

Dear Parents and Carers,

Kingfisher Class immersed themselves in their history rich topic on The Great Fire of London recently and enjoyed a 17th century tour of Ford Green Hall in Stoke-On-Trent on Thursday. They paid particular attention to fire and its uses along with all the inherent dangers of fire in a timber framed house from the period. Well done Otters!

Next week we have our Christingle Service in church on Wednesday 13th December. A Christingle service is a happy occasion which is held during Advent, often on the Sunday before Christmas. In December 1968, the first Church of England Christingle service was held in Lincoln Cathedral for The Children's Society. Collections for The Children's Society are a feature of this type of service to raise money for vulnerable young people facing neglect, violence or poverty. But the history of Christingles actually goes back much further than 1968. Over 300 years ago in Germany, Bishop Johannes de Watteville gave all the children a candle with a red ribbon around it to explain the happiness that people feel through knowing Jesus. Celebrated by Christians with carols and messages of hope, each child is presented with a Christingle during the service. However, our children will be making their own Christingles on Tuesday in school ready for the Wednesdays service. Parents are welcome to join us for the service at 9:30am

A big thank you to everyone who supported us at our Christmas Fair –It was a thoroughly enjoyable event, and we raised over £700! Please see the flyer below for the Santa's grotto at The White Lion, Ash Magna <https://whitelionash.co.uk/>

It's next Saturday 16th December and any local children will have the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto. Each child will have a luxury hot chocolate, gift from Santa and a photo in the selfie station! Managers (and Tilstock parents) Charlotte and Stuart have kindly announced that they will donate 100% of the profit raised by the event to Tilstock CE Primary School! How wonderful! Let's all support this local community event!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Advice to those bringing dogs to school at drop off and pick up times

Dogs are an important part of family life for many in the school community, and as such are often included in day-to day activities such as walking children to and from school. However, others may find the presence of dogs stressful, even frightening particularly with younger children, and even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in a busy, noisy and crowded environment or when un-attended.

We do understand that combining a dog walk with your child's trip to and from school is convenient and environmentally responsible. The school's priority is the safeguarding of its children and staff, and therefore we already ensure that dogs are not permitted onto the school site or grounds. However, we understand it is also your right to choose to bring your dog with you on the public areas around the school, such as the pavement, path or village hall carpark.

Apart from ensuring that your dog is on a lead and sitting calmly when children are exiting, entering the school. Another suggestion, if you are walking the dog to and from the school, particularly if your child is older, you could make arrangements with your child(ren) and teacher, to meet or drop your child off at the bottom of the path, pavement gate or village hall carpark gate.

Furthermore, as the footpath is a public path, we don't always know if a member of the public may use the pathway to walk their dog. Therefore, parents should also talk to their children about the importance of not petting any unfamiliar dogs. We have invited Dogs Trust into school to talk to the children about being responsible and safe around dogs. Hopefully this workshop will take place before Christmas. Thank you for your support.



Santa's Grotto

Saturday 16th December
11am - 1.30pm

Children will receive a luxury hot chocolate with marshmallows, before meeting Father Christmas and receiving a gift.

Selfie station for photo opportunities

£4 per child.

ALL PROFITS GOING TO TILSTOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL.

At: The outdoor Lodge, The White Lion, Ash Magna, SY13 4DR

Limited Spaces - Pre-booking recommended (01948) 663153



Christmas Performances

Squirrel Class Monday 18th December 2pm & 6pm - Village Hall
Otter & Badger Class Tuesday 19th December 2pm & 6pm - Village Hall
Butterflies & Bumblebee Class Nativity. Wednesday 20th December 10:00am - Church



WORSHIP

We are focusing on the value of **Nurture**. Please click [here](#) to read this term's bible story with your child.

Christingle

'Christingle' means 'Christ Child' and originates from the Moravian Church. A symbol of Christianity, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

Christingle Service in Church: Wednesday 13th December 9:30am (parents welcome)
Nursery trip to Alderford: Thursday 14th December
Squirrels Christmas Play: Monday 18th Dec (2pm & 6pm)
Otters & Badgers Christmas Play: Tuesday 19th Dec (2pm & 6pm)
Butterflies & Bumblebees Nativity in Church: Wednesday 20th Dec 10:00am
Last Day of term: Friday 22nd December
Children return to school: Monday 8th January 2024



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.

Happy Birthday to

Lilly M, Jaxson, Lauren, Poppy & Tilly!

who celebrate their birthdays this week!

We hope you have a great day celebrating.

