

## Headteacher's Update – 22.11.24

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of a cold and snowy week. Thank you for your efforts in getting the children to school despite the disruption the snow caused. In addition, I would like to thank Miss Humphreys, our Site Manager, who did such an amazing job clearing the site and making it safe for you and the children. There is a lot of extra work for her on days like that and it is much appreciated.



The children loved the snow and these snowmen were made by the year 1 children who made good use of having carrots for the vegetable snack this week!



### Parking and a visit from the PCSOs

We were very pleased to welcome two PCSO's on Tuesday morning to do a patrol around our back gate, to help with parking and to remind parents about safe driving. Many children, parents and local residents spoke to them and sadly they had to speak to some parents about their parking. We are hoping they will come in again and do another patrol in the near future.



## Road Safety Week

The visit from the PCSOs coincided with Road Safety Week. The children in Key Stage 1 and 2 have had an assembly on road safety, learning how to use the Green Cross Code to cross a road safely. Due to the cold weather, many classes have not been able to go outside to practise crossing a 'pretend road' and so will do this next week when hopefully the weather is warmer.

If you would like to look at what they have been learning and help to reinforce the messages at home, then please take a look at the following links:

Reception

[CBeebies Grown-Ups: Hoof and Safety Tips for Crossing Roads - YouTube](#)

KS1

[How to be safe crossing the road. - YouTube](#)

KS2

[Film: Road ready? Expect the unexpected – THINK!](#)

## Fencing Workshop

Darren from 'Sporting Dreams' returned this week to deliver fencing workshops to Year 2, 4 and 6, they all had a great time learning new skills. Darren will return in the spring term to deliver yet more exciting workshops.



## Christ the King

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. At Mass or through our Gospel Assembly on Monday, the children will learn that as the true King, Jesus leads us by His Word and His Spirit to the truth of God the Father's love for us. They will reflect on the words of Christ:

*I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.*

*John 18:37*



They will then have the opportunity to reflect on how they share God's love like Jesus does.

## **DIOCESAN LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS IN NEED**

Like last year, we will be joining in this campaign of kindness and generosity by collecting donations of much needed gifts to put smiles on the faces of young families, children and the elderly living in isolation or poverty, as well as young people leaving the care system or living alone and young carers who do so much all year round for others and have little time to actually be a child. **Please see the attached letter from our School Council for more information and suggestions on what to donate.**

Please bring in your donations by the end of the day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

We know how generously you supported this campaign last year, but we also fully understand that not everyone will be able to participate. Please only donate if you are in a position to do so.

Thank you for all the support you give to the school. Have a great weekend,

Mrs Machin



**We have been learning: about road safety, to stop, look and listen.**

**You can help at home by: continuing to support your child in understanding the importance of being safe, especially holding your hand.**

### Reception

**We have been learning: about the story of creation. We know that God created the earth, sea, stars, plants, animals and humans.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child to draw a picture of their favourite part of the earth e.g. seaside, forest, meadow.**

### Year 1

**We have been learning: about toys from the past and how they are different to toys from the present.**

**You can help at home by: sharing pictures of toys and toys that you used to have as a child and discussing how they are different to the ones now.**

### Year 2

**We have been learning: about the strength of different materials in science.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child about the experiment we did to test the fabrics.**

### Year 3

**We have been learning: about how we can stay safe in the dark.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child to list some of the things we can do to stay safe in the dark.**

### Year 4

**We have been learning: how to make electrical circuits.**

**You can help at home by: asking how the circuit your child made works.**

### Year 5

**We have been learning: how to build a car chassis.**

**You can help at home by: asking your child to explain how they created their sling shot car.**

### Year 6

**We have been learning: to build Anderson shelters.**

**You can help at home by: asking them about Anderson shelters and their building process in the project.**