



Saighton Church of England Primary School and Pre-School

December Newsletter 2024

It has been another busy term in Saighton, filled with lots of exciting visits, activities and festive cheer! This term saw the beginning of our toddler and baby group, 'Saighton Seedlings' and it has been wonderful to welcome so many little ones into our school hall each week. A big thank you to Mrs Cunningham for all of her hard work establishing the group - we can't wait to have our under-threes back in the hall after the Christmas break!



Our children have been on lots of wonderful trips this term. Eaton and Pre-School thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Imagine That! in Liverpool. They spent the day carrying out science experiments, exploring the role play areas and having a fabulous time with their friends!



Westminster and Belgravia had a visit from the Art Bus and enjoyed creating tiles to showcase their learning about London Landmarks. The children had a great time sculpting and painting their tiles which look fabulous - well done Year 1 and 2!

Grosvenor visited the Anderton Boat Lift as part of their topic about rivers. The children enjoyed learning about the River Weaver and the history of the boat lift. They had a great time aboard a boat on the lift too!



Cavendish enjoyed their visit to Western Approaches to further their learning about World War 2. They explored numerous artefacts in the WW2 bunker and enjoyed learning how to march and salute like members of the Navy.



We are proud to have our Saighton Christmas tree again at Chester Cathedral's Christmas Tree Festival. This year, all of the children created a star to add to the tree and thought about what Christmas means to them. The Christmas trees will remain in the Cathedral until Sunday 5th January for those that would like to visit.



We feel very grateful for all of the wonderful donations we have received this term from our Amazon Wishlist and have been overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and people from all over the world who have donated resources for our children. A special thank you to Miss Spencer for sharing our Wishlist and for creating such a memorable moment for our school.



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Our Learning Outside the Classroom sessions have continued to be a great success this term. The children have enjoyed spending time in our Forest school area building dens, lighting fairy fires and using tools. A particular highlight was singing songs around the campfire during our Christmas Forest Day and enjoying some toasted brioche and hot chocolate - thank you Ms Pearson!



Throughout the term, we have been very fortunate to support a number of local charities.

Our harvest donations were gratefully received by Chester Aid for The Homeless and Save the family. Grosvenor class organised a wonderful coffee morning for MacMillan where they sold cakes, refreshments and sweets, raising £235 - well done Grosvenor! We had a fun-filled day for Children in Need and the children looked fabulous in their pyjamas!



Last week, the children took part in a festive fun run for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd. They had a fabulous time running, jumping and hopping around the playground and raised over £400 for a very worthy charity which is close to our hearts.



A huge thank you to all of our families for your incredibly generous donations throughout the term - they are very much appreciated by our school family and all of the charities that we support! We would also like to say a big thank you to our



Friends of Saighton who have been working very hard this term organising multiple events to raise money for our school and spreading cheer within our community!



The last few weeks have been full of Christmas cheer throughout the school. The children's performance of The Nativity in Aldford Church was outstanding and we are so very proud of their singing and dancing.



We also visited Chester Cathedral to take part in 'Sing the Christmas Story'. This event has been a real highlight of the year and it was lovely to come together with other schools in this wonderful venue.

A message from our Friends of Saighton

Firstly we'd like to say a big thank you to everyone for your kind donations of cakes and bakes, hamper and raffle gifts, items towards our sales and games and coming to our events from September through to now.



A roundup of our events have included a bake sale, a Social Bingo Night, a pre loved jumper sale, and cake sale and of course our Christmas fundraiser. Between us we have managed to raise an impressive £1350 and we are determined to get a canopy and gazebo for the children in the spring to enhance their forest school experience and provide shelter in our ever unpredictable climate.



We'd like to remind you all that anyone is welcome to join us and that our next meeting will be early in the new year, to discuss the next few events, so please come along if you have suggestions and can help us in anyway big or small (details to follow in January).

Merry Christmas see you in 2025 and thanks again for giving up your time and coming to our events and supporting us - let's reach our first goal together.

Flourishing together, life in all its fullness - John 10:10