



Calstock CP School Newsletter

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Autumn Term – Number 6– 3rd Dec 2021

Important Dates

W/C 6th Dec – This will be the final week of after school clubs

Thurs 16th December – School Christmas Dinner

Fri 17th Dec – Last Day of Term

Weds 5th Jan – First Day of Spring Term

Class One News

Class one have had a really busy week. On Monday we went down to the field to help plant trees. We dug holes, covered the roots in worm rich soil, put protective blankets on them and covered the top with wood mulch. In a few years the saplings we helped to plant will grow into beautiful blossom covered bird cherry trees.

On Wednesday Elf 987K arrived in class one asking to be given a name and to join in with our lessons! This has been a very exciting start to December.

On Thursday a special visitor Daya came to teach us about Islam and what it means to be Muslim.



Class Two News

Class Two also took part in the National Tree Week planting activity at the football field. We were shown different types of trees and what they would look like when they are fully grown. We also talked about how important trees are to the environment. We were then shown how to plant trees in the best way to make sure that their roots are able to spread. We can't wait to see what our trees look like in a few years time!



Christmas Performance Update

Plans and rehearsals are underway on a new revised Christmas performance. Class One are rehearsing *Maurice the Mule*, a Christmas story with a twist, and Class Two and Three will perform *Bethlehem the Musical*.



The Performances will be pre-recorded and we hope to make the link to these available during the final week of term. As rehearsals and plans progress we will update you on a final release date.

Class Three News

Class Three have been busy designing their own Christmas Cards for the PTI competition. They created some beautiful designs and always impress us with their artistic talent.



A team of pupils and parents sold some of their cards and other products at the village Christmas Fair to help raise funds for their residential trip in the summer.



Year Three News

Year Three joined Class One this week to plant trees on the village playing field.

They also took part in a workshop with Class Two. Our visitor, Daya taught us about Islam, we learnt about the Islamic faith and explored some of the culture, heritage and beliefs. The children had a chance to try on some traditional clothing and learn some dance moves.



Celebrating Achievements

Each week teachers choose pupils in their class who have demonstrated a key value which we encourage and celebrate in school.

This week's Values Certificates were presented to:

Class One

Thea - Inspiration

Nessa - Inspiration

Danny - Empathy

Class Two

Harvey - Perseverance

Pippa - Perseverance

Oliver - Empathy

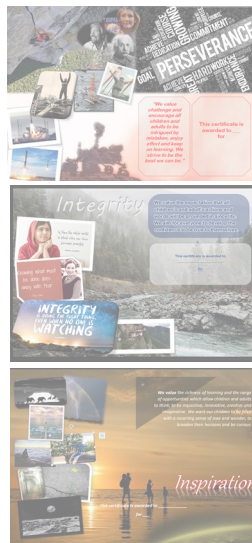
Seren - Integrity

Hanno - Gratitude

Class Three

Finley - Inspiration

Well done to all!



Calstock Advent Windows returns this year, hopefully giving our village an extra sparkle and shine with festive cheer. This is a living advent calendar, opening up windows in our beautiful village throughout December. Follow the trail every evening, spotting the little Christmas Reindeer in each window as you go.

Our first window opens on December 1st at the Lime Kiln Gallery. It will stay illuminated till 9pm, then each subsequent night a new window will open - along with all the previous windows. Warm mince pies will also be at the opening to kick us off in true festive style.

On Christmas Eve the final window will open at 5pm. We will share an outdoor 'meet in the street' outside the Boot Inn, full of festive cheer, carol singing, mince pies, mulled wine, snow(!) and prizes for completed trail maps.

The advent window locations will be published on a map, available for you to buy. Your map also has the trail activity sheet for spotting the little reindeer hiding in every advent window.

Map trail guide on sale for £2 from Lishe, the Lime Kiln Gallery, from Fleur & Tom at Providence House or the honesty stall outside The Old Post Office on Fore Street.

Last year we raised an incredible £1000 through the Calstock Advent Windows event. This enabled the construction of a sensory garden at school in the main playground and the continued development of the outside learning space for all school and preschool children.

This year all funds raised through Calstock Advent Windows will support the redevelopment of Classroom 1 at Calstock Primary School. With 3 academic years sharing this one classroom, the money we hope to raise, through your support, will provide a raised reading area for the children to use and further development of the learning space.

This is a small event with a wide reaching impact on our community, both in Christmas spirit and much needed fundraising. We have kindly had this event part match funded this year by Keith Ingram at Interfluid Hydraulics Ltd. If this is something you feel you could do or know a local business that may be able to help with a donation, then please do get in touch, see contacts below.

For any further information, find Fleur or Tom at Providence House, email fleur@redfluff.com, Facebook messenger or search www.facebook.com/CalstockAdventWindows. Our website is live to see all of last year's creations and see this year's windows as they open on: www.calstockadventwindows.co.uk.

We will also have a Just Giving link on these sites for those who wish to make a donation online.

Thank you for all your continued support, enjoy the windows and Merry Christmas to you all.

Christmas Thanks

Many Thanks to Mole Valley Farmers in Tavistock who donated a Christmas tree to school this year.

Huge Thanks to all who donated to the Christmas Food Bank Collection, all items will be collected on Monday ready to be distributed to families in time for the holiday period.



Calstock 'Village of Lights' Lantern Procession !

Would you like to come and make a lantern to take part in a procession through the village?

For the event 'Calstock Village of Lights' Procession through the village on 16th December - meet at the school for 5.30pm

Ending at the Village Hall where I hope that Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer!

Adults especially welcome to come and have a go!
Children most welcome - to be accompanied by an adult please.

There are 6 places for older children 8+ to come unaccompanied - booking essential.

Time slots will be allocated on booking 10.30am till 11.30 still available. I can then start you off one to one on your lantern project.

I am aware that you will be reading this the night before the workshop but please

call if you are able to come along and we'll do our best to accommodate everyone.

This will be a donations only workshop, I can suggest a donation if you would like to ask. Proceeds for materials and hire of the hall.

Please telephone me to book your time slot. Tel. 01822 832811
Let's have fun!

Thank you Chrissy Wallis and the lantern team!



Chatterbooks started in 2001 and is the UK's largest network of children's reading groups. It's estimated that almost 6,000 children belong to Chatterbooks groups, which are run in libraries and schools to generate discussion and encourage children to enjoy reading. It's a flexible model for all different abilities.

<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/chatterbooks/>

Chat about books - it's Chatterbooks!



We're re-establishing the Chatterbooks group at Tavistock Library in January. (Hooray!) It'll run on the following Tuesdays between 4-5pm for anyone aged 6 and over. The books we'll be reading, discussing and being creative around will be chosen from a selection at the first meeting.

18 Jan - introductory session and choosing books

15 February 15 March 26 April 24 May 21 June

Parents/carers are welcome to stay in the main library and if your child is unable to get to the library any month, we intend that they can join remotely. Please discuss this with library staff.

It would be very helpful to know how many children we are expecting, although turning up on the day is also fine!

Please ring the library on 01822 612218 or email tavistock.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk if you'd like your child to join this friendly, informal, stimulating group.



Things to Remember

Please drop off children in the morning between 8.45-8.55am.

Please arrive for afternoon pick up between 3.15-3.20pm.

All children must have a coat and suitable outdoor footwear in school each day.

Please ensure all uniform/ coats have your child's name on it.

Water bottles and reading books should also be brought to school each day.

Please could children attend school in closed toe footwear. No sandals or crocs for outdoor wear.

No home toys in school please.

Long hair should be tied back at all times.

Thank you

Diary Dates 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 6th September 2021 - 17th December 2021

Half-term 25th October 2021 - 29th October 2021

Spring Term 4th January 2022 - 8th April 2022

Half-term 21st February 2022 - 25th February 2022

Summer Term 25th April 2022 - 26th July 2022

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Half-term 30th May 2022 - 3rd June 2022

Training day closures are: **6th & 7th September, 4th January, 6th June, 25th & 26th July.**



Please make your child's teacher aware of any egg products, including food items in lunch boxes, egg boxes and bird nests that have been brought into the school.

Thank you