



The Mordiford Mail



I would like to wish everyone a very peaceful and happy Christmas 2020.

What a year this has been! Never have we needed team work like we have done over the past months. Thank you to everyone who helps to make Mordiford CE Primary School such a special place. The children have been absolutely fantastic throughout the year we have been amazed by their positive attitudes and resilience. Thank you to staff for their hard work, flexibility and good humour, our Governing Body for their support and challenge, our fantastic PTFA who have made sure that the children still have their school experience enriched with treats and to our parents who have given us the support that we have needed...what a great team!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2021 from Miss Finney



Virtual Christmas Wreath Making

Wow, there have been some beautiful Wreaths made during the Virtual Wreath making workshops over the last week or so. A fantastic £235 was raised for the school. Thank you PTFA for organising such a lovely activity, Helianthus Flowers for providing the workshop and to all of our lovely families who took part.



A visit from Father Christmas

Thank you to the PTFA for organising a visit from Father Christmas yesterday for the children. Well done to Anna W and Cerys B who won the Christmas Raffle drawn by Father Christmas. The children were all absolutely thrilled to see him and were full of questions....

How is Mrs Claus?

How much propulsion is needed for the reindeers to fly?

How big is the toy workshop?

How many Elves do you have?

Who is your favourite elf?

Did you have a nice weekend?

We would also like to thank Mrs Watkins for organising the screening of the Jack and The Beanstalk Pantomime for our school. The children really enjoyed getting in the festive spirit yesterday.



Lapland Expedition

As you know, our school have been participating in an expedition to Lapland, we are aiming to complete 2,133 miles 24 days. Everyone is doing a brilliant job of racking up the miles and so far you have all raised £841 for our School PTFA.

Well done children (and adults!) keep up the good work.

82.63 MILES TO GO!!



Mordiford C of E Primary School

EXPEDITION TO LAPLAND

THE WINNING CLASS COMPLETING AN AMAZING 506.72 MILES IS....

YEAR 3!!

CONGRATULATIONS !!

506.72	435.05	280.37	276.77	231.36	211.89	162.22
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
YR 3	YR 5	YR R	YR 2	YR 1	YR 6	YR 4



Do it yourself Christmas Cards

Herefordshire council have kindly gifted us some "do-it-yourself" Christmas cards for the children to colour in and take home to their families. Parents can share these Christmas cards via social media using the details on the back of the cards to promote the council #CelebrateSafely campaign and spread some Christmas spirit in the community.

Prayer Corner

A Prayer for Christmas Eve

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Robert Louis Stevenson



TA Support

For the first half of the Spring Term we will have Mr Hipkins from Outstanding Education providing TA support in Year 4.

Mr Lewis will be working mainly in year 2 but he will also be spending some time over with year 5 and 6.

PACES

We are really pleased to say that we will be welcoming back Tom from PACES to work alongside Miss Quinn and Mrs Oakley during the spring term.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

This week and over the Christmas Holidays too...

Chloe, Jessica, Ethan, Theo, Chayse, James M, Barney, Jack & Poppy H.



Stars of the week



Head teachers Award

Theo you have impressed us all this term with your increased focus, maturity and determined attitude. You have made an excellent start to Year 6 and if you continue in this way you will be full of confidence and be fully ready for when you move to high school. Keep up the great work.

Kindness Award

Tom I have been really impressed by your kind and helpful nature when supporting younger pupils on the school taxi. Well done.

Priya (Yr R)

For approaching each and every day with a laugh and a huge grin, whatever challenges you encounter. You have cheerfully sung and danced your way through your first term at Mordiford. Your enthusiasm is contagious and you never fail to bring smiles to our faces. Thank you!

Monnow Class (Yr 1)

What an amazing first term together. We've had fun and done so much laughing but even more learning. Looking forward to 2021!

Freya (Yr 2)

Freya is our Christmas Star. She has settled amazingly well into Arrow, has made a fantastic start, has become a friend to all and always has a cheery smile. Well done Freya. We are so pleased to have you in our class. Merry Christmas!

Matilda (Yr 3)

You are our Christmas star. Everyday you work to the absolute best of your ability and because of this you have made some excellent progress. You have also impressed us with your teamwork and willingness for everyone to succeed.

Thank you for being you. Merry Christmas!

Ffion (Yr 4)

Ffion is our Christmas Star: she always comes into school with the appropriate learning attitude and quietly attempts tasks and activities to the best of her ability. I have noticed this term how much effort Ffion has taken in her work, including home learning and I am so proud of the matching academic progress she has made, not only in her ability, but also in her own personal confidence.

Sam (Yr 5)

For continued perseverance throughout PE and for always being kind to others.

Theo (Yr 6)

For a mature and sensible approach in the classroom and for superb PE skills. You have had a fantastic term, Theo. Keep up the great attitude!

Well done to all our stars!

Admissions

Herefordshire Council's admission process for primary school reception class school places 2021 opened for applications on 14 September 2020, for children who were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017.

Applications can be made online

at: www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reception-class-admissions

Further information is available from the council's school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Please note that late applications may result in a child **not** being offered a place in a preferred school. Parents and carers must still apply for a reception class place, even if they already have a place in the nursery associated with their preferred school.

The closing date for applications is **midnight on 15 January 2021**.

E-Safety :ThinkUKnow guide to internet

Access to new tech over the winter period can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also present risks.

Our guide for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 4 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-being-social-online>

Please be careful of who children are talking to online and how they are communicating with each other. We have had a few instances of bad language being used in school recently, which whilst we have dealt with this in school we would be grateful if parents could also be aware and support the children to chat safely and sensibly online.

Messages and reminders ...

- There have been a few instances where emails for the office have been sent to reception@mordiford.hereford.sch.uk please be aware this is actually the Reception Class email address. The School Office email address is admin@mordiford.hereford.sch.uk Please also remember that all messages regarding absence or appointments should be sent via the school office, these will then be passed on to the appropriate staff member.
- Please can all children remember waterproofs and wellies in January so we can continue using the school field. Thank you.