

### Eco-committee

This week, our green-themed assembly emphasized the importance of environmental responsibility. The eco-committee promoted turn-off fortnight, an initiative to get people turning off lights and electrical items not in use at home. In the assembly we shared the story of "The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein, which teaches the value of selflessness.

### Christmas Celebrations

The festive spirit is taking over our school! Our Early Years Foundation



Photo: EYFS craft morning

Stage (EYFS) craft morning on Thursday was a success and we have our Christmas Fayre after school today. We hope these events bring joy to our families, and we sincerely thank you for your continuous support.

### Reindeer Run for Thames Hospice

Next week, we have an exciting event planned - the Reindeer Run (Thursday) in support of Thames Hospice. All children will need to wear their PE kit and suitable footwear for running or walking around our track. If your child has been collecting sponsorship money, please bring it in by **Thursday, December 7th**. Your generosity towards various charities this term is truly appreciated!

### Advent Service at St. Mary's Church

In the final week of term, Years 1 - 6 have been invited to St. Mary's Church for a special Advent service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. The service starts at approximately 1.30 p.m. Please be considerate with parking and take care when crossing the busy road.

### House Competition

This week we launched our next house competition – 'What does Christmas Mean to You?' Children can submit a poem, story, a piece of art work on this theme. We have extended the deadline to **Monday 11th December**.

### Sports Ambassadors and Cup Stacking Competition

Our Year 5 sports ambassadors are starting to promote physical activity during break and lunchtimes. They are encouraging all children to engage in 60 minutes of exercise daily. Their first initiative is a cup stacking competition - a new and exciting craze across schools.

### Assessment Week

Next week is our Autumn assessment week. Children in Years 1 - 6 will be undertaking assessments in English and Maths. Please ensure that your child attends school and they do not miss these important markers for pro-

*'I just wanted to fire in a quick thank you for the craft morning today. It was so well organised with so many different activities and it was really wonderful to spend that time one on one with my child and seeing her interact with her friends. And the keepsakes to bring home are just wonderful.'*

Quote: Positive parent feedback - thank you!



Photo: The tree is up and the stage is ready for Christmas!

gress. The assessments will test them on their learning in the first two terms.

### Reading Buddies

Today some of our pupils in key stage 2 were awarded their reading buddy badges. Our reading buddies support younger children in school with developing their reading skills and assist them throughout the week. It is a great responsibility for our older children to have and we hope the younger pupils enjoy working alongside them.

### Parent/Carer Surveys

We were really pleased with the outcome of our recent parent/carers survey. We had 82 surveys completed and questions that were rated positively related to children feeling safe and children doing well in school. It's also nice to learn that 94% of parents/carers surveyed would recommend our school to others. Word of mouth makes such a difference to the reputation of a school! We have worked to develop our communication with parents/carers and share more about what children are learning in school. If you did not have the opportunity to complete a survey, please let us know and we can send one home with your child.