

School News

This week in Nursery we have welcomed the kindness elves who have asked the children to show how kind they can be. If the elves see an act of kindness they will put a pompom into the kindness bucket. Staff are also looking for acts of kindness and recording these on a heart shaped note which will be displayed. Let see how many notes we can get!



Message from Federation Headteachers

Why we don't make Christmas Cards!

We are often asked why we do not plan for children making Christmas/Easter/Diwali cards. We have created a short presentation to explain our ethos around developing and celebrating individual talent and the uniqueness of children's work. Click on the link above for the presentation!



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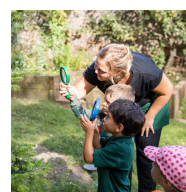


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Curriculum - Why we do what we do - The World

What we do at school: - The World

We are so fortunate with our expansive outdoor space that we can encourage our children to explore the natural world, experience different weather conditions, and appreciate all living things. We provide high quality welly boots and waterproofs so that children can safely access outdoors in all weathers. Our outdoor space allows children to foster a curiosity about their natural surroundings and take part in growing plants and vegetables. We teach them to identify birds, trees, minibeasts and small animals and provide experiences across the year to give first hand experiences of watching animals and insects grow such as ducklings/chicks from eggs or butterflies from caterpillars.



How you can help at home

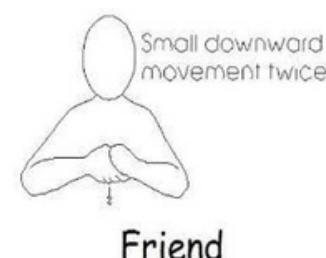
- Grow a plant/vegetable from a seed and discuss what that seed needs and what happens when it grows.
- Take your child for walks outside/through woods/along the canal. Look out for different plants/birds/wildlife.
- Experience and discuss different types of weather-put on wellies and go splashing in puddles!

Sign of the Week

At the Nursery we teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued.

This week's sign is: "Friend"

Ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.



Information / Reminders

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS

The table has been out for several days this week and we have some great decorations ready for when we visit St John's Church and decorate the tree we have sponsored at this year's Christmas Tree Festival. You can visit the Christmas Tree Festival from Friday 15th December to Tuesday 19th December.

CHRISTMAS WRAPPING

Thank you to all of our budding volunteers who have collected, wrapped and returned the books ready for the visit from Father Christmas.



NATIVITY AT SOUTH HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Next week most of the children will get to experience a live performance when they visit South Hill Primary School and watch their nativity play.



DATES COMING UP:

Christmas Dates: *Further details will be given for each of these events nearer the time*

The week beginning 27th November - Make a decoration for the Tree Festival at collection times

Tuesday 5th December 2pm - Visit to South Hill Primary School to watch 'The Nativity'.

Monday 11th December 1pm - Reverend Mike Macey visiting to tell the children The Nativity Story.

Tuesday 12th December 9:00-11:30 Hedgehogs, Butterflies and Woodpeckers walk to St John's Church to decorate our tree.

Wednesday 13th December - **Wear it Festive!** Children are invited to come to school wearing something festive

Wednesday 13th December - Lockers Park Choir are visiting Heath Lane at 9.30am to perform.

Wednesday 13th December - The children will be performing Christmas songs on our top playground (weather permitting).

- Morning performance - 11:10-11:25

- Afternoon performance - 15:10-15:25

Thursday 14th December - South Hill choir is visiting Heath Lane at 10.45am to perform.

Thursday 14th December - 12:30-15:30 Dormouse, Owls and Robins walk to St John's Church to decorate our tree

Other Important Dates:

- End of term - Wednesday 20th December 2023
- Inset Days - Thursday 4th and Friday 5th January 2024 (School closed to all children)
- Stay and Play - Saturday 6th January 2024 10.00am to 11.30am (All children welcome)
- Return to School - Monday 8th January 2024
- Deadline for Primary School Applications - 15th January 2024



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