

# Newsletter



## December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

What an inspiration our children have been this half term! I am so very proud of all our children for how well they have done in such challenging times. I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support in keeping school as normal as possible for everyone. All our staff have continued to provide so many opportunities for our children despite the restrictions we have all faced.

The song 'Love Shone Down', which over 100 of our children have performed, is a reminder of what is really important at this time. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have had and the song and video has been streamed and downloaded tens of thousands of times all over the world, and has featured on local and national radio stations. All helping to raise funds for the charity YoungMinds.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable, safe and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th January.

Very best wishes,

Andy Mawdsley

Headteacher



## Christmas Songs

This year as we cannot have our usual Christmas celebrations, the children in each class have recorded Christmas Carols that are all available to listen to on our school website. The songs include, 'Little Donkey', 'Mary's Boy Child', 'Little Town of Bethlehem', 'Away in a Manger', 'We Three Kings' and 'It was on a Starry Night'. Pictured are Penguins Class singing 'Away in a Manger'. You will also find some new Christmas songs written and performed by our staff! Thank you to Mr Whittingham for recording and arranging all the songs.

## Ladybirds Nativity

The children in EYFS Ladybirds Class have starred in their very first All Saints Performance, 'Baubles'. A contemporary version of the Christmas Nativity. Involving our very own premises officer, Mr Beniston, the story tells the Christmas story through the setting of a Primary school with a mixture of new and traditional characters. The nativity is now available for all to enjoy on the school website. We very much hope you enjoy watching as much as the children enjoyed performing. Thank you to all the EYFS team for producing and directing this fantastic performance.





## Koalas show understanding of our Christian Value - Generosity

Our Christian value this half term is Generosity. In RE in Year 5 we were inspired by Charlie Mackesy's amazing and inspirational book, 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse'. The children found quotes from different bible stories and created our own Generosity wall for others to enjoy.



## Garage Band Times Tables



This half term Pandas loved using Garage Band on the iPads to create their own times tables songs. They have been learning their 2s, 5s and 10s and this really helped to consolidate that learning. Lots of fun, music and smiling faces in the class!

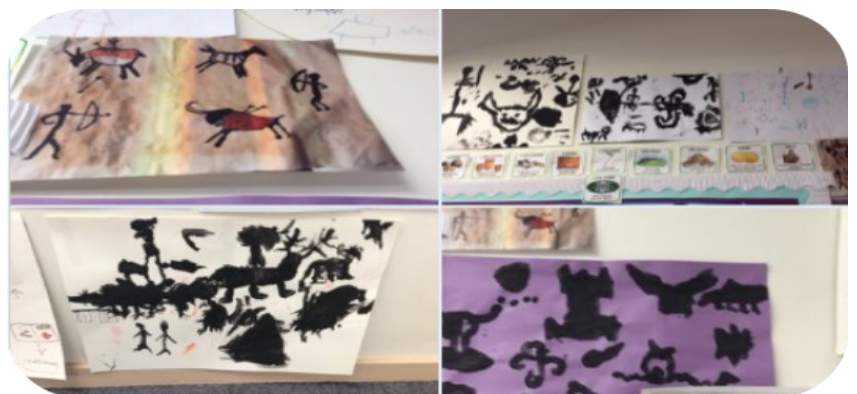
## Elephants Great Escape!

In English, Elephants Year 1 class have been learning the story of the great escape from World War II. The children enjoyed working together at lunchtime to make their own tunnel!



## Meerkats Cave Paintings

This half term the children in Meerkats have produced some amazing art work in the form of cave paintings as part of their Journey of Discovery into the Stone Age. The children used paper and sandpaper and chose finger painting, chalk or wax crayon. They used the paintings to tell a story and some included a modern twist! Fantastic work Meerkats, great skill and super imagination.



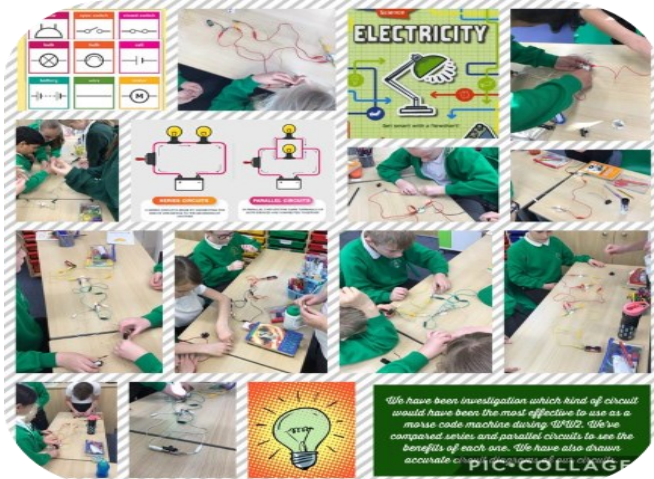
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## Tigers use Science to Break the Code

As part of the Journey of Discovery into WWII children in Year 6 Tigers Class have been using their scientific skills to create series and parallel circuits to find the most effective coding machine.



## Kangaroos Yr 5 Incredible Homework

Well done to all the children in Kangaroos for their incredible World War II homework. Such creativity and inspiration on their Journey of Discovery.



## All Saints in the Community

We know this time of year is very tough, especially in hospitals and care homes. So, Year 6 have been spreading some Christmas cheer by singing loud for all to hear! They video linked with a local hospital to sing some festive classics to the staff and patients during their Christmas party.



## Ladybirds EYFS and Elephants Year 1 Special Visitor from the North Pole

Despite the challenges of lockdown, Santa was able to join our youngest children through a video link direct from the North Pole. In our specially constructed All Saints grotto, Santa met with all of the children as part of the Ladybirds and Elephants Christmas Parties.



## Christmas Gifts from B & M

A big thank you to B & M for very kindly donating selection boxes to our PTA to give out to every child at the end of term as a special Christmas gift.



## All Saints Celebrates 125th Anniversary 1895 - 2020

This time 125 years ago All Saints had just been built and began its long history in Coalville. We would love to have had some celebrations this year to mark this significant occasion, however we very much hope to do so in the Summer term. Below is a picture from the late 19th Century and another taken early in the 20th Century at the front of the school featuring Mr Beniston's grandad on the rocking horse.

We were very excited to reinstate the original school bell recently during the decorating of the front of school. The bell, which is now painted green sits above reception and will be ringing again in September in Tigers classroom when it is fully restored.



## PTA Santa Fun Run and Scoot

Well done to all the children who enjoyed taking part in our very first Santa Fun Run and Scoot. In their Santa hats, kindly provided by the PTA, the children and staff, completed as many laps of the playground as they could either running, walking or scooting. Pictured are children from Koalas Class whizzing around the playground. Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising this and to you all for your support and kind donations towards the PTA.



## All Saints Christ Church News



We are delighted that the Royal Mail has picked an image from Coalville's Christ Church stained-glass window for its Christmas stamps. The image from the 1970s window is one of the Christmas 2020 stamp series of six stained-glass Nativity scenes. Featured, as the £2.55 value stamp, is a section of the stained-glass window from the North chancel lancet window. Our Vicar, Revd Gill Pinnington, said: "I'm just glad that our little church here in Coalville has been chosen and has something so lovely to share with the world. We are very proud of our stained-glass windows and are so happy that the beauty of the Mother and Child can be shared with the Nation."

40 handmade Christmas cards have been delivered to Christchurch in Coalville to be sent to people in our community. Knowing that we are thinking about them during these tough times will no doubt bring some festive cheer this Christmas!

