



Dear parents/carers,

A fantastic week at Chorlton CofE this week, with lots happening!

Nursery have been practising their wonderful singing at St Clement's Church this week, ready to perform their amazing Nativity! They have also spent time getting ready for Christmas and learning about other celebrations from around the world. Great week Nursery!

This week, the children in the Reception class have been busy rehearsing in preparation for next week's Nativity. Back in the classroom, they have been looking at the properties of shapes with four sides and have been practising reading and writing words with their new digraphs sh, th, ch, ng and nk. There has also been some time for Christmas activities including making tree decorations out of clay.

In Year 1 this week, the children have started their new class text: *Send for a Superhero!* By Michael Rosen, which the children are loving. They have written character descriptions and made 'Wanted!' posters to help find the baddies. In maths, they have learnt that a whole group can be split into parts, and they can represent this on a part-part-whole model. They loved developing their sewing skills in DT, using a running stitch and are keen to practice this more at home!

Year 2 have been busy completing their end of term quizzes in class, they have also been making use of their new outdoor sensory circuit. They started reading their new book 'The Bear and the Piano' and they are looking forward to learning the new song that Miss Carline made to go with the book. In computing, they have begun to edit documents on their iPads. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 had an amazing time performing *Beauty and the Beast* on Wednesday night! All their hard work and dedication paid off, so they should all be very proud of themselves! Other than rehearsing, the Year 3 children were also busy learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and why it was such an important moment in history. In DT, the children created their pneumatic puppets based on their designs and diagrams. In Maths, they practiced using the greater than and less than symbols to compare 3 digit numbers. A fabulous week, we are very proud of you!

The whole school — pupils and staff alike — are incredibly proud of Year 4's fantastic achievement in '*Beauty and the Beast*'! Their hard work over the last ten weeks of rehearsals truly paid off. Parents, staff and pupils were amazingly proud of you on Wednesday night! This week, they also began their new English unit and came up with some exciting investigatory questions about a secret letter they received.

Year 5 have been learning about the Mayan Civilisation and designed some brochures explaining their way of life. They have also been working hard on their end of term assessments and we are very proud of their efforts across the week. They have done lots of designing this week; first, designing their Christmas tree decoration in DT and then designing their Mars Rovers, ready to explain about each part in detail in English next week.

Year 6 have been working hard on their half termly SATs practice quizzes. The class had some great discussions in PSHE and RE and really showed their skill development in Gaelic football. Another great week year 6. Well done!

Last week, our Eco School Committee and the Year 4 forest schoolers planted over ten saplings—including rowan, ornamental cherry, and hawthorn trees—generously donated by The Woodland Trust, helping us move closer to achieving the Woodland Trust Silver Award. The children showed fantastic enthusiasm as they planted the trees in our developing Nature Nurture Zone behind Nursery, which will become a wonderful new environment for children to

learn, explore, and unwind — watch this space for more updates! Additional trees were also planted along the Edge Lane fence line to create more greenery, absorb car fumes, and add privacy. A huge thank-you from Mr Solomon (and us all!) to Abi Herron for securing the donation, and to Mr Appleby and Mr Haslam for rolling up their sleeves to help.

Years 3 and 4 produced a fantastic performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' on Wednesday night. The quality of performance, choreography, singing and acting were incredible. We are so proud of everyone involved. A huge well done!

A reminder that the whole school will be at the pantomime on Friday 12th December. The children will return to school before 3.15pm.

Please also note that school will be closing at 2.00pm on the final day of term, Friday 19th December.

Have a great weekend

Mr P Trohear

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 9 th December	Y3 museum trip
Wednesday 10 th December	EYFS Nativity, St Clement's Church, 9.15am
Thursday 11 th December	Y6 Whitworth trip
Friday 12 th December	Whole school pantomime trip
Monday 15 th December	Y5 & Y6 Edge cinema trip
Monday 15 th December	Reception & Y6 height and weight checks
Tuesday 16 th December	Nursery & Reception parent open mornings 8.45-9.30am
Tuesday 16 th December	Intrahealth flu catch up session
Tuesday 16 th December	Y3 & Y4 Edge cinema trip
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas dinner (children may wear a festive jumper, hat or headband)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas class parties (children may wear a festive jumper, hat or headband)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas carol concert – St Clement's Church 6pm
Friday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays **2pm**

Office reminders

- Link to the Christmas edition of M&D Magazine <https://www.mums-dads.co.uk/pdf/MumsDads-current-issue.pdf>