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CHRISTIAN VALUES

Humility & Peace



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Drama Company Christmas Workshop 2024

Saturday 14th December

CHRISTMAS SPARKLE & CHEER

10am - 3pm. We will spend the day celebrating all things festive!

A Christmas themed action packed day full of festive themed activities. Parachute fun, crafts and arty fun, drama games, role play, stories, costumes, make up and maybe a visit from a special guest!

The workshop is just £22 for the whole day and will be held at Gorsley Goffs School.




Bring your own lunch.

Other drinks & snacks will be provided

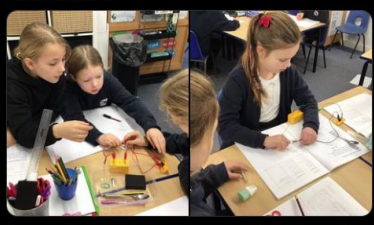


Contact Sarah to book a place 07814 624417 or email sarahonell362@btinternet.com

Places are limited, so pre-booking is essential to secure your place.

Goodrich Church of England

Attendance		7 th Edition 2024-25	13 th December 2024	House points		
Reception	95.7%	<p>Christmas Blessing </p> <p>May the humility of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the joy of the angels, and the peace of the Christ-child be God's gifts to us and to people everywhere this Christmas time. And may the blessing of the Christ-child be upon us always.</p> <p>Amen</p>	 <p>GOODRICH</p> <p>Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust</p> <p>A FAMILY OF SCHOOLS FLOURISHING TOGETHER</p>	<p>Goodrich Church of England Primary School</p> <p>Collective Worship</p> <p>At this time of year we think about Advent & Christmas</p>  <p>We are organised. We value humility and peace.</p> <p>'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.' JOHN 14:27</p>	Dragon	106
Year 1	98%				Pegasus	99
Year 2	87.2%				Griffin	115
Year 3	95.1%				Phoenix	89
Year 4	86.8%					
Year 5	92.8%					
Year 6	87.7%					
TOTAL	92.4%					

Primary School Newsletter

X	Reminders	PTFA/ Eco
 <p>Goodrich CE School and Goldcrests Nursery @GoodrichCESch · Dec 6 · We have been testing materials to see if they are conductors or insulators #GSowls #GSscience</p>  <p>Goodrich CE School and Goldcrests Nursery @GoodrichCESch · Dec 6 · We set off on our Santa Dash with gusto! A great effort from everyone #GSowls #GSbeactive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please make sure your children have waterproofs or a complete change of clothes on Forest School days. • Please make sure that all items coming into school are clearly named. • Please don't send in chocolate or crisps to school as a snack. 	 <p>Christmas Fayre</p> <p>JOIN US FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER FROM 2:30PM AT THE SCHOOL HALL COLLECT YOUR CHILD'S CRAFTS REFRESHMENTS & GAMES PLUS A VERY SPECIAL APPEARANCE FROM OUR SCHOOL CHOIR AT 2:45PM</p>

Thoughtful

Independent

Persevere

Team Player

Organised

Pioneer

News

Dear All,

Thank you for all the donations to our recycling effort last week which has raised over £250 already for our school. Even more importantly, it was wonderful to come together on the Friday with Andrew Wood and for the children to share what had been important to them and how essential it is to be a discerning consumer. We were also very grateful that the Cross Keys in Goodrich chose us to raise money for at their Christmas event. Well done Maxie.

Some comments from the children about their experiences

Years 1 & 2 "Clear out for Christmas has saved lots of things from going to the tip. We enjoyed sorting it out!"

Year 4 "I liked the project because I like to know that it is not going to landfill. The smallest things can make the biggest difference."

Year 4 "I think it is great helping the world! I am so glad that our school is trying to help. I loved when we got the chance to sort it out, WOW, I feel proud that we have done our part."

Year 6 "We have enjoyed seeing the amount of things parents and the community have brought in. Seeing the amount get bigger and bigger. It means all these things are not going into landfill and it can go to people who need it or to be recycled and to raise money for our school.

It has made us aware of how much stuff we have and when we do have a clear out, we find things that we had forgotten, outgrown or don't need. By doing the 'Big clear out' we can help others as well as the environment."

We will be doing another one in March, so please keep it in mind. The outside recycle bins are always there.

This week the Nativity was a delight, and the children produced a treat for their audiences. It always feels like the start of Christmas to me. Thank you to everyone who played any part in the production.

Our house points have all been very close this term but our final event- The Santa Dash, where points were awarded for the most laps and the most effort, rewarded the Golden Griffins as this term's winners. Well done to you all. They will be choosing a treat with Mrs Taylor next week which will happen on Thursday 9th January.

You may notice on this newsletter our school prayer has been replaced with my favourite Christmas blessing. It is one that was always used in my home church, Martock in Somerset and when I hear it and reflect on the words I feel overwhelmingly at peace, safe in something much bigger than me, surrounded by people who role model these values and full of hope.

Thank you to everyone in the Goodrich Team for your contributions in 2024, staff, governors, community members, DHMAT and our family of schools, everyone at St. Giles, our PTFA, families and of course all of our children. Our next newsletter will be in 2025.

I take this opportunity to wish you and all your families a wonderful Christmas and hope that it is all about being present, not lots of presents.

Best wishes,

Karen Miles
Headteacher

Class News

Goldcrests

Last week the children looked at people who can help us in the jobs they do- firefighters, police, doctors, nurses, builders even our teachers. This led us excitedly into the Christmas period, using the story 'Stick Man' which takes us through an epic journey as he tries to make it home for Christmas. The children painted some amazing representations of stickman and his family as well as making a 3D figures in Forest School to take home to re-enact the story. This week the children have been learning all about the First Christmas and why it is such a special time of year for Christians, celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus. The children enjoyed re-enacting the story in our stable role-play, taking on the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the 3 Wise Men. They also explored small world figures and puppets to tell the story as we read a wide selection of Nativity stories. We have seen some fabulous stars, as they sang and danced during the Nativity performance 'A Little Bird Told Me'. We were very proud of them all for their confidence acting alongside the older children. Thanks to the children and Elf for decorating the Nursery ready for our celebrations. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you and hearing about all the celebrations in 2025.

Quote of the week

Body & Mind

Wow Play!

Words of the Week

Asking the children what they had enjoyed the most whilst performing in the Nativity Play. Florence said, "dancing with my Ada."



Our wonderful performers in the Nativity Play.



Edith's marvellous picture of the Stickman Family.

nativity

Baby Jesus

Mary/Joseph

shepherds

angel

wise men

Wrens

Wrens have been learning about the story of the first Christmas and enjoyed sharing this with others when performing our nativity 'A Little Bird Told Me' with Goldcrests and Robins. We were very brave when dancing and singing on the stage. In RE, we have been thinking about similarities and differences between how people celebrate birthdays and Jesus' birthday at Christmastime. We thought about Christmas as a time when we can come together with our family and friends. In Science, we have been exploring the properties of different materials. This week we tested papers to find out which were the best to wrap presents. We decided that the best wrapping paper must be strong and flexible. In D&T, we have been learning about different structures and this week we had to work as part of a team to build stable bridges to cross over a river – we really had to put our building skills to the test! In Maths, we have been exploring weight. We have practised using words such as 'heavier' and 'lighter' when comparing the weight of objects and have started to use cubes on the bucket scales to prove our answers. Over the term we have been trying to learn the skills needed for reading and Miss Wright and Mrs Babbage are proud of how well we are reading our books.

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to Mrs Shakespeare for coming into school each week to listen to us read. We would also like to thank all the helpers who have looked after us on our trips this term and the PTFA who helped us to create wonderful Christmas decorations, provided refreshments at our nativity performances and continue to fund lovely experiences for us to share. We wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Quote of the week

Body & Mind

Wow Play!

Words of the Week

Jasper's Christmas wish for the world is for everyone to have a teddy bear so that they can get to sleep at bedtime.

We had great fun when taking part in the Santa Dash and thought of many imaginative festive ways to travel around the field – we were spiky Christmas trees, jolly snowmen, galloping reindeers, carol singers and some of us even tried to be pigs in blankets!





Brilliant bridge building!

joyful
inn
balance
stable
flexible

Robins

We are so proud of all the children in the infants who have spent weeks learning songs, lines, when to get on and off the stage, speaking loudly in front of an audience and dressing up in their wonderful costumes for our nativity. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did performing it for you all. During this half term we also had two House Events – the first being an afternoon designing our house banners and the second being our Santa Dash, where lots of us managed to do more than eleven laps (1 mile)! In Maths the year Two’s have been adding and subtracting tens and solving problems. The Year Ones have been extending their place value knowledge to fifty and counting in tens and ones. In English we have written our final versions of our story ‘Lost and Found’ with the changes the children have made to the characters. In RE we have found out about Shabbat and how Jewish people prepare for it. In DT we have finished finding out about solid structures. Before we finish for the term, we would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA who came in and helped us to make their Christmas crafts, organise Christmas cards and provided refreshments for our nativity. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing the children on their return to school in January.

Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow Work!	Words of the Week
Elsie said “I am thankful for Christmas when Jesus was born.”	 <p>Our run a mile Santa dash!</p>	 <p>Paper chain challenge – which table can make the longest paper chain?</p>	<p>create dash flavour spare silent</p>

Woodpeckers

Last week, we had our ‘Christmas Clear Out’ and helped sort out the donations, scan books using a special app and thought about what questions we would like to ask Andrew Wood, who came to the school on Friday to share what happens to all the things that have been donated. We also had two House Events – the first being an afternoon designing our house banners and the second being our Santa Dash, where lots of us managed to do more than eleven laps (1 mile)! This week, we started the week off, watching Goldcrests, Wrens and Robins in their Nativity. In Maths, we have been using different methods including number lines and the column method to complete addition and subtraction sums and using our number bonds to find the missing digits in sums. We have also been learning our three times tables using songs, games and a quiz to build our fluency. In English, we have been finishing our Egyptian setting story and in Science, we have been investigating reflective materials and materials that are transparent, translucent and opaque. In Art, we have been creating our Art Deco stained glass window designs and in History, we have been looking at why people settled in Egypt and the importance of the Nile for transport, farming and food. We also looked at different artefacts from Ancient Egypt and discussed what they might tell us about life during this period. Before we finish this term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA for their constant support throughout the term, our reading volunteers who have given up their time to help us develop our reading skills and to our visit volunteers for your kindness, help and support, it is very much appreciated. Finally, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to hearing all about what you have got up to over the break and we will see you all in 2025!

Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow Work!	Words of the Week
When reflecting on our ‘Big Clear out’ week, Gabriel said; “I was surprised at how many people brought things in to recycle. It made me happy.”	 <p>Completing our Santa Dash.</p>	 <p>As part of our homework, we have been researching Ancient Egypt and sharing what we have found out with some very creative ideas!</p>	<p>settle artefact transparent translucent opaque</p>



Owls

In English, we have been writing cinquain poems about warmth, love, shelter, care, joy and peace. Some of us will be reciting them at our carol service next week. In RE, we have been exploring the question, 'What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians?' and expressing our ideas through art. In Geography we have been comparing two European cities and we were very surprised to find out that Paris is approximately fifteen times smaller than London! In Art we have been using our mark making skills to complete realistic animal sketches, inspired by Rosa Bonheur. Alongside our curriculum coverage, we have been enjoying some festive activities. Last week we completed our Santa Dash around the running track and some of us managed to exceed our one-mile target. We also enjoyed making and decorating our Christmas crafts with volunteers from the PTFA and used plenty of glue and glitter in the process! On Monday we were thoroughly entertained by the infant nativity, which made us feel very festive. Next week, we will enjoy more Christmas activities, including the pantomime visit, our church service, Christmas dinner and party day, to name just a few! As a busy term ends, we would like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work and support that they provide which enables us to enjoy extra-curricular activities, such as subsidised visits to PGL, Hereford Cathedral, the Pantomime and swimming this term. We would also like to thank our reading volunteers, visit volunteers and anyone who has helped us this term – your support is invaluable. We hope you all have a magical Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

Quote of the week	Body & Mind	Wow Work!	Words of the Week
<p>When reflecting on last week's Big Clear Out, Harriet said that she felt "proud that she had taken part and made a difference."</p>	<p>Owls Class enjoying the Santa Dash.</p> 	 <p>Super artwork, inspired by Rosa Bonheur.</p>	<p>conductor insulator cinquain purification summarise</p>

Peregrines

As we draw ever closer to the end of the autumn term, we have been learning about significant events during the Victorian era and discussing the negative and positive impacts of the British Empire. In Science, we have been identifying ways we can keep our mind and body healthy through our choice of food, drink and exercise. In English, we have been writing diamante poems about warmth, love, warmth, shelter, care, joy and peace. Some of us will be reciting them at our carol service next week. Last week, we enjoyed helping to sort out the donations from the 'Big Clear Out' and setting up the tabletop sale. Thank you so much for your donations and support. On the same Friday, we undertook our second house event - a Santa Dash. We walked, ran, hopped, skipped or jumped our way round the perimeter of the school field with the aim of achieving 11 laps or 1 mile. We all did well, but there were a few of us who went above and beyond for our individual houses. Since the start of the December, we have been given the task of finding Wally and his dog. Mrs Taylor has found some great hiding places, but we have been successful most of the time! Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our reading volunteers, to the PTFA and anyone else who have helped this term. Your kindness, time and support is so very much appreciated. Lastly, have a wonderful Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year. See you on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

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<p>After watching KS1's nativity dress rehearsal these were some of our thoughts: Merrie said, "I liked it, especially the sheep whose song was very funny." Harley said, "I liked how the stage lit everything up." Orianna said, "I liked how the musicians made the different sounds for the different scenes and performers."</p>	<p>In a class Collective Worship, we did a listening meditation. We imagined we were an innkeeper in Bethlehem and our inn was fully booked.</p> <p>We closed our eyes and Mrs Taylor read the meditation while we let our imagination take us back two thousand years and to the night that changed the world.</p> 	 <p>Orianna's fabulous Victorian research homework about the clothes people would have worn in that era.</p>	<p>nutritious deficiency significant diamante Initially</p>

What's going on?

Forest School		Celebration Worship		Other Dates	
				16/12/24	Christmas panto Monmouth Savoy
16/12/24	Wrens	18/12/24	Christmas Carol Service 10:30 at St Giles'	18/12/24	Christmas Dinner Day
18/12/24	Owls			19/12/24	Christmas Party Day
				19/12/24	Autumn Term ends
08/01/25	Peregrines			Tues 07/01/25	First day of Spring Term
13/01/25	Robins				
15/01/25	Woodpeckers	17/01/25	Peregrines	17/01/25	Young Voices Concert (Choir)

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Be Respectful



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