



# The Mordiford Mail



## Clearwell Caves

KS1 had the most magical time on Wednesday visiting Clearwell Caves. Not only did they get to explore the caves, lots of children found their names on the presents throughout the Christmassy caves and, of course, they got to see Father Christmas who gave all of the children a gift! A huge thank you to the PTFA for their donation towards this trip.



## Dates for your diary...

### Autumn Term 2018

- 17th December KS1 Nativity 1.45pm school hall
- 18th December KS1 Nativity 6pm school hall
- 19th December KS2 Carol Concert 1.45pm, church
- 20th December KS2 Carol Concert 6pm, church
- 21st December Autumn Term ends

### Spring Term 2019

- 9th January—Spring Term begins 14th
- 14th January—Year 2 and 4 first swim session
- 14th January— Spring Term Clubs start this week
- 21st January—Frome Class Shakespeare sharing day at The Courtyard
- 22nd January—Teme Class— Waterworks Museum
- 30th January—Monnow Class Worship

## Wizard of Oz

KS2 enjoyed a fantastic trip on Thursday to see a wonderful production of The Wizard of Oz at the Birmingham Rep Theatre.

The show was a feast for the eyes and ears and the children were blown away by the costumes, singing, dancing and puppet work. The children were very well behaved and are very grateful to the PTFA who helped to subsidise this trip.



## Christmas Lunches

The children enjoyed their delicious school Christmas lunch this week. Thank you to Mrs Scotford, Mrs Haines, Steph and everyone at AIP.



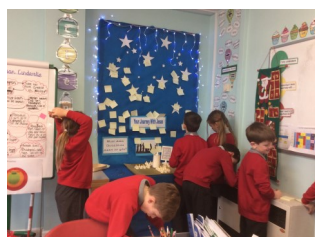
## Christmas Journey

Last week the children took a very special journey around school, stopping off at various stations to reflect on aspects of the Christmas story.

Inspired by the angels they were asked what message of good will they would give to the world.

“That everyone would share”, “ No more fighting in the world” and “ Peace for the world”. Messages of hope inspired by the Kings were “that crested newts don’t become extinct” and “ I hope to be a mummy one day “

What they are looking forward to: “spending Christmas with all my family”, “seeing Santa and having presents” and “seeing my baby cousin”.



## Messages/reminders...

- All lunches for the first week of Spring Term (9th-11th January) must be booked by next Wednesday (19th December).
- This week was the last week of clubs for the Autumn Term .
- Look out for your Spring Club list.



Chloe H

- 13th February—Wye Class Worship
- 15th February—Rags2Riches Collection
- 15th February— Family Celebration Worship
- 15th February—Break up for Half Term
- 18th—22nd February—HALF TERM
- 25th February—Return to school...

Week beginning 13th May—KS2 SATS Week



## Stars of the Week



Miss Finney's Star of the Week: **Harry B**

The Little Cup of Kindness: **Lois YR**

### William (Rec)

For making much better behaviour choices and putting 100% into all of the activities we have done this week.

### Tilly (Yr 1)

For a fantastic learning attitude this term. You have gained so much in confidence and this reflects in your manner towards your work and school life. Keep aiming high. Well done.

### Cerys (Yr 2)

For a fantastic first term in Year 2. You are setting a brilliant example to others through your amazing learning attitude. Whatever challenges you face, you always try your best, persevere and do so with an ever present smile.

### Oscar (Yr 3)

For working exceptionally hard this week through all subjects, especially with your Polar Express story. Keep up this attitude next term!

### Florence (Yr 4)

For having a superb learning attitude. Whatever I teach you, you take on board, have a go and deliver this in your work. You have progressed so well both in Literacy and Maths this term and you should be very proud of yourself. Thank you, you are a joy to teach!

### Ned (Yr 5)

For writing a superb, thoughtful poem which sums up the meaning of Christmas and for being a great role model around the school.

### Tara & Niamh (Yr 6)

Always sensible, always brilliant, caring friends to others, always giving 100% to their learning and always pushing themselves to be the best they can be. Excellent members of the Y6 "Always Club"!

## POLAR EXPRESS by Judah Y3

I was tucked up in bed waiting for a sound I thought I'd never hear. Although the sound was not what I expected. It was the sound of squealing metal and whistling noises. I quietly crept downstairs and there it was THE POLAR EXPRESS. It was a dark blue train which was no ordinary train, Oh no, not an ordinary train at all! It was a magic train. A strange conductor was at one of the carriages. "Well are you coming?" he said. "To where?" I said "To the North Pole of course! This is the Polar Express" he said, I clambered onto the train with no fear. It was lovely, we had hot chocolate on the way.



Prayer...

Loving God,

Help the word to follow the star and find peace;

Help us to follow the star to know your love in our homes,

And may the star lead us to find

Jesus in our lives,

this Christmas and always.

Amen



#Follow the Star is the Church of England's 2018 Christmas campaign.



## Thank You!

Thank you so much to Ross Garden Store for our beautiful Christmas Tree this year!

## Car Park

As you may already know, we have been working closely with Herefordshire Council to try and find some solutions to the daily road safety issues that we face here at Mordiford CE Primary School.

Having secured funding we are now in a position to submit plans, early in the new year, for a car park facility which will be built on the edge of the school field.

The plan is for a new entrance at the top of the school field leading into car parking spaces and a safe drop off zone for families, all cars will then exit through the existing staff car park.

Once we have the final plans we will display them in school for you to look at. If the planning and tendering process goes smoothly we hope to be in a position to begin the work over the summer break in 2019 and therefore begin the new academic year with our children having a much safer beginning and end to the school day. The car park will also help to ease congestion along the busy stretch of road, which will make life easier for the local community.

## PTFA—Present Workshop

A huge thank you to the PTFA who organised the present wrapping workshop and to those who volunteered on Monday and Tuesday to help the process run smoothly. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to pick gifts for their parents and it has most definitely got us all in the Christmas spirit.

