

This week saw the completion of Giles the giraffe who is now varnished and ready to go off on his new expedition into Cambridge. Different groups of children have contributed to his design and painting, based around different skills and artists in our Art curriculum. We have also ensured our community, the new estate of TM and the meadows are included as part of the design. I hope you agree he is looking fantastic and will let you know next year where you will be able to see Giles in Cambridge. He will then return permanently to Trumpington Meadows next summer. A big thanks to Ms Woolsey who led on the project and Ms Andrews who ran the surprisingly close process to decide the name!



#### Year 2 Trip to Clay Farm Library

Last week, Year 2 visited Clay Farm library where they were able to explore the books, had a session with one of the staff and were able to get a library card so that they can take books out in the future. The children behaved excellently and were a credit to the school!



#### OPAL

The OPAL Project- please see our school's social media pages on Facebook, X and Instagram to see what we are collecting to improve our playtimes. If you can help, please drop off your donations at the allocated points for your school.

#### Surprise Room

This annual tradition will be taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> December this year. For families new to the school, children can buy a maximum of 2 gifts for adults at home – each gift costs £1.50 so children can bring a maximum of £3. Exact money can be brought to school on the day in a named envelop.

#### Dates and Events

##### Term Dates:

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

##### Y3 Pantomime Trip

4<sup>th</sup> December

##### Y6 SATS Information Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

##### Christmas Lunch Day

6<sup>th</sup> December

##### Christmas Jumper Day

7<sup>th</sup> December

##### Y4 Pantomime Trip

7<sup>th</sup> December

##### Lego League Trip

8<sup>th</sup> December

##### KS1 Christmas Performance

11<sup>th</sup> December (am), 12<sup>th</sup> December (pm)

##### Rec Christmas Performance

13<sup>th</sup> December (9.30am)

##### Surprise room

14<sup>th</sup> December

##### Y5/6 Pantomime Trip

13<sup>th</sup> December

##### Federation Winter Fayre

15<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm

##### Last Day of Term

20<sup>th</sup> December

#### Christmas Lunch

This takes place on Wednesday next week (6<sup>th</sup> December). A Parentmail has been sent with the menu and order form; children will need to sign up for a Christmas lunch by the end of **today**, there will be no other alternative on this day.

<https://forms.gle/g1eJ12krYeXwjWTE9>

Hope the children are looking forward to it!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

We really value the voice of our children in the Federation and we will begin a new weekly feature to share children's highlights of the week. This week, our School Council (Y1-6) were asked about recent activities they have enjoyed and they gave the following answers:

- Year 1 - practising their Christmas play and hosting a Tiger Tea party
- Year 2 - trips to the cinema and Clay Farm Library
- Year 3 - playing Eagle Eye at Forest school
- Year 4 - visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum linked to their Ancient Greece topic
- Year 5 - trip to Harry Potter Studios
- Year 6 - designing a Science experiment to test the best method to preserve bread.

Here are some images from the Year 1 tea party, featuring a special guest!



## Rainbow hampers

Please continue to contribute any items that could go into your class hamper – these will then be raffled off at the Winter Fayre!



### **Classes have been assigned the following colours:**

- Nursery - Red
- Reception - Orange
- Year 1 - Yellow
- Year 2 - Green
- Year 3 - Blue
- Year 4 - Purple
- Year 5 - Silver
- Year 6 - Gold

## Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to come into school in their most fantastic, stylish Christmas jumpers next Thursday. This is a fundraiser for Save the Children so donations of £1 would be most welcome for this worthy cause!



## Winter Fayre

Please do sign up using the attached link if you have any time you could spare to volunteer for this event. Thanks in advance! <https://volunteersignup.org/4BBKR>