



Ide Primary School

Newsletter



21st December 2018

Happy Christmas to all...

Over the last few weeks, I have been astounded by the quality of the children's performances. Apple class delighted us with many songs that they remembered by heart. Oak class gave us 'I Spy Christmas' with lots of joyful songs and acting. Well done Oak for being so confident! This was followed by the wonderful KS1 performance of 'Stable Boy'. The children were brilliant at remembering all their lines and saying them nice and loudly so we could all follow the story. Last but certainly not least, KS2 performed a musical nativity piece at the church, compiled by the very talented Sue Wetherell. The singing and storytelling was really moving for all of us watching; they did a great job. Chestnut class also performed 'We Wish you a Merry Christmas', showing their newly learnt sign language skills.

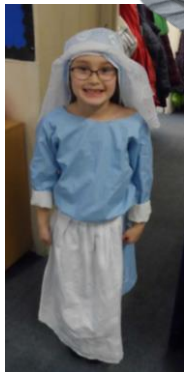
This has been a lovely end to the term. Thanks for all the support you have given over the past 14 weeks- It is a privilege to work with your children every day and all of the staff wish you a very enjoyable, safe and relaxing break.

Miss Purcell



Breakfast with Santa

Thanks to everyone who attended the 'Breakfast with Santa' event, organised by FIS. The children loved their special breakfast and receiving their present from Santa. It is incredible that FIS have made over £2000 for the school over the last term and this money will support us so much in delivering an exciting curriculum for your children. The hard work of all the parents who have contributed towards the organisation and running of these events is greatly appreciated, thank you.



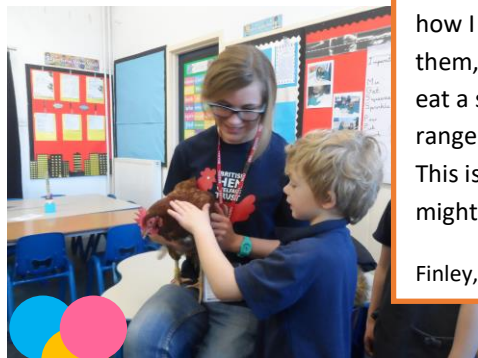
So long for now...

Fran Sloman or 'Mrs Snowman' as some of the children have been calling her recently, is leaving us at Christmas to move on to pastures new. We are so grateful for all Fran has given to the school over the years. She has really enhanced the children's experiences and this was evident in our 'goodbye' assembly on Thursday- there were so many wonderful memories the children shared of lessons they enjoyed with Fran. We will miss her and wish her all of the very best wishes for the future.

The time has come for me to say 'Au Revoir'! I will be leaving school at Christmas in my current role as my family needs me right now. However, I'm sure I will pop in from time to time as I just couldn't leave such an amazing place with such wonderful children and such a special team. It's been a real privilege.

So every good wish for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fran Sloman



"We stroked the hens and they didn't feel how I was expecting. When you touched them, their feathers went in. Hens have to eat a special food that's right for them. Free range hens are ones that aren't in a cage. This is good because otherwise the hens might be sad".

Finley, after visit from the Hen Welfare Trust



Looking Ahead



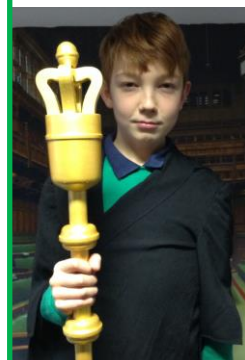
School Performance

You may be aware that KS2 school performance data from 2017-18 was published in school league tables last week. As a school we continue to achieve above both the national and local averages in terms of numbers of pupils attaining expected standard and above in reading, maths and writing combined. We as staff and governors are ambitious for all our pupils; we are aware that within each subject there is a need to make sure that all individuals and groups make strong progress from their KS1 and EYFS starting points to ensure that our progress scores are consistently high. This year, we have particular focus on progress in maths and progress of higher prior attaining pupils across all subjects.

In the Spring term, there will be further information about the school's priorities in moving forwards through the newsletter and parent workshops.

On Tuesday, we were seeing what it would be like to be in the Houses of Parliament. We had to make up a new law and express our views about the new laws that people were proposing. We learnt about some differences between the Houses of Commons and Lords- the House of Commons has green seats and the House of Lords has red seats so that you can tell the difference.

George, after a morning spent learning about the Houses of Parliament



Key Dates

January

Monday 7th Non-pupil day

Tuesday 8th Children back to school

Wednesday 9th Chestnut- Astronaut Training

Week of 14th Clubs Start

Thursday 17th E Cadets to the Apple store

Friday 18th RNLI workshop (Willow)

Tuesday 29th Youth Speaks at Maynard school (groups from Chestnut)

