



William MacGregor Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 2nd December 2022

News.....

It has been a very excitable time in school this week as the **Christmas** trees have began to appear, talk of what various children's elves have been up to at home and Nativity songs playing everywhere we turn. It is my favourite time of year to work in a school and with our amazing children. They are full of excitement already! The run up to Christmas can be very stressful though for many and stress levels can be high. Some children find the different routines challenging so we will also be mindful of this in school and with each other. I hope you get to enjoy the next few weeks too and I look forward to welcoming you into school and at our local church so much more than we have been able to do over the last two years.

Some of you were in school this week for the fabulous year 5 and 6 **learning showcases**. The children shared their amazing work with lots of parents and grandparents and really put to practise their ever increasing oracy skills. I hope you were as impressed and as proud as I was.

There is so much happening over the next few weeks, be sure to note down all the dates attached. As it has been a few years since we have completed a **whole school carol concert**, I realised this week I had forgotten to share this with you and for many it will be all new. On the last day of term, the whole school will walk to St Edithas church in Tamworth town centre for 2pm and will perform some Christmas songs of their choice in their classes. Some children will provide us with some meaningful readings too. Our whole community is welcome to attend and fill the church - it really starts Christmas in such a great way. From the church, you are welcome to take the children home. If you can not attend then the children can walk back to school with staff and be collected in the normal way at 3.10pm. I hope many of you can join us! If you are able to walk to the church with your child's class as a helper than please let your child's teacher know. Thank you in advance.

A reminder to sign up on MCAS for **parents evening on Tuesday 12th December** if you have not done so already. Also, school disco can be pre-booked on MCAS too. This closes on Monday but children can pay on the door if they do not want to see Santa! I have attached a picture of our amazing new reindeer sleigh in school. Miss Tuton's very talented dad has made this for the children and it has been filled with the very kind selection box donations. I was wondering if we could fill it over the next few weeks with some food for the **local food bank** for the Christmas period? If everybody sent in one item there would be nearly 200 items for people in need in our local community. I will deliver the food bank items to them the last day of term. I have attached some information on the food bank in case you need it over the next month and please please come to me for vouchers if you need them!

Have a lovely week, Mrs Jones x

Fundraising – School lottery fortnightly update
Congratulations to Mr M Shephard who won £8.70 last week. This has very kindly been donated back to our school. Thank you. We have raised £2,293.60 so far.

We have a new area we are fund raising for now and this is the area to the side of the trim trail. This will be an area dedicated to reflection, one that reaches our senses and provides an area of calmness and sanctuary.



Birthday celebrations

Kitty Y5
Dylan Y2
Mollie Y6
Filip LB



LB – Ilaria

YEAR 1 – Jackson

YEAR 2 – Jaxon

YEAR 3 – Liliiana

YEAR 4 – Kyrah

YEAR 5 – Kitty

YEAR 6 – Whole class



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Key Dates –

December:

- 5th & 6th - Rudolph run
- 6th - Rock Steady Concert {Parents invited to watch of ch. who complete this activity}
- 7th - Animal man in school for KS1 and LB
- 7th - Christmas PTA disco (4-5pm LB, Y1, Y2. 5.15-6.15pm Y3-Y6 {More details to follow}
- 8th - Jolly Jumper day (Ch. Can wear Xmas jumpers)
- 8th – KS1 Nativity 6pm {Parents invited}
- 9th – LB Nativity 9am {Parents Invited}
- 12th – Xmas craft morning LB-Y6 9am {Parents invited} (Ch. Can wear Xmas jumpers)
- 13th – Parents afternoon/evening 2-7pm
- 14th – Xmas lunch (Ch. Can wear Xmas jumpers)
- 16th – End of term
- 2pm Carol concert at St.Edith's Church (Ch. Can wear Xmas jumpers)

January:

- 3rd – INSET day
- 4th – Return to school
- 10th - Young Voices (Choir)

February:

- 1st - PTFA Film night 3.30-5pm approx {more details to follow}
- 15th - KS1 Bedtime Story 5-6pm
- 17th - End of term

Maths Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 6
Year 1
Year 3
Year 5
Year 2
Year 4

Top Mathstronauts:

- Chase H - Y6
- Rosie H - Y6
- Eliza P - Y6

Spelling Shed

Leaderboard this week:

Year 2
Year 3
Year 1
Year 6
Year 5
Year 4

Top Spellers:

- Lucas H - Y2
- Katherine B - Y2
- Alisha B - Y5



HALL OF FAME



Edi E, Alisha B



Victoria B, James B, Sarah T,
Freddie B, Tamsin H, Jacob H,
Joseph A-R, Brodi D



Livy P, Noah H, Lexi E,
Emi Z



Charlotte H, Kitty F,
Ellah E, Brody H, Lexi E,
Logan W, Gracie J



Isabella H



Zack G, Leart G, Evie F,
Isabelle B, Chace C



Suliva H, Jai N,
Layton W



Ella R



Alexandra E



Evie F, Ollie H, Alex B,
Isabel G



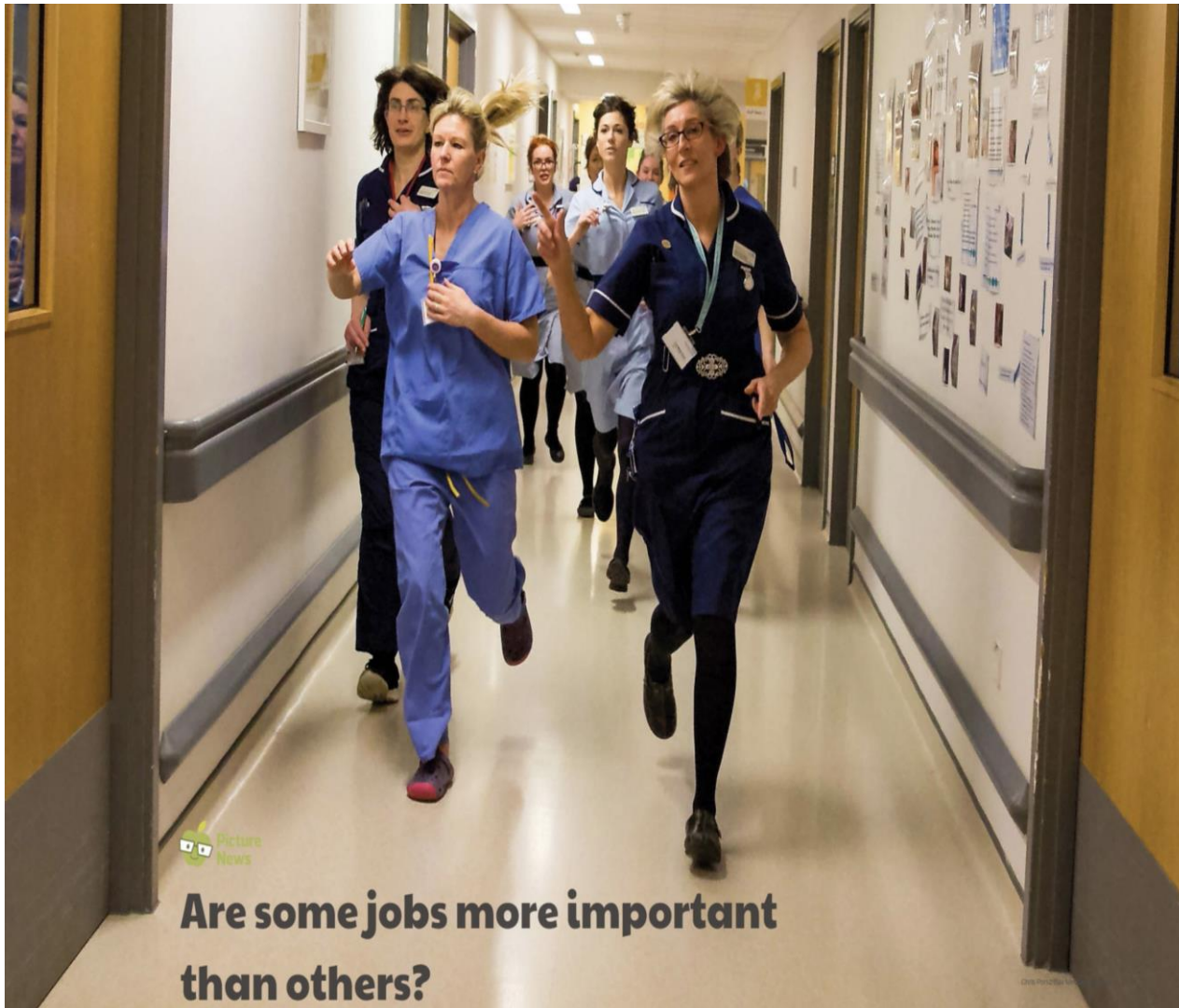
Lexi E, Louis B, Ella R,
Max W, Molly H,
Eva C, Toby S



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This week's Talk on Tuesday assembly



**Are some jobs more important
than others?**



Congratulations to all badge winners this week

Bronze – Leart (Yr4)

Silver – Rosie H, Eliza (Yr6)

Gold Alisha (Yr5)



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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

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the trussell trust

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS CHRISTMAS

In the 3 weeks leading up to Christmas the foodbank will provide over 350 Christmas food parcels for local individuals and families in crisis.

Thank you for your support

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Long life milk
- Small jars of coffee
- Toilet roll
- Jam
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned potatoes

Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.





Can Christmas donations reach us by 5th Dec please
tamworth.foodbank.org.uk
01827 302436
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1093988



Can we fill Rudolph's sleigh with food donations for Tamworth food bank?



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Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised.....£313.....
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 **SCHOLASTIC**