



# Leeds and Broomfield CEP School

*Many Hands Build a House, Many Hearts Make a School*

Term 2 week 5

Where did November go?! We are now just creeping into the preparations for Christmas; classes and staff have worked incredibly hard this week preparing the boards in the hall to depict The Christmas Story and it is looking fantastic. Within worship this week we have begun to practice some Christmas hymns and we look forward to sharing a selection of these with you during the Christmas Fair next Friday afternoon from 2pm. Children will be coming to the hall to sing at 2.15pm - following this they will return to class; where you may collect them from so that they can accompany you around the fair. Children are expected to remain on site until 3.15pm. If you are unable to make the fair until 3.15pm, I would ask you to please collect your child from their class as the playground will be in use for elements of the fair.

Hedgehogs have been using their revamped environment to enhance their learning; including exploring the properties of 2D shapes by making toast with Mrs Butterfield in their kitchen! Squirrels have informed me, thankfully, that the crafty croc they have been on the lookout for has been captured! Inspired by their trip to Kent Museum of Life on Monday, Badgers have been developing their descriptive language in their words describing the Blitz.

As you are aware the school is in need of a bit of an update. I am currently working to secure some funding and donations for redecoration; as well as planning the refurbishment of several areas of the school during the academic year. I have spoken to a few parents already and the suggestion has been put forward that we hold what I am calling 'paint party' weekend on 19th and 20th of January between 10am and 4pm for parents and members of the school community to drop in for any amount of time they can spare to lend a hand. I will write with further details next week.

Hannah Ward  
Head of School

## Weekly awards

**Head teacher award:** Cameron F  
**Pupil of the week:** Hedgehogs— Eli-James H  
Squirrels— Daisy T  
Badgers— Megan F  
**Attendance Ted**— Badgers Class with 98.9% - This is a fantastic improvement well done!  
**Not Late Lee**— Unfortunately every class had at least one late, please remember to allow for traffic when you come to school.

## Clubs

Next week is the final week of clubs, there will be no clubs for the weeks beginning 10th & 17th December.  
Please arrange for your child to be collected at 3.15pm.

## Friday 7th December

Due to the Christmas Fayre there will be no celebration on Friday 7th December.

## Children In Need

We raised a massive £959.69 for Children in Need. The money has all been paid into the bank so if you do have any more donations please pay them in directly to a bank / post office or building society.

Thank you so much for supporting the Danceathon the children (and staff!) had a great time dancing!

### Dates for your diary

- Monday 3rd December—Friday 7th Book sale every night after school provided by the Book People
- Friday 7th December - Christmas Fayre—2pm—4.30pm—Parents are welcome to join their children from 2pm, children will be allowed to leave school at 3.15pm. No worship.
- **NO CLUBS FROM THE 10TH DECEMBER**
- Tuesday 11th December—Whole school trip to Maidstone Panto—Consent forms & payment to be returned
- Wednesday 12th December—Year 4 visit to Leeds Castle—Consent form & payment to be returned
- Wednesday 12th December— School council toy sale
- Thursday 13th November—School dinner Christmas lunch
- Friday 14th December—Christmas Jumper day
- Friday 14th December—Nativity performance—Parents are welcome to join us in the church for our annual Nativity at 2pm.
- Tuesday 18th December—Last day of term
- Thursday 3rd January—First day of term
- Friday 15th February—Last day of term
- Monday 25th February—Inset day—no children in school
- Tuesday 26th February—First day of term

### Attendance

Thank you for your help in improving the attendance this week! Our whole school attendance for the week was 97.4% so just above our expected 97%. Our overall attendance since September is 94.5% which is still low but is improving. Thank you.



The Children started to look at the Nativity this week during worship with Captain Bibby.

#### **Matthew 2:10-11 New International Version (NIV)**

10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.