



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

## Next Week in School

Anything in red will require children to wear either home/party clothes.



Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Christmas jumper day/home clothes</b></li><li>• Christmas post box closes today (sorting office open!)</li><li>• Beech Class leading carols in the village @ 1.45pm- everyone welcome! *Children will be taken back to school after to collect their things and released to parents/carers on the playground as normal</li></ul>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<p>School uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NO P.E TODAY</li><li>• Festive baking and craft day in school</li></ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Party outfits!</b></li><li>• Christmas School Lunch- if your child is not having a Christmas hot lunch, please provide a festive lunchbox alternative!</li><li>• Class parties in the afternoon</li></ul>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<p>School uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NO FOREST SCHOOL</li><li>• Christmas breakfast in school- this will be provided by the school.</li><li>• Premiere of Christmas Nativity film in school- Link sent to parents/carers after school</li></ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Whole school winter walk and hot chocolate!</b></li><li>• Last day of term: Finish at normal time</li></ul>

### Worship

Over the last few weeks in school, we have been thinking about advent. The period of Advent, four Sundays, is a way of marking the run up to Christmas, it may be through an advent calendar or advent candles. Advent is often a time, a countdown, when we work through our shopping and other lists in our own preparations for Christmas. The purpose of Advent in the church calendar is a time for personal preparation, through reflection, contemplation, reading or prayer; to celebrate the coming, the arrival, of Jesus. Here too the theme is about reconnecting. It is an opportunity to reflect, whether we have any faith or none, on our own connection with the Christmas story and our personal relationship with God.



## In school this week....

### Willow

Welcome to fairy tale road!

Willow class have been working hard to design, make, advertise and sell their very own piece of real estate using inspiration from traditional tales for their flourish.



The children have also been crafting lots of winter things including these adorable toilet roll snowmen!



### Beech

This Monday Beech class were lucky to have a visit from Sarah at Brent Lodge Animal Rescue. Sarah has supported Beech class in understanding how to help wildlife. Sarah's workshop focused upon hedgehogs who are heading into hibernation. The children weighed different hedgehogs to understand the ideal weight required for a hedgehog in wintertime to survive. The children learnt about what to feed hedgehogs and the various threats that impact our local wildlife. After such an informative workshop, the children will be carrying this learning on after Christmas with Mrs Greene, focusing on animal welfare and supporting Brent Lodge in their charity work



### Oak

As part of their flourish task, Oak class have been creating space information booklets. Additionally, they have been writing newspaper reports on Elon Musk's development of a new vehicle for space travel called Starship.



As we come towards our final week in school before the end of term, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your continued support and kindness. We are very much looking forward to a week of festive fun with the children!

Have a brilliant weekend ☺

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team

Additional details of all the services happening in the parish over Christmas.

## The Valley Parish December Dates for your diary

-Sunday 19th December - *A Celebration of Christmas* 6pm  
Singleton Church

-24th December - *Carols and Crib service* 4pm East Dean

-24th December - *First Communion of Christmas* 7pm West  
Dean

-25th December - *Christmas Day Holy Communion* 10am  
Singleton