

Newsletter

CHOIR

Well done to the choir members, who represented the school at the Armistice service on the 11th of November. The choir performed two pieces with children from St. Clare's and Belvoirdale schools at the Clock Tower in Coalville. Each choir member worked exceptionally hard on the songs and it showed in their performance. Their behaviour was fantastic throughout the morning and they did themselves and the school proud. On a personal note I would like to thank all my adult helpers on the day.

ROBINS CLASS

What an amazing 2 weeks of learning in Robin Class!

Many thanks to Nathan's Mummy for talking to us about being a nurse and bringing us lots of goodies to play with in our 'surgery' and also to PC Bull for bringing his police car. "Cool!" and "Wow!" were just a couple of the comments from the children.

The children have been thrilled, excited and inspired in their learning.

WEBSITE AND TWITTER

We are in the process of up-dating our website. Each class has their own area and you are able to see here activities that your children have been involved in at school. There is also a link on there under e-safety to the parent info site which helps to keep you up to date with how to keep your children safe online. This is up-dated on a weekly basis so it is really worth having a regular look to help ensure that our children are safe.

We are also in the process of setting up a Twitter account for the school. There will be a link to this from our website. We will inform you when this is up and running. It might take us a while to get into the habit of regularly tweeting things so please do bear with us whilst we establish this.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL

Thank you to the many parents who volunteer to help us in school with reading and other activities. We do appreciate your support. If you would like to help in school especially with hearing children read then please let the office know and Mrs Ellis will then make contact with you.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

On Monday 30th December we will all be going to Christ Church for a Christingle service. We will be leaving school straight after lunch and aim to be at church for 1:30pm. We would love you to join us for that service if you are able to. If you do come and would like to take your child/ren home after the service you are welcome to but you need to inform the class teacher that you are taking them home. We would also be grateful for any volunteers to help walk down to the church with us. If you are able to help with this then please let the office staff know. Thank you

QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to everyone who has returned their questionnaires. If you haven't already done so and would like to please can you complete and hand these in by Friday 27th November so that all the responses can be collated together. We do appreciate the time taken to fill these in and value your opinions.

MY MATHS

To access My Maths using a tablet you need to download a free app called Puffin Academy.

READING

We have been assessing all the children in school to make sure that they are all on the correct level of reading books. By doing this we have found that many of our children are able to read well but their comprehension (understanding) is not as well developed as their ability to read the actual words. As children move out of foundation and year 1 into year 2 and beyond, all formal assessment of reading is about the comprehension of the texts.

Throughout the school we work on helping children to understand what they are reading through guided reading sessions and formal comprehension lessons. In order to develop good comprehension skills it is often necessary for children to read a book that is well within their capabilities and does not have words in that they are learning to read. As a result of the work that we have undertaken you might find that your child brings home a different level book to the one that they have been reading. We appreciate all the work you do at home supporting your child with their reading. We would like to ask you, as well as hearing them read, to question them about the page they have read. For example you might ask them about how a character is feeling, what might happen next in the story, why they think something has happened, or what the scene is like. You may also want to question the understanding of words with your child and see if they could use a word from the page you have just read in a sentence of their own. We thank you for the work you do in supporting us with teaching your child to read and ask you if you could now take this extra step with us to enable them to become even more accomplished readers.

PTA

For the PTA Christmas Fair raffle tickets will be on sale outside school at the end of every day from Monday 23rd November. There will be 3 separate raffles, 1 for boys, 1 for girls and 1 for adults. You can also leave money for this at the office by putting money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class, and which raffle tickets you wish to buy.

The PTA would also like to make you aware of their Facebook page where you will find details of the latest news such as meetings and fund raising activities etc. It is called

All Saints C of E Primary School PTA

CHOIR DATES

Saturday 21st November – Christmas in Coalville
1.30pm

Monday 30th November – Christingle at Christchurch

Friday 4th December – All Saints Christmas Fair

Tuesday 8th December – Coalville Library 10am

Friday 11th December – Coalville Shoppers Carols at the Ebenezer Baptist Church 11am

ROBINS CLASS

Please learn your birthday as homework this week.

