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### NATIVITY ART TRAIL

This year we have found a different way to celebrate the nativity story with the local community.

### A FOND FAREWELL

This month we thank Mrs Kinnersley for her wonderful service to the school.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER

We have been doing some wonderful things in school to spread some Christmas cheer and positivity.

## CHRISTMAS WISHES

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. Thank you for your continued support this year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2021.







## THANK YOU TO MRS KINNERSLEY

A huge thank you to Mrs Kinnersley for all of her hard work at Alveley. We all wish you the best of luck in your new position.

## SANTA DASH

Friday 10th December was National Santa Dash Day! Every class took part in a 1 mile santa dash around the school field in their wonderful christmas jumpers! Every class did really well and we were really proud of them all!



## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Thank you to all of the children who purchased tickets for our Christmas Raffle and to the FOAS, parents and the local community for the wonderful prizes! The raffle raised over £400. We had everything from massages to canoe experiences and we are so excited for all of the winners!

A special thanks to the Friends of Alveley School for all of their hard work and support this year!

## CHRISTMAS POSITIVI-TREE

As a school we have really missed being able to get together so we wanted to remind each other of some of the incredible things we know about our school community. Every child in school decorated a Christmas decoration with a positive affirmation included in the design. The children have enjoyed reading these and we hope the positive feeling will last far beyond the festivities.

## CARDS FOR BOWER GRANGE

The children have made some wonderful Christmas cards for the residents of Bower Grange care home to wish them a very Merry Christmas from all of us at Alveley.

## NATIVITY ART TRAIL

This year at Alveley Primary School we have found a different way to share the Nativity story. The current restrictions have meant we could not hold our usual Nativity productions, but we decided to capture the story through artwork.

Children across the school, from Nursery up to Year 6, have worked on a joint project to create a series of pictures to share the Nativity story with the community.

A special part of our annual Nativity service is our connection with St Mary's Church and the opportunity to share the Christmas celebrations with Parents and Carers and the community. The art trail will be displayed around the village during the Christmas period, starting at Alveley school and leading up to St Mary's church.

We hope that the trail allows the pupils to share the Nativity story with their families and other members of the community, capturing the magic of Christmas through a story told by the children.

The artwork will be displayed in the village throughout the Christmas period so that it can be viewed by the community at any time. We would ask that all current government guidelines are followed and that social distancing is maintained.



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Wednesday 16th all of the classes had a wonderful Christmas lunch with all the trimmings!



## 2021 TERM DATES

4th January - PD Day  
5th January - Spring Term Starts  
15th—19th February Half Term  
2nd—16th April Easter Break  
19th April Summer Term Starts  
31st May—4th June Half Term  
16th July Close for Summer

## THANK YOU

A special thank you to the wonderful Open The Book team for their kind and generous donation of "It Begins in Bethlehem" books that have been gifted to all of the children. We are sure they will be enjoyed over Christmas.

## COVID REPORTING

Please remember to inform us of any new Covid cases, by emailing [covid.support@alveleyprimary.co.uk](mailto:covid.support@alveleyprimary.co.uk).

We will ensure a response at the earliest opportunity.

## VILLAGE NEWS

JOIN US FOR ST MARY'S...

### COVID CHRISTMAS CRACKER

A humorous retelling of the Christmas story

This Nativity & Carol service is suitable for the whole family

4pm on Sunday 20th December\*  
outside St Mary's

Book your place by emailing  
[stmary01church@outlook.com](mailto:stmary01church@outlook.com)

\*dependent on covid restrictions at the time

### Christmas Services

**Sunday 20th December, 4pm:** Outdoor nativity and carols (Covid Christmas Cracker), St Mary's

**Thursday 24th December, 9pm:** Holy Communion, St Andrew's

**Thursday 24th December, 11pm:** Holy Communion, St Mary's

**Friday 25th December, 10:30am:** Holy Communion, St Mary's

**Places at all services are limited and must be pre-booked by emailing [stmary01church@outlook.com](mailto:stmary01church@outlook.com) with names and contact details of all attending. All services are dependent on covid restrictions at the time.**





# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Beech class started our Christmas celebrations off with a wonderful nativity last week. All of the classes had a very special digital visit from Santa Claus as part of their party day today.



## CLASS PARTIES





# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

We are entering what for many of us will be a very different Christmas holiday at the end of a very difficult year for our country and the world in general.

We have come to realise the vital role so many people play in maintaining the fabric of our daily lives and helping us when we need it most. Those in our National Health Service have been at the forefront of our minds but there are also countless other workers in shops, transport, the police, food production, delivery, waste collection; a huge variety of key workers in roles which have helped to keep the nation going during the pandemic.

The disruption of regular schooling over much of the year has served to highlight the vital role that being with their teachers and their friends plays in the intellectual and emotional development of children and young people. As a school governor I have been so impressed by the dedication of teachers and support staff throughout our Trust who have worked tirelessly to keep our schools open and operating as safely as possible.

The implementation of strict risk control measures at Alveley, the good behaviour of pupils and the understanding and support of our parent community has meant that our attendance levels have been very good and the school has been able to deliver (within the safety protocols) a full curriculum together with a comprehensive 'catch up' programme tailored to pupils needs.

In closing I wish, on behalf of the Governing Body, to thank the staff, pupils and parents/carers for their contribution to keeping the school a secure and happy place of learning.

I hope you all have a safe and peaceful Christmas.

Geoff Baker  
(Chair of Governors)