

# NEWSLETTER



Issue 23



The Christmas story reminds us of a journey, long in terms of distance and effort, of a couple travelling to Bethlehem as they had been told to do so. On arrival, they faced further worry and challenge, and with the imminent birth of a baby, there literally was "no room at the inn". Over two thousand years ago, we learn how similar Mary and Joseph were to our amazing Kingfisher community, as they proved to be resilient and needed to persevere when giving up would have felt like an easier option. They knew they were about to embark on a hugely responsible job of becoming parents, whilst respecting the law, and God. They faced their journey independently and when alone, in the stable and as a new family, showed how love and respect can be given and received from all over the world. As we close the autumn term, I would like to say an immeasurable THANK YOU to each and every one of you for being part of our wonderful Kingfisher family.

It has certainly been a year like no other, and as we settle in our own homes, possibly apart from the loved ones we would have hoped to spend Christmas with, please do remember to be thankful for all that we do have. There is much to be cross about at the moment, but we are in a situation we cannot control. What we can do is make time for ourselves, and each other, we can make time for tea and hot chocolate whilst watching our favourite festive film, we can make time for online quizzes and remote Christmas wishes, and we can think about the future and the hope that 2021 can be and will be brighter for us all. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and happy 2021 and I look forward to seeing you all in January. Take care and stay safe everyone.

Mrs Gascoigne x



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18th December 2020

## Key Dates

**Friday 18th December**

Last day of term 2

**Friday 25th December**

Christmas Day

**Monday 4th January**

Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 5th January**

Start of Term 3 for all pupils

**Thursday 21st January**

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**Friday 12th February**

Founders Day and

End of Term 3

**Monday 22nd February**

Staff Development Day

**Tuesday 23rd February**

Start of Term 4

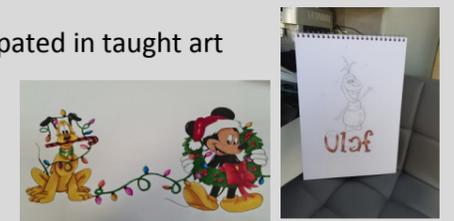
## Home learning

We would like to say a huge well done and big thank yous to all of the children who have been learning at home over the past couple of weeks. Your resilience and determination has been really overwhelming and we are so pleased at how well you have engaged with the online Zoom teaching sessions. This is a very difficult time for everyone but we are committed to providing the very best we can for all of our children. We really enjoy seeing all of the learning you have been doing at home so please continue to share this on Edmodo with your teachers. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the children with their online learning- we couldn't do it without you.



## Big Draw

This year our Big Draw was all about cartoons. Each class participated in taught art sessions that focused on techniques used when drawing cartoons. The children have enjoyed this so much that lots of them have continued to practise their cartoon skills at home! Keep bringing them in as we love seeing them!



## Romeo and Juliet

"Two households, both alike in dignity, in fair Verona, where we lay our scene" Year 5 rose to the challenge and performed Romeo and Juliet as part of the Schools Shakespeare Festival. They were unable to perform at Woodville Halls this year but they were still able to submit their performance that was shared with the other schools taking part. We tuned in to the live screening of all the performances and we could not be prouder of our Year 5. They had practised tirelessly and had huge energy and commitment to the project. A huge congratulations to Miss Nurhakli and all the children in Year 5 and a big thanks to the staff who helped to edit the video. We have no doubt that we have some budding thespians here at Kingfisher and we are sure we will see some names in lights in the future! Well done!



## Fundraising

This term we have raised money for Children In Need as well as Save the Children. We asked for £1 donations and so far we have raised £118. Thank you to all who were able to donate to these worthy causes.



## Farewell Mr Scott

On Friday 18th December we will be saying bon voyage to Mr Scott who is leaving us to live and work in America. We are so grateful for everything he has done for Kingfisher, how he has supported our sports development and the impact he has had on Year 6. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

## Message from Revd. Paul at Christ the King.

We have decided to hold our Christingle service on zoom this year and invite all our friends at Kingfishers to join us. If families would like to join in, the details are below. The service will be held at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve, with zoom open from 4.15. The ID is 856 1413 066, code 'nativity' Nativity costume is optional but welcomed.

- Children will need:
- 1 orange
  - 4 cocktail sticks
  - 4 or eight sweets/ bits of fruit
  - 1 candle
  - 1 piece of red ribbon/string etc



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