

SCHOOL NEWS

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Christmas Nativities

We are keeping everything crossed that we can go ahead with the Early Years and Year 2 Nativities in the coming weeks. The guidance we have received states that schools need to make an individual decision about whether they feel they can mitigate the risks well enough. We have cut down on numbers in the audience, have asked for LFD tests to be carried out beforehand, face coverings to be worn and we will ensure that the windows and doors are open to keep the hall well ventilated - please wrap up warm!! Please do not turn up with extra family members or children as this will compromise the safety of the audience, children and staff.

I have to say that the guidance could change at the very last minute and we might have to change our arrangements. In this instance, we will contact you at the earliest opportunity. Should we not be able to perform in front of an audience, we will make a recording of the performance available to parents.

Just a reminder, whilst you are welcome to take photos during performances, they must not be put on any social media platform as this can compromise the safety of some of our pupils.



Online Safety at Home

I have attached to this School News a two page newsletter from Think U Know. It is really worth having a look at and following any links which are relevant to you and the age of your children. The information covers topics such as watching videos, online gaming, making friends online and steps you can take to help keep your child safer online.

Thank You!!



We have collected an amazing 2286 tokens for the Morrisons 'Good to Grow' scheme. Many thanks if you contributed to

this in the past few months. The tokens will enable us to acquire lots of gardening and outdoor learning equipment. When we have decided what to order we will let you know how the tokens have been used.

Air Quality Monitors



We now have a good number of Air Quality CO₂ monitors in school to help us ensure the ventilation in our classrooms, offices and hall is as good as it can be. Our Y6 pupils are helping us collect the data and will identify where improvements need to be made. We will be using one in the hall for our nativity performances too.

Because we are aiming to keep the school as well ventilated as possible, it may be cooler than usual. Children are able to wear a T-shirt under their polo shirt if needed.

The same can be done on PE days and for Forest School and Outdoor Learning sessions during these colder months.



Kiddy Cook



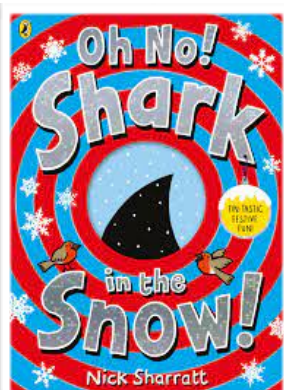
We have been enjoying having Kiddy Cook in school to enhance the Cooking and Nutrition aspect of our

Design and Technology curriculum. Kiddy Cook help to inspire children to have fun with food and help them make informed choices towards a healthy lifestyle. These photos show Year 3 busy with their activities and today it was the turn of Year 4.



Virtual Author Visit

We are fortunate to be able to access a range of online opportunities and this morning, reception joined in an author webinar with Nick Sharratt. They found out all about his new book: Oh No! Shark in the Snow! Nick Sharratt's stories and illustrations are always such a treat!



City in the Community are running their annual Christmas Campaign again for 2021 – This City Loves Christmas! The campaign supports children and families living in poverty around Greater Manchester during the festive period. To make this as special as possible, they are asking for support from all their partners and would love the help of our school!

They would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to donate **one selection box** towards their fantastic campaign. As I'm sure you are aware, one selection box could make a huge difference to a child over Christmas, so we would like to collect as many as we can.

For every 50 selection boxes collected, we will be given a ticket towards a CITC prize draw, where schools can win some fantastic prizes! Such as...

1. MCFC & MCWFC signed shirts
2. A tour of the Etihad Stadium for one of our classes
3. A day of PE for our school at the City Football Academy
4. And much more!

As always, there is no requirement for you to donate - it is completely optional. Selection boxes will be collected from classrooms on Tuesday - apologies for the quick turn around.

Kind regards,
Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

