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Headteacher's News

It seems unbelievable that we have only 2 weeks left of the term. Although the year is flying by, we are delighted that we can see the festive season in sight. Although very different for many families, it is an important time to remember and be thankful for our health and a time to reflect on those in difficulty, poor health and those who are lonely at Christmas time. It is also a time to take time for ourselves, be grateful for the little things as we perhaps spend time seeing family members and loved ones.

Everywhere you look there are Christmas lights, songs on the radio and TV and we find ourselves as adults reminiscing and thinking of Christmasses past and future. The delight of working in school is that children live very much in the here and now. They are just thinking of advent calendar chocolates (whatever happened to the ones just with a picture behind?!), what the elf may do tomorrow and what Father Christmas will be bringing them in 21 sleeps.

The wonder of Christmastime is definitely at Sissinghurst for the children, there are wonderful decorations in and around the school and we have our usual tree in the hall. Giraffes – we are looking forward to you sharing the Christmas story to us in your retelling of the Nativity next week – it sounds wonderful in rehearsals. With help too from Lions and Elephants for narration, singing and dancing - you are all superstars!

We have enjoyed today the wonderful and magical FoSS Christmas shop – look on X for photos. Thankyou to all the parent volunteers for helping today and to FoSS for organising the event for us all to enjoy whilst making money too.

Have a wonderful weekend when it gets here

Sarah Holman



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Christmas Dates

Sunday 7 December - 10am Christingle Service at Frittenden - all welcome

Wednesday 10 December – Nativity – led by Giraffes with supporting Lions and Elephants too (so children have ‘3’ nativities during their time with us). Two performances in one day - 9am (to school and a few parents if they cannot make pm performance) and 2pm. Parents from YR, 1 and 2 invited to 2pm performance.

Sunday 14 December - Carols by Candlelight – Trinity Church Sissinghurst 5pm (and / or Frittenden Church, same day, 6.30pm)

Join us if you would like to sing along or listen to the beautiful carol service on Sunday 14 December.

Monday 15 December – some members of choir to sing for local OAP group at Vestry with Mrs Holman (lunchtime) – parents will be contacted if their child is chosen for this.

Tuesday 16 December – Class parties – pm – Children can wear party clothes all day and bring in food. Party food arrangements to be confirmed by teachers but so you are aware in advance, nowadays, due to allergies and likes / dislikes we often ask that each child brings in a plate of their own party food rather than items to share.

Wednesday 17 December – Christmas dinner and jumper day and headdresses eg antlers (no donations just for festive spirit). Normal school uniform on lower half.

Thursday 18 December – LAST DAY. Christmas Carol Service in church - 9am leave school PROMPTLY, ideally 9.20 start until 10am service. All parents welcome to walk down and / or in church.

From 2pm on this (last) day too - open afternoon as for each full term – a chance to come in, catch up with teachers and TAs and look at your child’s books and have a tour if you like. You can sign your child out anytime from 2pm to the normal time / end of the school day.

Online Safety

Online Safety – do you know what your children are doing online? Do you know who they are talking to? Do you know some of the games they are using have 30 million players?

Please join us for coffee and biscuits after drop off for 30 minutes to find out more! Monday 26 January 9.15-9.45 am led by Mrs Holman.



Elephant Class Trip to Bedgebury

Year 2 went to Bedgebury to learn more about habitats and orienteering. We had a lovely day, and thank goodness it didn't rain! We matched animals to their habitats, looked at food chains, and learnt about rare and common animals. We also learnt that bats communicate using echolocation. This means they make noises that bounce off objects so they can find their way in the dark. We played a fun game and then stopped for lunch. While eating lunch, we bumped into Daphne, and her dog Pickle, who comes to our school every Tuesday. After that, we made map sticks to help us remember different locations and enjoyed finding our way back — even though we did get a little lost. Isn't that part of the fun? We were very excited to go on a coach, and we had a great day. Thank you to everyone who helped! 🌲 😊

Kind Regards

Mrs Kidd







Football match against Colliers Green Primary School Wednesday 26th November

Our football team took part in a friendly football match away, at Colliers Green. Our team; Alex B, Conor G-J, William D, James P, Theo B, Stephen E-G, Ralph D. Some other members of our team unfortunately couldn't make this match. This game was intended to play together as a team for the first time.

They all played extremely well! 4 all at half time, with some fantastic goals from Alex and William, and great saves from our goal keeper James, whom Colliers Green recognised as a fantastic goal keeper! We conceded 3 goals against us in the second half. Conor did score an amazing goal, but wasn't allowed because it was from a kick off side line onto the pitch.

Overall, they all played outstandingly throughout the game. With many football matches coming up next term, our team will work more together as a team to show their best.

Well done team,

Mrs Saxby

Twitter/X

If you are not following us you are missing out. To see the photos and videos we post weekly please do create an account and follow us, even if only us. In the last few weeks we have posted over 100 posts sharing the learning from every class and lunchtimes too. If you ever wanted to be a fly on the wall in your child's class then follow us on X – you can see what is happening, often in real time too!

<https://x.com/sissinghurstVA>

Superb class assembly from Rhinos!





Amazing acting from our Drama Club!





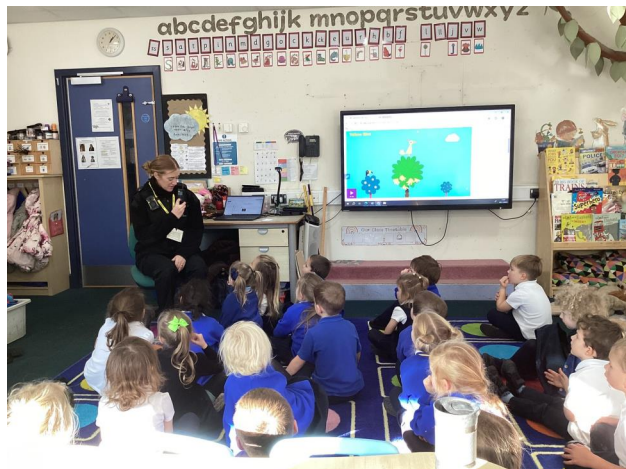
Visitors to School

On Wednesday 19th November, we had a visit from a member of the Kent Fire and Rescue Team. Every class had a chance to learn about how the Fire Service helps to keep us safe and we explored how to keep ourselves safe too. Here are some photos of Lion Class exploring emergencies and what number to call if we need help.





Lion Class have also had lots of visitors this term to help them explore people who help us in our community. We've had a visit from a plumber, nurse, fire fighter and a PCSO. Here are some photos from their visits. We enjoyed learning about their jobs and how they help us. We loved trying on their outfits and testing out the equipment that they use. We've started to think about what we might like to be when we grow up and are looking forward to our Lion Class Dress Up Day when we will come in dressed up in our job outfits and share these with our friends.





News & Events

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