



Dear Parents,

On Thursday, we had a special assembly to celebrate Miss Holmes' wedding which is taking place on Saturday. Miss Holmes will be known as Mrs Henderson when she returns to school on Tuesday. On behalf of the school, I am sure you will join me in wishing Emily and Dale a very happy life together.

The Christmas evening service is due to take place at 6pm on Wednesday 14th December. However, should England reach the World Cup Semi Final, we will move the service to a 5.30pm start to ensure that families, who would like to watch the match, have an opportunity to do so.

As we approach the end of term, it is still really important to maximise every learning opportunity. We have started to see a growing number of pupils arriving late into school. Arriving at school at 08:45 enables your child to have important learning time. If your child arrives at school at 09:00, this equates to approximately one day of learning lost every month.

Finally, can I encourage families where possible, to book CAST in advance. This helps the after school team plan how much food and resources to buy and prepare for each week.

We look forward to seeing you at Coffee Church after school today.

Have a great weekend.
Mr Griffin



School Dates

Tuesday 13th December— 3:15—5:30 CAST Christmas Party—(book before 9th Dec)

Wednesday 14th December 2pm & 6pm— Christmas Nativity. At the church.

Tuesday 20th December—Christmas School Dinner

Eco-Council.

The eco-council have completed their Environmental review and the three topics this year are Biodiversity, Healthy Living and Transport. Our next task is to make an Action Plan of activities to carry out over the rest of the school year. We are still collecting milk carton bottle tops for Pathfinders Guide Dogs for the Blind and blister packs for Marie Curie.



PTA News:

Through the fantastic fundraising you have helped the PTA pay for £200 worth of reading books for the Year 5 & 6 class.

The PTA have also covered the Twinkl Invoice—A great resource for learning for the children.

AND... the Rags 2 Riches collection raised £80.24 and around £500 was raised at the Christmas wreath making workshop.

A big thank you to you all for your continued support.

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 5 & 6 with:

98.69% Attendance

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8.45am
Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am
CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

CAST Christmas Party

**Tuesday 13th December
3:15-5:30**

**Party Food, Craft, Music and Games!
Places must be booked before Friday 9th December**



CAST mobile no: 07395182892.

Early Years

We have had a Christmas tree theme in our outdoor area this week. We have been decorating a small chalk Christmas tree on the tuff tray using small loose parts and mark making tree shapes on the path.



Year 3 & 4

This week we have been focusing on the author Philip Pullman in English. Finding facts about the author, the books he has written and pulling this information into posters.



Year 1 & 2

This week we have been testing materials to see how absorbent they are. We tested three different types of paper towel by dropping water and seeing how much it could absorb. We predicted which one we thought would be the best to clean up a spill. We even learnt two new scientific words: absorbent and porous.



Year 5 & 6

Year 5/6 have been planning their Design and Technology project- making a felt phone case- this week. The children had to think carefully about how they are going to make their phone case, breaking it down into small steps. The children are all set to begin making their phone cases next week- they are very excited!

Celebrations this week



Class	Value	Reason
Early Years	Love (of Learning)	Lucas—For great understanding of rhyme in phonics.
Year 1 & 2	Love (of learning)	Izzy—For outstanding writing.
Year 3 & 4	Kindness	Evelyn—For making cakes for everyone and sharing them.
Year 5 & 6	Love (of learning)	Tom—For always working really hard in lessons and trying his best.

Safeguarding

Please contact Miss Giles, Mrs Clarke or Mr Griffin should you have any safeguarding concerns. Rev Steve Hayes is our Safeguarding Governor, and he can also be contacted via the school office.