



Felton C of E Primary School

Monthly Newsletter -

December 2022

'Loving, Learning, Living as we journey together to enable everyone to flourish'

December has come around so quickly and we are all very excited for all the wonderful activities the festive season brings in school. During November, we enjoyed a Spotacular Children in Need day and Key Stage 2 had a visit from Kema Kay, an influencer who discussed diversity with the children. I have been extremely impressed by the writing the children have produced this half term - Explorers have been applying their phonics skills when writing simple sentences about the Gingerbread Man and Adventurers have been writing about the impact of the Great Fire of London using fantastic descriptive language. In Voyagers they have been exploring the perfect ingredients for writing Non-chronological reports about unicorns and dragons and in Pioneers they have been passionately writing persuasive text about plastic pollution.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the Staff and Governors, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Emma Lucas

Mrs Emma Lucas

Headteacher

Friday Forest Based Learning

During December our Forest skill will be mainly indoors and the time utilised for preparing for our Christmas performance; however, please ensure your child has wellingtons in school incase we have the opportunity to go outside.

Collective worship

During Advent we will be exploring the Christmas story from different viewpoints and lighting our **Advent Wreath**

Four candles are put around the wreath and often a fifth candle is put in the middle.

Week 1 – On Monday we lit a purple candle. This symbolises **hope** with the 'Prophet's Candle' reminding people that Jesus is coming.

Week 2 – a purple candle is lit. This symbolises **love** with the 'Bethlehem Candle' and remembers Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Week 3 – a pink candle is lit. This is known as the Candle of **Joy** or 'Mary's Candle' and represents the joy the world experiences at the coming birth of Jesus.

Week 4 – a purple candle is lit. This symbolises **peace** and is called the 'Angel's Candle'. It reminds us of the message of the angels, 'Peace on earth, good will toward men'.

Christmas Day – the white candle it lit. This is known as the Christ Candle. Jesus is the light of the world.

During the final week of term we have been invited to a **Christingle** service at the church, which we are very much looking forward to. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruit and a candle. Each of these different elements has a special meaning:-

The orange symbolises the world. The red ribbon shows God's love for the world and the blood of Jesus. The sweets/dried fruit represent God's creations. The four cocktail sticks can represent either the four seasons or the four corners of the world. The candle represents Jesus as the light of the world.



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Reading @ Felton

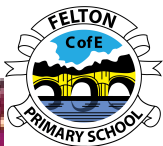


I am overjoyed to announce that our library is now ready to be used! I would like to thank everyone who has made it possible, from the FSFA for their donation to the bookshelves, all the families who have donated books and all the staff who have built, moved and filled the shelves. From Monday the children will bring home two books with bookmarks to make it clear which is which:

- One book at their appropriate reading level to specifically practise their decoding/reading skills. This book should be read by the child themselves to an adult. (Green bookmark)
- One book individually chosen by your child from the school library, purely for enjoyment – Please be aware that this book may be very different from their usual reading “level” (harder or easier), and may be enjoyed alone, or with another family member. This book can be a shared read (paragraph or page each) or the child can listen to an adult (then discuss what they have heard, the characters, illustrations, make predictions) or read to a younger sibling. (Blue Bookmark)

Donations and Birthday Books

As we are trying to be a healthy school we would like to discourage sending cake and sweets to celebrate birthdays. However, if you would like to donate a book to the library we will label it to reflect who has donated it and for what occasion e.g. *'This book was donated to Felton School library by Emma Lucas to celebrate her 21st Birthday.'* You are welcome to donate any children's book and we welcome both fiction and non-fiction. If you are stuck for choice, here is a link to a website with 80 recommended books that celebrate diversity which we would love for our school library. [LoveReading4KIDS](https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/)



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Twitter and our School Website

Remember that you can follow us on Twitter @felton_primary to see what's going on in our classrooms. These newsletters are also available each month on the school [homepage](#).

Children in Need

Many thanks for all your kind donations. We raised a SPOTacular £265.



December Dates - busy month ahead!

6th December - Parent Information evening @ 5pm School Hall

13th December @ 1.45pm - Explorers' Christmas performance:
'The Nativity'

14th December @ 3.30pm - Adventurers' Christmas performance:
'Prickly Hay'

15th December @ 1:45pm & 5pm Voyagers and Pioneers perform:
'Bethlehem the musical'

19th December @ 9:30am Christingle @ Felton Church (Parents/Carers welcome to attend)

19th December @ 6.30pm - School choir singing @ Carols on the Bridge

21st December - Christmas Lunch and Non-Uniform Christmas Jumper day

21st December @ 3:15pm - FSFA Grand Christmas raffle and carol singing

22nd December - Whole school to Alnwick Playhouse to see 'Remarkable Robin's Christmas Adventure' **(Packed lunch needed)**

23rd December - School breaks up for Christmas @ 3pm

9th January 2023 - School resumes

