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FEDERATION NEWS Friday 4th December 2020

2RS NEWS

In 2RS, this half term, we have been having a lovely time working on the book 'Water Dance' by Thomas Locker. It is a poetry book, yet it is also non-fiction telling us about the water cycle and has some fantastic illustrations by the author. Our learning has included lots of playing with water and jumping in puddles.



Over the last week we have moved onto learning about 'wind' and the different speeds, types and the Beaufort Scale. We will then go onto writing a poem about a type of wind using all our new knowledge of some very literary terms such as personification and similes.

Our core text leads to our broader curriculum so we have made water sculptures in Art and written our own concrete poems.

We have linked this to our history learning about Lord Nelson and hopefully all Year 2 children can tell you why Norfolk is called 'Nelson's County'.

In Geography we have looked at maps of the Norfolk Broads and planned routes using the rivers.

In Maths we have just covered money and are now starting to go onto multiplication and division.

Last but certainly not least, we are rehearsing our Christmas performance ready to record next Thursday so please remember to come in Christmas Jumpers.

Thanks
2RS.



DECORATION DAY

The children have had a lovely morning making decorations. This was made more fun by the facts that it started snowing. We halted the activities for a little while so the children could have some fun in the snow.



CHRISTMAS!

Christmas is still going ahead this year!! Classes are creating their own Christmas Performances which will be videoed. These will then be uploaded onto a private YouTube site, and a link sent to families in the last week of term so that you are able to enjoy the Performance in the comfort of your own home, maybe even with a glass of something! The video is for personal viewing and NOT to be shared.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Christmas dinners will happen on Wednesday (Infants) and Thursday (Juniors) next week. We will continue to keep the children in their bubbles for this, and they will collect their own food rather than staff serve them. There will be no Christmas crackers, but there will be lots of music, singing and laughter!!

For the Junior Site children-please remember to book your lunches for Tuesday 15th December (as this was the initial Christmas Dinner date so all choices for this date have been removed)

FATHER CHRISTMAS

We are also hoping to have a special visit from Father Christmas at the Infant Site in the last week. We are trying to keep him fit and healthy for Christmas Day, so he won't come into the school, he'll be wearing a mask, and he plans to leave presents outside the classrooms and wave from outside.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As much as we might want to send cards to friends in school, this year we are saying NO CARDS. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY- FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

Everyone is invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers if they would like to on Friday 11 December.

LAYERS OF CLOTHES

As the weather starts to cool down, please make sure your child has enough layers to keep warm. We do have our heating on constantly, but we also have windows open in classrooms to keep a healthy flow of air around the classroom. It is quite common to see children with their coats on in assembly!

DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREES

Here are some of the lovely tree designs from the Junior Site.



UPDATE ON VICTORIAN EVENING 2020

As I write, we should be planning for Friday 4th and looking anxiously at the weather which threatens rain!! However, with effort from many across our community, we can look forward to Loddon & Chedgrave at their festive best THANKS TO:

- Loddon and Chedgrave Parish Councils - and particularly the Clerks...Hayley & Emily - for getting the lights hung from Farthing Green to White Horse corner and car parks
- Andrew Carver and his team - for climbing miles of ladder to hang them
- Graham Townsend for cutting 48 small and 4 huge plywood Christmas tree shapes
- Youngsters from across Loddon Primary Federation, So Schools Out after school setting & Loddon Nursery for decorating these trees so households and businesses Farthing Green to White Horse corner can add to their decoration for the benefit of us all
- All those households and businesses' on the route' who have made a real effort this year to 'go a bit mad' in decorating so we all get a real sense of cheer when passing through our community
- Those who are powering the lights: Rosy Lees, The Angel, Kings Head, Cadge & Gilbert, Godbers
- Algar Taylor, 2020 recipient of 'Freedom of Loddon' who will judge our annual competition for 'Best Dressed House' and 'Best Dressed Business'. Traditionally this is judged on the night, but it seems perverse to drag Algar out in the rain.....so, judging will be on the first dry evening around 6pm, on or after Sunday 6 Dec.
We are hoping to be able to present the trophy to the winner and video the presentation...and the winning house or business.....and post it on Youtube
- Finally a huge thank you to Father Christmas, who with technical support from Carl Davison (Video wizz of 'Boris at the White Horse' fame) has recorded a message for all the children who, this year, cannot visit his grotto....look on YouTube from Saturday 5th.
- Add to all the above the efforts by so many in delivering our Advent Calendar and we have every reason to be grateful we live in our community... let's all do everything we can to stay safe over the next weeks and into the New Year!

See you on the street on Friday 3rd December 2021.....we all very much hope!!!

YouTube videos :

Santa's message to Loddon Dec 2020 (release date Dec 5)

Presentation of Loddon's 'Best Dressed House and Business' Dec 2020 (released by Dec 13th)