



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 5: 18th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you might be aware over the Summer holiday we embarked on a very big project to replace the whole heating system in the school with a more environmentally friendly heat source pump system that runs on electricity and not oil.

Working in a school with parts originally built in the 1700s was never going to be easy and not without complications, however, we have in the last few days, when the temperatures have dropped, noticed a massive difference in how warm the school is in comparison to previous years. This project was fully funded by Salix. They deliver Government funded schemes to support lots of different organisations to boost energy efficiency. Salix have donated the costs involved to the Diocese, who in turn have led and paid for our heating project. This is one step towards our school becoming net zero and cut the carbon emissions from our school and create a more sustainable future.

On Friday 8th November we were joined by the CEO of Salix and various other members of the team as well as representatives from the Diocese, to tour the school and discuss with staff and children their thoughts on the project. John, Jasmine and Xavier met with the communications team to answer lots of questions and to share their hopes and dreams for the future. They did a great job and were not daunted at all speaking to camera with a microphone boom above their heads. The full article if you are interested can be read here:

www.salixfinance.co.uk/news/gloucestershire-primary-school

We have a newly formed **Eco Committee** who are currently completing an audit on how environmentally friendly our school is and they will shortly be collating the results together and putting together a plan to move our school even further forward. Watch this space for an Eco Committee newsletter coming your way soon.

What's been happening this week?

This week has been extremely busy with lots of thinking beyond the normal teaching and learning in all the classes.

We started off the week with a very respectful and thoughtful Remembrance Worship where the children shared some of the work they had been doing in class.



Tuesday was odd sock day. The launch of Anti-bullying week with the theme being Choose Respect.

Friday was Children in Need day, with lots of superheroes flying around, and your donations raised a total of £106.75.

Dates for your Diary

Coming up this week:

We are welcoming in for visits this week, Mr Davies -Science Governor, Reverend John and our new Bishops Visitor, Mark Lees.

Wednesday – The book fair arrives, payment can only be taken online or via a QR Code. The children will be looking at the books and making a wish list to share with you!

Key events are listed below but please check the website's calendar as well as the class newsletter.

Thursday 28th November – we will be making Christingles in school as it is the **Christingle Service in the evening at 5:30** – all are welcome to join us.

Friday 29th December – Cooking day with Mel for Year 1 and 2.

Monday 2nd December at 2:15 Maple parents are invited in for a Christmas Craft session with their child.

Tuesday 3rd December – Panto workshop for Year 1 and 2

Friday 6th December at 9:00 – Chestnut parents are invited in to see how well the children have progressed playing the ukulele.

Tuesday 10th December and Thursday 12th December both at 2:00 will be Willow's Nativity- Maple children will be helping this year as well as doing their own tableau in the church in our Christmas Service. (A separate letter will go out about tickets for the Nativity)

Wednesday 11th December – Whole school trip to the Pantomime

Friday 13th December – School Disco

Monday 16th December- English workshops for Chestnut and Oak.

Wednesday 18th December – Whole School Christmas Service **at 9:30** in the Church- all are welcome

-Christmas lunch

-Christmas Parties

Thursday 19th December – finish for Christmas at **1:00pm**

Office reminders:

Please ensure that Christmas lunch selections are made on School Spider survey by 29th November. After this date no other orders can be made, and your child will need to bring in a packed lunch.

Have a good week,

Mrs Wood