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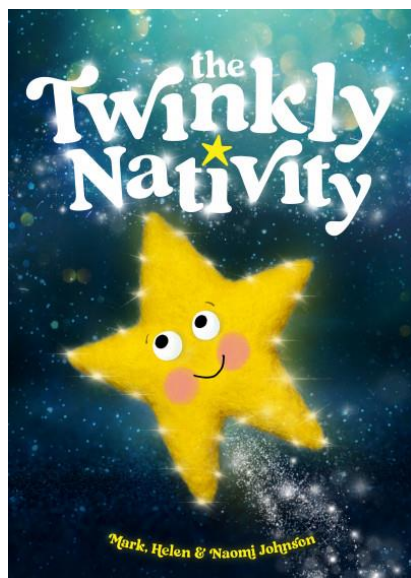
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Friday 8th December 2023

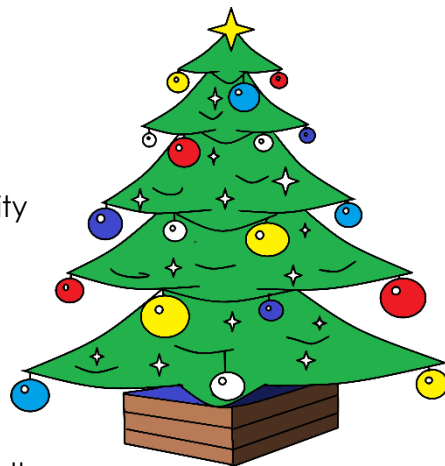
Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. This week in school has been very busy and exciting with the EYFS/KS1 Nativity performances and the KS2 Carol Concert taking place.

## EYFS / KS1 Nativity



We would like to thank all the parents/carers, Grandparents, Friends and other family members who came to support our EYFS and KS1 children this week in performing their Nativity, A Twinkly Nativity! We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our donations box. We raised an incredible **£180** which will support the children with additional resources.



Thank You



for your Kindness

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## KS2 Carol Concert

On Wednesday evening we were delighted to be able to host our KS2 carol concert at Phillack Church. The children from each class sang carols, interspersed with readings from our Year 6 children, along with handbells and trumpet performance. We are so proud of every child who took part and performed so beautifully. We would like to thank all the parents/carers, family and friends who brought

their children back for the carol service and joined with us to make this such a memorable event. We would also like to thank Mrs Burden on trumpet for her performance and for supporting the brass solo and handbell groups. A final thank you must go to Revd Patricia who oversaw the event and the Phillack Church community for allowing us to use the Church which was looking so beautifully decorated for Christmas.



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## Internet Safety for Parents/Carers – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 14:40

Parents/carers are invited to a short, open event to inform and create discussion around the topic of keeping children safe when using internet connected devices. Presented by Giles Hill, the Digital Strategy and Computing Lead for Aspire Academy Trust.

This session will provide parents and carers with a wealth of information and considerations for keeping growing families safe and healthy with internet usage. The session will warn against potential harm and issues as children grow older and usage becomes more regular. The session will include:

- Current context of internet developments
- Achieving a balance in your home
- Tech preventions and controls
- Making it work for you



## Pre-Loved Uniform



We believe that school uniform ensures all children are treated equally. Uniform still plays a vital role in promoting the ethos of a school, setting an appropriate tone for education and providing a sense of belonging and common identity regardless of background.

With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements.

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## Christmas Post Box – Final week

A reminder that the Christmas post box is available until the end of Thursday next week for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.

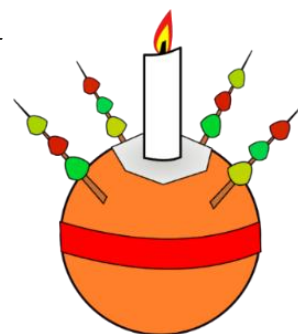
Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.



## EYFS /KS1 Christingle

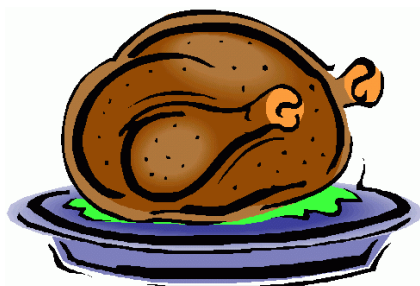
The children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in their Christingle, being held at Phillack Church. This will take place on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 5:00pm. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 4:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform and to have long hair tied back, thank you.

**There will be a retiring collection at both events with all proceeds going to the Church. Please do donate as generously as you can, Thank you!**



## Christmas Dinner

Reminder - Christmas dinner is being held on Wednesday next week, the 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please note, all Christmas lunches must be booked by the end of today on ParentPay to allow the kitchen time to prepare. If you do not book by this time, please ensure you send your child/children to school with a home packed lunch.



**Please note, Christmas dinner is the only option available on Wednesday.**

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## End of Term

A reminder that the final day of term is **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – this is a non-school uniform day.

Classes will hold their Christmas parties in the morning and children are invited to wear their own party clothes/Christmas jumpers.



Please note as previously advertised, we will be **finishing** school at the **earlier time of 2:00pm** on the last day.

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 6	100 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 3	99.5 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.9 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 8th December 2023

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our **final** Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Thursday 14th December 2023** to see their child receive their certificate.*

*Please come along to the main reception **no earlier than 2:35pm**. A special well done to:*

### **Year R – Ailla**

For demonstrating fantastic behaviour on our school trip and for supporting her friends. Well done, Ailla!

### **Year 1 – Zoey**

For writing a great letter to Father Christmas, applying her phonics knowledge when spelling tricky words and confidently sharing it with the whole class. Well done, Zoey!

### **Year 2 – Arthur**

For being a great friend to all his peers. Arthur has been extremely helpful and supportive to everyone in class. Well done, Arthur!

### **Year 3 – Phoebe**

For using super vocabulary in our science investigation to test rock erosion. Well done, Phoebe!

### **Year 4 – Charlie S**

For sharing his thoughts about how we treat other religions, cultures, ideas and values with respect in our RE lesson and for upholding British Values. Well done, Charlie!

### **Year 5 – Maddie**

For her amazing fraction skills and explanations to her friends. Well done, Maddie!

### **Year 6 – Ella But.**

For her confidence and skills using the online design software Tinkercad. Well done, Ella!

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**Writer – Unique (Year 6)**

For using ambitious vocabulary in her writing with control. Well done, Unique!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Dylan S (Year 2)**

For regularly reading at home and showing increasing independence and confidence when reading in school. Well done, Dylan!

**KS2 Reader – Jenson (Year 5)**

For meeting his reading target with his AR book each night and developing his love of reading. Well done, Jenson!

**Mathematician – Ben (Year R)**

For showing great understanding when finding 1 more and 1 less with numbers to 10. Well done, Ben!

**Numbots/Rock Star – Dari (Year 5)**

For playing TTRS regularly at home and answering 269 questions correct. Well done, Dari!

**Performer – Lissi (Year 3)**

For a super performance demonstrating symmetry and asymmetry positions in PE gym lesson. Well done, Lissi!

**Character – Rilie H (Year 1)**

For her supportive nature towards all her friends. Rilie is always kind, polite, caring and considerate. Well done, Rilie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School