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Our Christian value this Half Term is **Trust**

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### Calendar of Events

<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b> Christmas dinner – and another chance to wear your Christmas Jumpers!	<b>17-18<sup>th</sup> December</b> Animals in the Crib, Village Hall
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm</b> <i>Christingle and Carols Round the Tree led by Oak Class and Rev Juanita</i>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b> INSET Day 4
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b> Last school day before Christmas	<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b> Children back to school

We can't quite believe we have nearly got to the end of our first term. What a difference compared with this time last year when we were back in our class bubbles and having to socially distance! The school has been full of Christmas cheer this week – trees have appeared in classrooms and elves have visited and been up to all sorts of tricks! One of the highlights this week has been the Christmas Production. I'm sure you will all agree how well the children acted and sang on Tuesday and Wednesday. Their enthusiasm and excitement certainly appeared to rub off on all us watching!



Everyone looked full of Christmas cheer as we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for all your kind donations for EACH, our charity of the year.



We are very pleased to announce that after all these celebrations, you have helped to raise an amazing £131.55 for EACH. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the first of our fundraising events.

### **Christingle and Carols Round the Tree – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

We are pleased to invite you to a Christingle and Carols Round the Tree Service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 2.30pm in the hall. The service will be led by Oak Class and Reverend Juanita.

Due to a combination of circumstances - poorly Oak class children, the sudden decrease in temperatures and Mother Joan's illness we have to move our Carols on the Green, planned for Monday and our Christingle on Thursday to this new event on Wednesday. VIP seating will be available for all Oak class parents. Families from all other classes are very welcome all other families to join us at the Service.

### **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

To help make our Christmas lunch even more festive it would be lovely to see all the children in their Christmas Jumpers again.

### **12 Days of Christmas Reading Challenge**

With 12 days left this term, we launched the first of our “Reading for Pleasure” events. Reading is such an important skill for all children to develop and reading for pleasure is a value we would like to nurture. The children found out about different reading challenges that promote fun and pleasure, with a surprise Christmas twist to them. It has been lovely to see so many photos of children and their families enjoying stories and having fun! It's not late to join in, just send your photos in via Dojo to your child's class teacher.



As you are all aware we have had a number of colds and viruses doing the rounds recently. As we move into winter, we are making sure we keep this to a minimum by reinforcing our hand washing routines, catching sneezes into tissues and catching coughs in our arms. If your child does become unwell, please follow your usual procedures and seek medical advice if you feel that your child's condition does not improve or worsens.

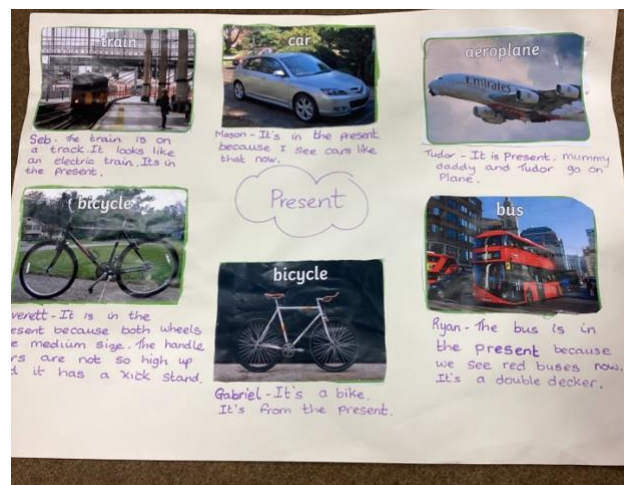
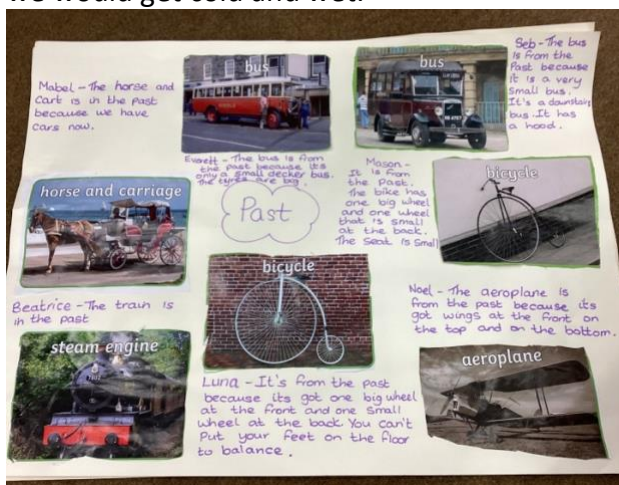
Dr Hardie and Mrs Bunton

### What is happening at Weeting?

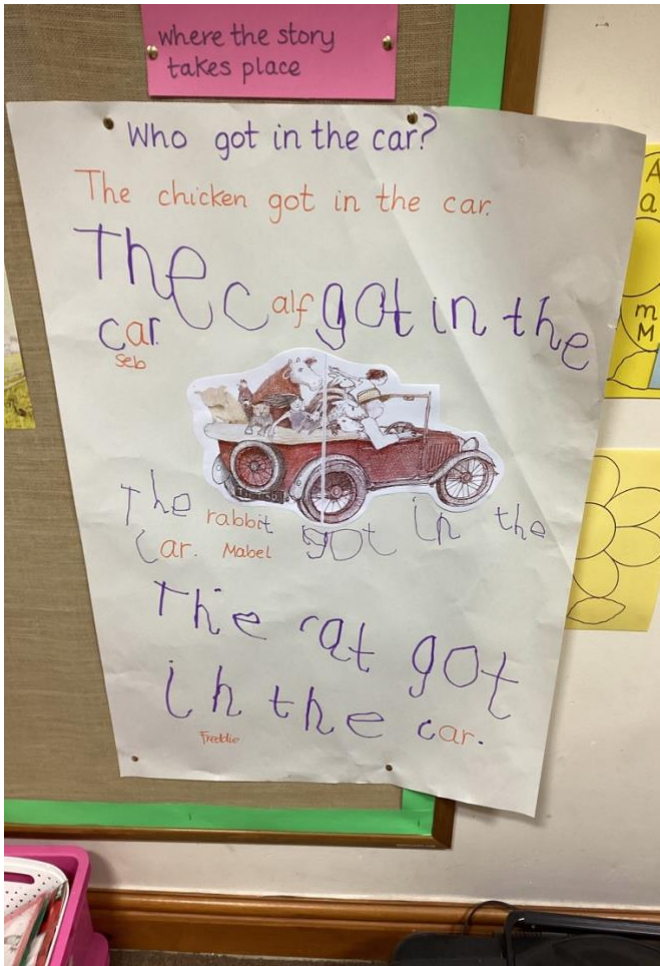
The children have been very busy this week. Here's what's been happening in your child's class:

#### Chestnut

Chestnut Class have been comparing photos of vehicles from the past and present and explaining what features helped them make their decisions. They noticed that wheels on vehicles from the past were much bigger and thinner than ones from the present and that lots of vehicles from the past didn't have a covering or roof on them. We decided that we wouldn't like to go in these as we would get cold and wet.



As we come to our first full term at school, we are so proud of the progress children have made in phonics. They have so many sounds now that we can write almost a whole sentence all by ourselves. This week we wrote sentences to describe what happened in our class text “Mr Gumpy’s Motor Car”.



## Beech

This week, Beech have produced some wonderful pieces of work from the perspective of Scrooge. After a visit from the Ghost of Christmas Past, we wrote a letter to show how we feel after reliving some of Scrooge’s experiences.

In History, we have revisited the concepts of the past and present. This week we are looking at transport and a time before cars! We will be making comparisons and discussing similarities and differences between vehicles as technology and inventions have developed.

We have moved on to 3D shapes this week in Maths, naming them and finding their edges and vertices. We have songs that we have learnt for sphere, cube, cuboid and cylinder. We also practiced problem solving with shape, for example: Which is the odd one out? What is next in the pattern?

During Art, we continued to look at Klee but moved on from focusing on people to landscapes. We will be looking at how we can use different lines to draw features of a scene.

In science we have been categorising animals based on their features, noticing the odd one out, and describing animals using scientific language.

### Elm

Elm have started to plan their letters to Oliver as if they were Fagin. The children have shared some excellent ideas on how to get Oliver to feel sorry for him as well as try and persuade him to get him out of prison. Some of the children have taken an opposite approach and have demonstrated a good, strong apology letter saying how sorry they are for the crimes and horrible events which took place in Oliver Twist.

Elm have had a brilliant week with their mathematics and have discovered the rules when multiplying by 0,1,10 and 100. The children are progressing well with their multiplication and times tables, demonstrating this through times table bingo as well as very detailed reasoning in their books.

The children have discovered how to use population density maps and have been able to locate different types of settlements using an atlas, as well as a map of England, to pinpoint the locations such as hamlets and villages, towns and cities. They have even been able to explain why we need to keep track of populations and what we need to do if a settlement keeps growing.

### Oak

This week in Oak class we have taken a break from our regular Maths and English to complete a set of SAT practice papers. I have been really impressed by the focus shown to these tasks by all the children, which has resulted in the year 6 children showing good progress from the previous practice papers that we completed in September as well as giving a good baseline for the year 5 children.

In writing we have begun to plan our balanced argument on whether Alfie, Aiden and Roxy should carry out their audacious plan to recover the life pearl, which we will write next week.

In Maths sessions, we have focussed on problem solving activities relating to multiples and factors. The children were given the digits 0-9 and had to create 2 digit numbers that answered given criteria, however they were only allowed to use each digit once per challenge. Below are some pictures of the children solving the challenges.



As part of our History topic we have covered the abolition of the slave trade and will move on to researching one of the leading abolitionists Thomas Clarkson, who come from Wisbech.

### **The Nest**

What a wonderful week we have had in the Nest. The children loved being in the Christmas Play and were absolutely fantastic!

We have been working really hard in Maths where we have been using the laptop to answer lots of different types of questions. In English, we have been writing letters to different characters in our story: The Christmas Carol.

In History, we have been looking at different family trees. In Art, we drew pictures of snowmen using different line techniques. We are looking forward to next week, where we will be thinking about different fruits for our DT project.

### **Awards of the Week**

The following children were particularly celebrated for their effort and achievement in class:

Seb and Ryan in Chestnut Class; Jack and Joshua in Beech Class; Archie and Hannah in Elm Class; Lottie and Layla in Oak Class; Harvey in The Nest.

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week!

### **Attendance**

School attendance is at 88.02%. The virus that we first saw last week, is continuing to have an impact on attendance.

Below is the attendance for each class for the past week – the Government target for attendance across the country is 95%.

Chestnut 95.45%    Beech 88.85%    Elm 94.76%    Oak 82.50%    The Nest 72.41%

Well done to Chestnut class for having the best attendance this week.

### **Assembly Focus of the Week**

In this week's Picture News assembly we focused on the following question....



And **finally**...

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend, and as always, thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our school!