



WEEKLY FOCUS

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'As we await Christmas let us remember to smile and be kind'

Dear Parents

I cannot believe that it is only 19 sleeps until Christmas. Where has the time gone? As we make all the crazy Christmas preparations and go about our busy lives let us remember to take time to breathe, to smile and to find five minutes peace.



Weekly Theme



Our weekly theme this week is Advent. Advent marks the start of the Christian year. It is the four weeks before Christmas, beginning on November 30 or the nearest Sunday to it. This is the Church's New Year's Day. The word

Advent comes from the Latin 'adventus' which means 'arrival' or 'coming'. This is the time for Christians to prepare for celebration of the birth of Jesus and look forward to the time that Jesus will come again.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you kindly to the CJSA, staff, year 6 children and parents that helped out at the Christmas Fayre. We made a profit of over £1400 and every penny of this is directly spent on the children. Also, thank you if you attended the fayre and spent lots of money! Well done also to the children that sang at The Christmas Fayre-you did a fantastic job.

Infant Assembly

Last week, we did an assembly in the Infant School all about Advent. We based our assembly on an old



advert where a boy is frustrated waiting for Christmas. As the assembly carried on the children were convinced that he was waiting for his presents or for Santa to come. However, at the

end it turns out that he was waiting to GIVE presents. He found delight and joy in giving presents to his family.

Online Streaming

You may have seen on the news yesterday about the ever growing threat of children using APPS that allow children to carry out immediate online streaming. Social media channels such as YouTube, Facebook,

Instagram and Snapchat all allow some form of live capability, while there are also **many pure live streaming services**, including **Periscope, Omegle, Liveme and Lively**.

Police say abusers thrive on the immediacy these live platforms offer - targeting children with tricks, dares and threats. Many of the people using these APPS are adult males. Just to remind you that if children are online they should be monitored in a room where you can see what they are doing. Let's work together to keep our children safe. There is a letter coming home today from the Police regarding online safety.

E safety drop in sessions

After Christmas and to help with all the possible new technologies that children could receive over Christmas, we will be running drop in E safety afternoons to help advise parents on how to set up these new technologies to be safe for children to use. So if you have any questions or queries about how to setup parental controls on a device or would just like to talk about ways of keeping children safe online then please call in and see Mr. Vaughan every Monday from 8th January from 3 - 4pm.
(Not 15th Jan as it's an Inset day)

Totton AFC

As part of our developing partnership with AFC Totton, our football team has received a very special invitation to be guests of honour on December 16th at the club's final home match before Christmas. The game itself is to be opened up and made free to the whole community but the club are extending a very special invitation to the school's boys and girls football team. This will include:

- Meeting the AFC Totton players before the match
- Tour of the dressing rooms
- Pre match activities around the club
- Lead the teams out onto the pitch
- Watch the match
- Half time skills on the pitch

Following the end of the match, everyone is invited to remain for the club's Carol concert before finishing at 18:00.

Poppy Appeal



We raised £179.09 for this year's poppy appeal. Thank you to all those parents that donated to this very worthwhile cause.

Mince Pies and Coffee

You are invited to join us for mince pies and coffee on Friday 15 December at 2.15pm. Some of our governors will be there so it can be a time to meet them and share your thoughts about Calmore Junior School. If you have any (polite) suggestions about how we can improve or work together to improve then this would be the ideal time to chat and share. Please let the office know if you are coming for catering purposes.



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Year 4 Christmas Activity Afternoon

If you are coming to our Year 4 Christmas Activity afternoon, please let the office know so that we can get out enough tables etc.

Year 3 Show



The year 3 children are busily rehearsing for their Christmas Show tomorrow. We wish them lots of luck and are looking forward to seeing all the year 3 families at the performances.

Christmas Assembly

Don't forget that it is our Christmas Assembly on Thursday 21 December at 10.00 at Testwood Baptist Church. We hope that we will see lots of you there. If you can help us walk to the church then please let the office know.

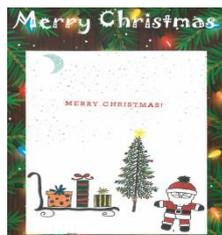


Calmore Christmas Card

Year 6 are invited to design our school Christmas card, we send this card to all local Schools, Governors, CJSA, volunteers and other friends of Calmore JS. This year's winning designs are by: Alexie White and Charlie Burgess, thank you and well done. Each will receive a pack of cards to use themselves.



Alexie White



Charlie Burgess

Christmas Disco

We will be having a Christmas Disco on Thursday 14 December from 4.00-5.30pm. Tickets are £3.00 each and includes a Christmas treat. They are on sale now at the office.



Brainteaser

Last week's solution: Friday was his horse!

This week's teaser: It is your possession and belongs to you. However, you use it very rarely. What is that?

Lisa Marshall – Headteacher

Assembly news

The following children were awarded

Head Teacher's Awards

Year 3: **Imogen & Ashton**

Year 4: **Adam & Oliver**

Year 5: **Skye & Nero**

Year 6: **Emily & Elisha**

B.E.S.T Awards

Year 3: **Owen & Elijah**

Year 4: **Grace & Jack**

Year 5: **Sullivan & Tommy**

Year 6: **Jodie & Tahlia**

Well done to you all keep up the good work!

Maths Stars

Year 3: **Isobel & Max**

Year 4: **Luke & Liam**

Year 5: **Jeyden & Millie**

Year 6: **Matthew & Alex**

Well Done!

Children receive these awards for outstanding and on-going effort, good work and attitude. Congratulations!

IT'S COOL TO GO TO SCHOOL!

LAST WEEKS CLASS

ATTENDANCE WINNERS WERE:

Class Donaldson @ 99 %

Well done and keep up the good attendance!

Our Learning

Year 3 We have been perfecting our Christmas show this week and it is coming along nicely. Also this week, we have been finishing off our learning on fractions - looking at fifths and tenths. Next week we will move onto time. Don't forget to check out our blog post, which explains the times table homework that launched last Friday.

For English this week, we have had a focus on sentence structure and building up sentences. Next week, we will turn our focus to Christmas poetry; in particular looking at and creating tanker poems.

This week you can help your child at home by:

Supporting them with their times tables daily. You can do this by playing games together, writing them

out or chanting them. When you do this - don't forget to sign their times table record card!

Year 4 This week we started our new topic about Angels. This is an art and RE topic. We have been sketching angels and writing diary entries to show that we understand a person's image. In English, we have done our procedural writing cold write and found out more about what a procedural text is. A procedural text is like a set of instructions and helps us to make awesome things like monster book marks. In maths, we have been learning about fractions: what they are, equivalent fractions and how to add and subtract them.

Next week, we will be moving on to decimals, continuing to build our procedural writing toolkit and beginning to make our angel withies!

This week you can help your child at home by: practising times tables - these are even more important when we are working with fractions!

Year 5 In literacy this week, we have been learning to group information in paragraphs and link our paragraphs together. Next week we will be discussing the features of a variety of moon poems, ready to write our own the following week.

In maths, we have been ordering and comparing fractions. Next week we will be adding and subtracting fractions and starting to learn about area and perimeter.

In DT we have been working collaboratively to build our 3D shelters to house our aliens.

This week, you can help your child at home by:

- **Discussing why a new paragraph has been used when they are reading to you**
- **Discussing fractions whilst having a meal. Eg What fraction of your cup has drink in it? What fraction of your meal has vegetables in it?**

****Year 5 Exit Point Tuesday 19th December at 2.40pm in the Year 5 classrooms. Come and find out what we have learnt about space. ****

Year 6 In English we have been looking at non-chronological report writing. We have researched our own creature and written a cold write, informing our reader all about it. We will now learn how to write an even better report based on butterflies that we have drawn and painted in class - they look stunning and we were all very proud of our work. In maths we've been translating and reflecting shapes. Next we shall be solving problems involving ratio and proportion. you can help at home by looking at recipes and seeing how much of each ingredient you would need if it were to serve one person or 6 or 8 etc. In topic we've carried out an

experiment that looks at how we can increase the output in a circuit by changing a chosen variable. We have also started a spelling competition that will eventually reveal our Autumn spelling champion. **This week you can help your child at home by: testing your child on the weekly rules we have been learning and using the sheet that was brought home last Friday as a guide.**

Prompts & Reminders

Christmas Card post box has arrived!
If your child wishes to send a card to someone in school, make sure it is has:
the name (including surname) and class on the envelope (written clearly)

Breakfast Club

For safety reasons the gate for Breakfast club will now close at 8.00am. If your child requires breakfast they need to be in breakfast club by then.

AFC TOTTON

Don't forget our next HOME game is Saturday 16th December and it is FREE for everyone to attend.

There will be lots going on with stalls being run by community groups and schools, as well as face painting and emergency vehicles!

Gates Open at 1.00pm, bar and excellent food from Roly Poly Goalie Catering.

The game starts at 3.00pm with the carol concert starting at 5.30pm.

ROCK CHALLENGE REHEARSALS

Jason, Argonauts, Fire, Medea & Backstage this week.

Rock Challenge rehearsals are cancelled on 14 Dec as there is a school disco.

Smartie Tubes

Thank you so much to all those parents and children that filled Smartie tubes with 20p's. We raised just over £237! The top 4 fund raisers were: Lily-Grace Fennell-Whitcher (£24) Faye Stuttard (£24.70) Saffia Larter-Green (£30.80) and Isabelle Kesby (£47.20) Well done to those girls!

Watering Hole

The Watering Hole will be hosting Messy Christmas in the school hall on Saturday 9 Dec at 11.00am.

All sorts of games and crafts available to do, as well as puppets on a nativity theme. At the end why not stay for a baked potato lunch. FREE event but children need to be accompanied by an adult.

And Finally Don't forget to pop into the office and buy your disco ticket!

MARIA AND THE NUTCRACKER

(The Nutcracker and the Mouse King)



Sunday 17th December 2017
1st performance 4.00pm
2nd Performance 6.00pm

At the
Totton and Eling Community Centre

Tickets £3.00 for Adults and £1.50 for Children and Concessions

Tickets will be available for purchase upto 5 minutes before either show, at the hall. Advanced tickets available Thurs p.m 1.15-2.45pm or 4.45-6.30pm in person from The Empire Hall in Totton (Next to Totton Library)

Dates for your Diary



2018 Inset Days: 15/1, 9/2, & 23/7

Year 3 Christmas Show 1.30 pm & 6pm

Thurs 7 Dec

Last Karate until after Xmas

Thurs 7 Dec

Careers Fayre Yr 6

Tues 12 Dec

School Disco

Thur 14 Dec

Christmas Dinner

Thur 14 Dec

Mince pies and coffee at 2.15pm

Fri 15 Dec

Rock Challenge Dancethon

Mon 18 Dec

Choir go to AFC Totton

Tues 19 Dec

Year 5 Exit Point 2.40pm

Tues 19 Dec

Praisin Hands production

Weds 20 Dec

Non-uniform day

Weds 20 Dec

Testwood Baptist Christmas concert 10am

Thurs 21 Dec

Break up for Christmas

Thurs 21 Dec

Start of Spring Term 2018

Thurs 4 Jan

E safety drop in session 3-4pm

Mon 8 Jan

Karate starts again

Thurs 11 Jan

Inset Day

Mon 15 Jan

E safety drop in session 3-4pm

Mon 22 Jan

Leeson House residential Yr 5

31Jan- Fri 2 Feb

Bag pack at ASDA Rock challenge

Sat 3 Feb 2018

Parents evening

Tues 6 Feb

Parents evening

Wed 7 Feb

Non-uniform day

Thurs 8 Feb

School Disco

Thurs 8 Feb

Rock Challenge Rehearsal

Thurs 15 Feb

8.30 – 3.30pm (Half term)

Rock Challenge show 6pm

Thurs 22 Feb

M & M Theatre production

Wed 28 Feb

Testwood Baptist Easter concert 10am

Thurs 29 March

World Book Day

Thurs 1 Mar

Book Fayre in school

Thurs 1 – 8 Mar

Non-uniform day

Wed 28 March

Rock Challenge Final

Wed 25 April

Class photos and Yr 6 individuals

Fri 4 May

Sports Day 9.30am

Thurs 24 May

SATS Yr 6

Week 14-18 May

Year 6 at Tile Barn

Mon 4- Fri 8 Jun