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## Newsletter 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



### Covid

If your child tests positive for Covid within forty-eight hours of school closing next Thursday, please contact Mrs Matthewman via email – [c.matthewman200@boweshutchinsons.durham.sch.uk](mailto:c.matthewman200@boweshutchinsons.durham.sch.uk)

### Thank you

Thank you very much to everyone who sent their £1 in yesterday for the Children of the North East charity. We raised £42.00. It was lovely to see everyone in their Christmas jumpers/Christmas socks or favourite jumpers yesterday.



### Christmas Party

We will be holding Christmas parties on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. In order for the children to remain safe in their bubbles, parties will take place in the pupil's classrooms. Children are welcome to wear their party clothes to school that day. We would like to say a huge thank you to FOCS, who are providing individually wrapped snacks and refreshments for the children to enjoy.

### Class 1

The EYFS children have had great fun this week decorating Christmas trees in different ways!



## Class 2

### **Christmas Decorations**

Class 2 have had a great time decorating our two Christmas trees this week. Thank you very much to the Methodist Church for donating our lovely tree and all its decorations.

The children particularly enjoyed colouring in their own baubles to go on our alternative branch tree – their designs look fantastic!

Our classroom is looking wonderfully festive now, thanks to the hard work of the children in Class 2!

Miss Gillard 😊



## Class 3

### **Pandas**

This week we have made panda models. The reason is because we did a non-chronological report all about them. So we each designed and made a model.

Things you will need: scissors, paint, newspaper, tights, modroc and water.

First you need to make your sculpture out of tights or newspaper. If you are making your panda out of tights, you will need get some paper and stuff it in to the tights and try to make it look like a bear while keeping stuffing until full. Then apply the modroc (wet) before use and apply. Try to cover up all the holes so that you don't have to paint your panda white as the modroc is already white.

After letting it dry, apply black paint (mixed with glue) and then let it dry.

By Josie and Aliccia



## School Council

Hi everyone - we have some fantastic news for you. We applied to be considered for a Local School Nature Grant award for the sum of £500. We had to select some items for our school and explain in a letter why we would benefit from them, who would use them and how the items in future would continue to have a positive impact for school life. We recently received an answer back and this is what it said,

**"We are pleased to inform you that your application for a Local School Nature Grant award has been successful! We have received many applications and we would like to acknowledge the work that went into your application and congratulate you on your success. "**

We have already received an amazing new cookery kit and we are looking forward to the delivery of an outdoor wildlife camera, a huge bundle of seeds for a grow your own food project, and some new gardening equipment.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the children that joined in our - Christmas Jumper Competition - by completing 30 or 50 star jumps they were given a raffle ticket to have the chance of winning a Christmas Jumper.



We can confirm that the winners were Owen and April. Well done to you both!



Bye for now - Libby, Sennen, Henry, Josie, Lydia, Harry, and Noah.

## Certificates of Achievement

This week certificates have been awarded to the following children:

Class 1: Lydia for excellent manners and always being polite. Ryan for his excellent attitude to work and trying hard

Class 2: Oliver for concentrating on the presentation of his work, especially in maths.

Class 3: Libby for her panda design and sculpture

Well done everyone!

## Homework

### Class 1 :

**Reception** – Write sentences using Tricky words. Go on a winter's walk and find some 'treasure'!

**Year 1 & year 2**- Learn songs for the play and your lines. Christmas maths

**Class 2** - Christmas Maths and learning their Nativity lines. No spellings this week

**Class 3** – As a result of last week's technical difficulties last week's homework will rollover to this week

### Golden Ticket Lunchtime Awards

Golden tickets this week were awarded to:

Scarlett - for always doing so well with her dinners.

Summer - for always being polite to lunchtime staff.

Toby - for being a great role model at lunchtime.

Penny - for her kindness towards her younger class friends.



As this is the final newsletter of the term we would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Thank you for all your support.

Chris Matthewman and the Cotherstone Team