

MERE GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Making a difference'

Head Teacher Update

This week has been a slightly shorter week for the children in school but this has not stopped the fantastic learning that taken place. Each year group has had the opportunity to decorate a Christmas tree in the KS2 hall and I can certainly say that they have done a great job! The remaining classes will finish theirs off early next week ahead of our performances in the final week of term. We hope that you have been able to book on to your child's performance however, if you haven't already done this, please do so using the forms link which can be found on your child's class dojo page. We look forward to welcoming you into school in the final week to enjoy these performances. I couldn't think of a better way to kick off the festivities!

As you may know, Year 5 have been on a residential trip to Aberdovey this week. Whilst we have missed having them in school, we firmly believe that providing children with these experiences in primary school has a superb impact on their self esteem and confidence and develops life long skills and memories that they will carry with them throughout their life. We hope that the children who have been away this week have a restful weekend with their families and enjoy sharing the special memories made with their loved ones.

I would like to remind you that if you have an older sibling collecting your child from school they must be at least 16 years of age. You will need to inform the office or your class teacher via dojo if someone other than a parent is collecting your child and provide them with the password. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's phase leader who will be able to support.

Next Friday is not only Christmas Jumper day but also our long awaited Christmas Fair! Therefore, children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes and a Christmas jumper and/or Christmas accessories to celebrate this day in exchange for a £1 donation.

I'm pleased to share that Mrs Brookes' recovery is going well and she is due back in school on Monday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support over the past three weeks. Have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Lucia Thornton
Deputy Headteacher

Hope Food Bank

Thank you to all the families that have started bringing in donations of food to support Hope Food Bank. This week children have been encouraged to bring in tinned fish and biscuits to mark the start of December and next week we are asking for: tins of soup, small Christmas cakes, toiletries, pasta and tea bags. (To see the full list, please see our previous letter introducing the Reverse Advent Calendar initiative.) These items are either everyday essentials or small treats that may make a real difference to families in the community trying to celebrate Christmas this year. We thank you again whole heartedly for your continued support and compassion for others.

A huge thank you

A huge thank you to local company, **F.C. Christmas Trees, Tennis Club, Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield** for generously donating eight real Christmas trees so that each year group can celebrate Christmas in style and decorate their very own tree. These trees are now in situ and are starting to be decorated by the children's own decorations. We are sure you will love seeing the end results when you attend your child/ren's Christmas performance.



If a member of the Mere Green community would like to receive one of our Christmas trees at the close of school on Friday 16th December, please contact the office, who will put your name down on our list.

A big shout out

A big shout out to Year 3 and 4 children for participating in the Multi Skills event this week at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. Our children showed drive and determination in abundance, whilst showcasing their athletic skills.

Our team came in **second place**, receiving some fantastic silver medals for all their hard work.

Go Team Mere Green!



Key Dates



Event	Date
Lichfield Cathedral Choir Event	Tuesday 6th December
Nutcracker Year 6 Trip	Thursday 9th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9th December
Christmas Fair	Friday 9th December

MAD Award

Congratulations to this week's MAD nominees:



These children have been nominated by their class teacher for Making A Difference, this is either through demonstrating our school values or school rules.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is:

Class 3D with 97%

The most punctual class this week was: Year 5

CHILDREN IN NEED TOTAL

£684.98

THANK YOU TEAM MERE GREEN!



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