

Friday 17 December 2021

You will see from the newsletter that it has been a busy and productive final four days of term at Kingswode Hoe! There has been a bustle of Christmas preparation, making and craft. Pupils have all had the opportunity to plant a tree for our wild garden, enjoy Christmas lunch together and watch an online panto and our filmed production celebrating cultures, songs and traditions around the world at this festive time of year.

It has not been the same as in previous years when we have been able to squeeze into our small school hall together and invite parents and carers but we have still worked hard to keep Christmas spirits high whilst also following our updated risk assessment in light of Covid-19 caution before we break up. We are asking families to follow testing guidance and have sent kits home to help with this. Please see the letter from Ruth Sturdy, SEAX CEO which reiterates how you can help us keep school as safe as possible as we all hopefully move into a brighter and better new year.

There have been so many highlights from this term, despite the continued cloud of Covid-19. I am extremely proud of how pupils have applied themselves in school, shown kindness to each other and made progress with their academic and social skills. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank our super staff team for their support for classes and families at home.

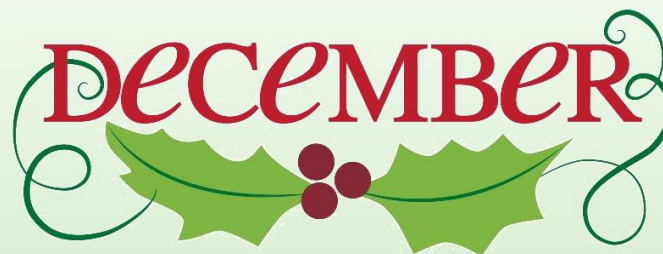
Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas break!



Mrs Constantine, Headteacher

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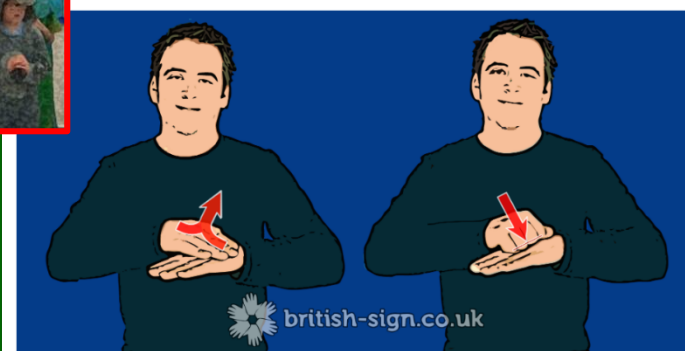
Parent and Carer
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Oak class learnt to sign the traditional carol **Away in a Manger** as part of the Nativity for our Teams Carol Service this week



Word of the week:
Christmas



CHRISTMAS

Flat primary hand rests on top of flat secondary hand. Primary hand lifts up while closing and then fist rests on top of secondary hand.

Kingswode Hoe School
What we plant today,
we grow tomorrow



LOWER SCHOOL

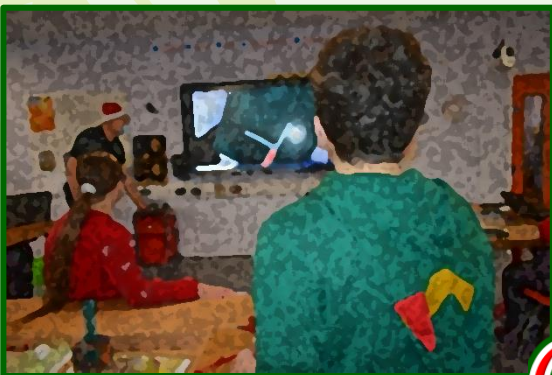
Christmas Dinner



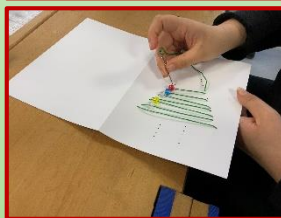
UPPER SCHOOL

Special thanks to our super catering team and all the staff who made this an enjoyable (and delicious) festive occasion!

MARVELLOUS MAKING



Christmas Craft



Thetford pupils worked as lead learners in the workshop and food and cooking room this week, helping their friends in Year 10 and 11 make Christmas craft and cookies.

Birch class kept up their movement breaks during their Christmas timetable activities.



Orchard pupils developed their fine motor skills sewing mini Christmas cross-stitch samplers.



Orchard class Christmas Cross-stitch

BUSY BAKING

Orchard class
biscuit decorations

Orchard biscuit
decorating



Acorn cake
decorating



HIGHLIGHTS

Pupils across the school have particularly enjoyed some active learning opportunities this week, working together and individually, getting creative and hands-on.



Creative with clay



Gingerbread designs



Year 9 pupils responded well to the challenge of creating spaghetti towers using marshmallows in teams. The winning tower was built by Nathan and Ryan, with a bit of help from Mrs Frost, and measured about 90cm. Great team work!



Acorn class have been busy elves this week working hard on their Christmas craft, making cards and writing letters to Santa too

CHEEKY ELVES

Making Christmas hats and cards



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Our filmed Christmas production this year was a delight, linked brilliantly by the Year 10 Arts Award group - a huge thank you to everyone involved in putting this piece together!

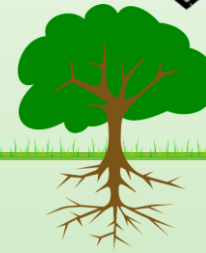


Pupils have had the opportunity to take part in our whole school tree planting project this week, getting outdoors to help develop our wild garden area and we are very excited to see this grow and develop over coming months and changing seasons.

PLANTING OUR HEDGEROW



Our aim is to plant 850 saplings creating our wild garden area to continue to develop our outdoor learning curriculum- thank you to everyone involved in this exciting project!



Acorn class
got busy
planting
the
saplings



What we plant today, we grow tomorrow



On the theme of growing, we were thrilled to see how a seed pot given to one of our pupils at the end of the summer term have been nurtured and grown at home- look how tall they got...Well done Louis and thank you for sharing!



Out at the Farm



One of the groups of pupils visiting Yarra Farm this week developed their independence and work skills in different ways as well as getting to know some of the goats!



Out in the forest

Year 7 classes enjoyed a Christmas story together in the spinney as part of their Forest School session this week.



Happy Christmas from Hatfield

- ❄ Hatfield class contributed to our final celebration assembly of the year and shared pictures showing everyone different decorations across the school as we have not been able to visit other classes.



- ❄ Christmas jumper day



- ❄ Congratulations to Matthew for his swimming medal proudly shared with us in school!



Over Christmas, continue to grow...

We missed walking to our local Lexden church, St Leonards, this year and wish everyone in the parish well.

However, we still came together for Christmas sharing as part of our carol service on Teams and took time to reflect on the Christian meaning of Christmas as a whole school



Key Stage 4 pupils read extracts of the Christmas story from the bible and different groups signed songs on screen



May all our family and friends be blessed this Christmas.

May whoever is feeling unwell be given strength.
May all of those who have heavy burdens have their load lightened.

May your Christmas be one filled with kindness, happiness and joy.



Stay safe and well, everyone

COVID-19 UPDATE

Daily testing of close contacts for COVID-19 - updated guidance for schools

From this week, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

The Department for Education have now updated the [schools COVID-19 operational guidance](#).

Daily testing of close contacts of COVID-19 will help make education and childcare settings safer and help keep children and young people in face-to-face education.

We have sent kits home with pupils at the end of term- Thank you for help with this

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Schools are not expected to Track and Trace after Friday 17 December 2021.

Before the start of term, please notify

Mrs Constantine or Mr Lee at

covid@kingswodehoe.com

out of hours with any updates

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The NHS has been in touch and will be in school on Wednesday 5 January offering the flu vaccine (via nasal spray or injection).

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>



DIARY DATES

Christmas Break:

Friday 17 December- Monday 3 January 2021
inclusive

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY 4 JANUARY 2022**

Wednesday 5 January - Flu Vaccine

[Facts about January - day by day \(projectbritain.com\)](https://www.projectbritain.com/facts-about-january)

[Facts for each day in February \(projectbritain.com\)](https://www.projectbritain.com/facts-for-each-day-in-february)

Coming up...

Themes next half term:

Week beginning	Theme- linked to six outcomes/world events
4 January	New Beginnings, Braille Day
10 January	Identity & Self-expression: Martin Luther King Day (15/1)
17 January	Resilience & Independence: Scott of the Antarctic
24 January	Community & Wider World: Australia Day
31 January	Health, Lifestyle & Wellbeing: Big Garden Birdwatch
7 February	Safer Internet Day



Lunch Menu

Key to allergens in menu items:

Milk	<u>M</u>
Fish	<u>F</u>
Soya	<u>So</u>
Gluten	<u>G</u>
Sulphites	<u>S</u>
Celery	<u>C</u>
Egg	<u>E</u>
Mustard	<u>Mu</u>



Kingswode Hoe School Spring Term Lunch Menu

Week 2 5 January, 25 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No Meat Monday	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Roast Pork & Stuffing	Meatballs & Pasta	Battered Fish
		<u>G E M</u>	<u>G E M</u>	<u>G E M</u>
Pink Pasta	<u>G</u>	Welsh Layer	Broccoli Bake	Vegetarian Nuggets
<u>G M</u>		<u>G E M</u>	<u>G E M</u>	<u>G</u>
Vegetable Pasta	Tortilla Boats	Roast Potatoes	Homemade Bread	Chips
<u>G M</u>	<u>G E M</u>		<u>G M</u>	
Salad	Rice	Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Pasta
	Green Beans	Brussel Sprouts		<u>G</u>
Garlic Bread	Fruit Crumble	Carrots	Salad	Peas
<u>G E M</u>	<u>G</u>			Coleslaw
Fruit Salad	Custard	Rice Pudding	Raspberry Slice & Cream	<u>M Mu</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>G E M</u>	
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Salad
Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Yogurt	Ice Lollies
<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>	Fruit
				Yogurt
				<u>M</u>
		NO BAGUETTES		NO BAGUETTES

Mixed salad available daily.
Filled baguettes available on request.
Reduced fat milk available.

Tuesday 4- Friday 7 January 2022:

Like us all, you will be wondering if there will be changes to guidance and plans for the new year. We have looked carefully at current advice for schools and continue to update our school risk assessment- please see the SEAX letter for more details. At the moment, this is our plan for return in January in light of the latest updates.

First week back <i>Expectation for staff to continue regular testing and pupils asked to test at home before return</i>	Tues 4	Flu vaccination	All in tutor groups
	Wed 5		Forest School sessions will start from Wed 5
	Thurs 6		Upper school timetable resumes
	Friday 7		Lower school stay in tutor groups

Please keep up to date with government announcements and guidance during the break.



In the event of snow closure, a text will be sent out via Arbor. There will be snow themed work available on the SEAX Learning Platform for day 1. Click on the snow picture to go to our website.