, explanations and more, they truly could not have worked any harder! I am incredibly proud of the learning the class has done this term and you should be too! From all reports from Mrs Grainger, the children have worked incredibly hard this week and it has been a joy to spend time with them in the final two days. This week has been all things Christmas. We have had a ChrisMaths lesson making the longest, most interesting or most colourful paper chains using our budgeting skills. They have also learnt about the Nativity story and practised acting it out as well. The children have created a winter scene in Art as well as making their own amazing party hats. In English, the children have written winter poems to describe a setting. In Music, the children took part in their final lesson and learnt some festive songs. They also had a surprise zoom call from Father Christmas himself! In P.E., the children took part in mini games to practise all the skills they have learnt over the term and they even learnt more balancing poses in Yoga. To finish off the week we were able to have a class party with games, prizes and all around madness but it was definitely worth it! They have worked their socks off right until the end so to celebrate that I will not be setting homework over Christmas! Children will have a reading book sent home if they would like to read a school book and of course they should access Doodle Maths. A special well done to both Jake and Jacob who earned over 1000 stars last week! Good job boys! I hope you have the most wonderful Christmas you possibly can have and enjoy time with your amazing children! See you in the new year!

Year 4 and 5 Class News:

We have had a great Christmas week at school with the children enjoying many activities. In English we performed the poem 'Snowflakes' by Clive Samson with each year group being divided up into smaller groups to recite and perform parts of the poem. We had to consider the use of our voice including intonation and emphasis. Our year group performances can be seen on Seesaw. In Maths year 4 have been dividing and multiplying by 100 and year 5 have been finding and reasoning with square numbers. We have also designed and made Christmas tree baubles, annual calendars and party hats, that we wore for our Christmas lunch. We participated in a Christmas sing a long led by the year 6 over zoom and even had a zoom meeting with Santa Claus himself. Our Christmas party included a quiz, fun taskmaster activities, elf names, decorating biscuits and party games. The children have worked so hard this term and very much deserve their Christmas break, we look forward to hearing all about it when they return in January. Please remember to access your Doodle Maths over xmas. Have a very Merry Christmas.

Year 6 Class News:

It's the most wonderful time of the year! This week we have been getting into the Christmas spirit. We lead our own Christmas singalong that the whole school joined in with over zoom. We performed our amazing dance and Miss Rose recorded it for Seesaw the same as the songs. We had an amazing maths lesson where we had a budget and had to spend it by buying presents with criterias and a certain amount. We made Christmas cards and calendars for our parents. Today Miss Rose did a big fat Christmas quiz 2020 which had some tricky rounds and some funny rounds. Elliot, Grce, Tajana, Tyra and Lucie's group won but the scores were pretty close! We had party food and Miss Rose also bought hot chocolates, marshmallows and popcorn to watch Percy Jackson. We had a zoom with santa who bought us some nice gifts aka books that we are looking forward to reading. Over Christmas we need to complete our Doodle Maths challenges that we have decided ourselves and reading regularly. We have had a wonderful term. Have a great Christmas and I will see you all in 2021 – BOSH! From Izaac.

Housekeeping:

- Please be extremely careful when dropping off/collecting your children from school. Main Street can get very busy at these times. We have a lot of children cycling to school. Please be mindful when driving / parking on Main Street and take care not to block our neighbours driveways.
- If you need to contact school, please do not come to the school office, please telephone Mrs Stacey on 01757 638426 or email admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk during the current situation.
- Please ensure coats are in school every day and suitable for the changing season!
- Please could we ask that your parent pay accounts are kept in credit. The way the system works regular texts or reminders will be sent out if you go above £10.00 debit and a letter is generated if you have had 3 text reminders. If you are having trouble making payment please speak to Mrs Stacey in the Office

Dates for the Diary:

Christmas holiday: Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

Professional development training day: Monday 4 January 2021

<i>HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!</i>
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