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# **Canterbury Cathedral**

A warm welcome to Term 2 of the Autumn Term.

We were incredibly proud of year 6 for their involvement in the Diocese Canterbury Cathedral Day. A special thank you to our two Year 6 pupil who led worship to the entire congregation of schools and other adults. It is not often that you can say you have led worship at Canterbury Cathedral at the age of 11! The adults there commented on how moving their words were and they inspired a spontaneous round of applause.





## Courageous Advocate

The children have been asked to bring a photo of somebody from the past or present who they feel has shown courage. They have also been asked to write a short description as to why they think they are a courageous advocate. We would like to make a display out of these and the children will get team points for taking part. Please bring in to the office.



starting to change, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day. Please remember to name







To follow what your child's class is learning this term, please click on the relevant class page:

Venus

Mars

Neptune

Jupiter

#### **Church Trip**

Mars Class had a fantastic trip to Brabourne Church to discover its history and heritage. A big thank you to the church wardens for such an engaging learning experience.







#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 14th November		Non-uniform day: Jazzy Jars
Friday 14th November	After school	Cake sale (for upkeep of minibus)
Friday 21st November		Non-uniform day: Item for gift hampers
Friday 28th November		Non-uniform day: A bottle of something nice
Saturday 29th November	12.00 pm - 3.00 pm	PTA Christmas Fair!
*Tuesday 2nd December Saturday 6th December	7.00 pm 10.00 am	Wreath making workshops (*please note change of date). Payment can be made via SchoolMoney in the 'Shop'.
Friday 19th December		End of Term

#### Ootiboo

KS2 welcomed ootiboo into school last Monday to run workshops on money management. Neptune class had to spend their wages! But would they buy luxury items or necessities? Some children realized that they had a brand new computer – but they hadn't paid their electric bill! But some children spent wisely and even had money left over to put into their savings!

Jupiter Class had to think bigger and make decisions about running a company. £100,000 doesn't go that far when you have workers to pay and materials to buy! Discussion and compromise was the key to success and I'm pleased to say that I think we have some budding entrepreneurs in our mist!











Year 6 will be selling Poppies at the front of the school each morning and after school. The whole school will pause for a 2 minute silence on Tuesday 11th at 11.00 am.

# **Celebration Worship**

Dear God

Thank you for the gift of wisdom, teach us to make good choices, to be kind and fair and to use our words to build others up.

Amen

#### **NHS Site**

As we approach the Winter season, it is sometimes difficult to gauge whether to send your child into school, or keep them off. It is a fine balance to be struck, as school attendance is so important to maximise learning potential, yet with more significant bugs, stopping germs spreading to others is also important. The NHS site Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk) is a useful tool to guide parents and carers if unsure.

















## **Spirituality Day**

Last week, our children took part in Spirituality Day, a special time to pause, reflect, and celebrate the values that bring our school community together. Through stories, art, prayer, and activities, the children explored what it means to show kindness, gratitude, and respect for themselves and others.



#### **Cross Country Success**



A huge congratulations to all of our determined cross country runners who took part in the Spring Grove competition against 10 other schools. The children ran in groups of up to 60 other children and they all did tremendously well. A special mention to Alice in Year 3 who came 5th and Eliel in Year 6 who came 3rd.







Or

Vegetable Wellington & Gravy

With
Roast Potatoes
Carrot & Green Bean Medley
Chocolate Frosted Christmas Cake
Or Satsuma
Cranberry Bread

# School Christmas Dinner

We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 17th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch on a Wednesday but would like to have the Christmas dinner, please click <a href="here">here</a> and complete the form by Monday 24th November. The cost for the dinner is £3.05 and can be paid for online via Caterlink.

#### Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale after school on **Friday 14th November**. All proceeds will be used for the upkeep and running of the minibus. Thank you for your support.

With best wishes, Andrew Stapley Headteacher



#### **Class News**



Venus class have enjoyed getting into character to retell the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as part of their literacy learning, demonstrating

enthusiasm and confidence in both storytelling and speaking skills. <u>Here are some highlights!</u>



Mars Class have been exploring The Gunpowder plot this week and have enjoyed Bonfire night COOL time. We created Firework art using forks to paint, designed Wanted posters for Guy Fawkes, made the Houses of Parliament using Lego and junk modelling, made stick puppets with our own small worlds and sequenced the events of the Gunpowder plot.





We have also focused on poetry in English, creating Firework-inspired poems using our senses and onomatopoeia.

In R.E we have started to explore the Nativity, understanding it as an integral part of the 'big' story of the Bible. We now know that incarnation means God becoming human.









Neptune Class found the classroom looked a bit different when they came in Tuesday and their teacher seemed to be very grumpy and

mean! The children experienced a taste of what it would have been like for Victorian children. Rote learning tables, copying text in silence and different lessons for boys and girls. Neptune class were pleased to have had the experience – but are very grateful that school is not like that now!







Jupiter class is currently working on creating a stop motion animation of the Maya myth The Hero Twins. We started by watching a video of the myth. Next, we created a storyboard by retrieving the key parts of the myth and summarising them. We are in the process of creating our backgrounds and props for each scene before we start using our



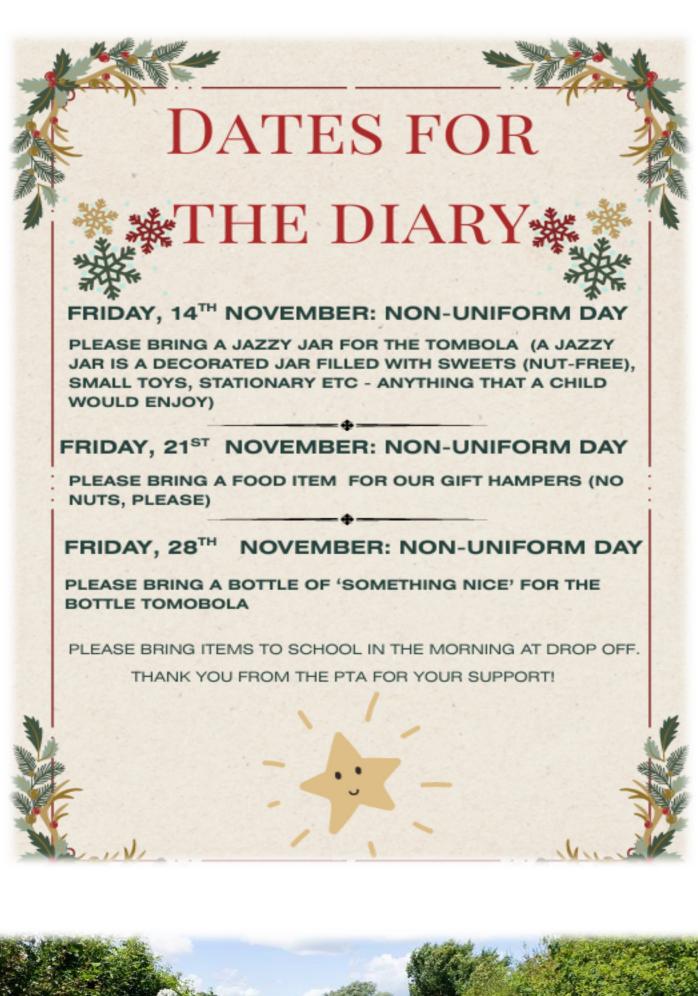
computing skills to create the animations. We hope to have them ready for viewing next week.















It's that time of year again!

#### Brabourne CEP PTA Christmas Fair Saturday 29th November 12-3pm

This year for various reasons the PTA feel a little bit behind! We always ask for help with the fair but this year we are seriously asking! The fair is in 4 Saturdays time...eek. If you are able to volunteer to run a stall, please let us know. If you would like to run a stall for part of the time, feel free to sign up with another person and split the time. Finding enough people for stalls is always a bit tricky so the more the merrier. Feel free to share our plea with other parents/grandparents or class group chats.

The fair is for everyone and for all the children so it is much lighter work the more people chip in.

We need people....
To help serve refreshments in the kitchen
Run stalls
Wrap gifts (before the fair at home) for the grotto
Be an elf for Santa
Set up the grotto on the preceding Friday
Set up
Clear up
Donate clean, decent new/pre-loved soft toys
Donate washed, pre-loved Christmas jumpers in all sizes
Face painter
And lots more

If you have a craft or something Christmassy you can offer to sell on a stall please get in touch. We love a new idea.

We need donations of cakes and biscuits brought to school the day before to sell at the fair. Please let us know if you can commit to this and then we have an idea about whether we have enough.

Last year a parent ran a second hand Christmas jumper stall which was popular—would anyone be able to volunteer to do this again? Arrange for a letter/poster to go out with Mrs Hussey in the office and collect jumpers ready to sell?

We also need someone with a bit of tech savvy to set up the online raffle...pretty Christmas please!

Are there any businesses who would be willing to match fund the fair or a stall? This is an enormously beneficial way for the PTA to raise funds and tax efficient for the donor. At the Summer fair, three family businesses from school, very kindly match funded stalls and this made a huge difference. Often larger companies, banks etc have a budget specifically allocated for this to benefit charities linked to their employees-worth asking?

And lastly (for now!) are you or is anyone you know able to donate a lovely prize to the raffle? We usually have an online one and an on the day, in person, Christmas food/cake/flowers etc one. One of us usually makes a traditional Christmas cake to raffle but if you enjoy baking and could crest a masterpiece to raffle (preferably nut free and ingredients labelled) then that would be a great help for this year.

Once again a huge thank you to everyone who can help. Usually it all comes together as parents at Brabourne are so kind.

Please share this "essay" far and wide!

