



NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK

11th December 2023

This term is nearing its end, but is continuing to be full of fun and excitement. From planes on the playground, to a wreath-making evening and school disco. This week we have our three Nativity performances and our KS2 carol service. There is music everywhere around our school.

Ukulele Concert

Our Y4 parents were treated to a fabulous ukulele concert last week. Holly Crofts have been learning to play this instrument all term, taught by Mrs Wiseman from the Bucks Music Trust. Such concentration and skill by all the children was a delight to see and hear. It was also an absolute joy to see the pride they took in performing to their parents. Miss Thorp was so proud of her class and their musical achievement this term.



Thank you to Mrs Duncan-Anderson and the PSA for running the school disco on Friday, Mr Backhouse the DJ, Ms Pedder's fab balloon arch and also the members of staff who helped out.

Oh my goodness, such an exciting day for the children when they arrived to find a plane on their playground!

James Gullet, a former pupil at Hawridge and Cholesbury, visited our school and showed all the pupils a display aircraft that is used as part of the charity work for a Christian charity called Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). MAF are the world's largest humanitarian airline and they operate a fleet of 116 light aircraft in more than 26 low-income countries around the world.

Every year MAF run an advent adventure for children and schools. In the run up to Christmas they go on a virtual adventure to some of the countries in which MAF serves. The advent adventure invites children to learn about the geography, language, culture and needs of each country. It is an online, interactive experience to follow in the classroom and at home. This exciting initiative brings the countdown to Christmas to life, with a daily MAF story and fascinating facts about the different countries that MAF serve in.

This year the advent adventure was launched at our school!

Every child had a go at sitting in the plane and imagining what it would be like to take to the skies.



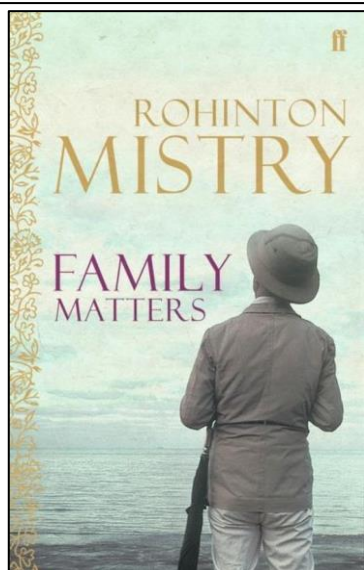


It wouldn't be Christmas without our classroom Christmas doors! Don't they look festive!



We are in need of:

- *Bottles**
- *Cakes & Biscuits (no nuts)**
- *Sweets & Chocs (no nuts)**
- *Your Time - Please message your class rep if you can help. Thanks**



This week I shared a book with the children I have just started reading called 'Family Matters' by Rohinton Mistry. It is a domestic drama, set in Bombay, about a family who need to pull together to support each other when things get more complicated. For all sorts of reasons, they don't always want to do what is needed. It made me think that in the coming weeks, many of us are likely to be spending more time with family members and friends, some of whom we only see at this time of year. Perhaps even carrying out duties we don't necessarily enjoy.

A recent debate on loneliness in Parliament showed that a growing number of young people are more likely to be lonely today. There has also been a discussion on Radio 4 this week about the value of being alone and standing in a quiet space. How can these match and what does it mean for us? Perhaps the value of being alone is when you know you have the choice of a loving, caring family or friends to go back to.

"If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

Ecclesiastes 4:10

Finally, please remember to send in items for the Children's Room at the Christmas Fair. Who knows what exciting gift your child will choose for you to go under the Christmas tree this year?! All Children's Room gifts to the office please and all other Fair goods in the drop-off box in the foyer.