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## Christmas cards

As from next Monday, 2nd December, there will be stockings available in the school library for children to post Christmas cards into. Pupil volunteers will be completing daily deliveries. Please ensure that each envelope has the recipient's first name, last name and class clearly marked on it so that it reaches the final destination as smoothly as possible.

Please note that the final day for posting will be 17th December.



## Year 2 visit Magdalene College to learn more about Samuel Pepys

Hands on learning makes for memorable learning, and when Year 2 visited Magdalene College last week it was clear what impact this had upon their historical knowledge.

Last Friday, Year 2 visited the prestigious Pepys Library that is housed in Magdalene College at the University of Cambridge as part of their 'Fire and Ice' topic. Samuel Pepys is, of course, famous for keeping a diary that detailed many of the events of the Great Fire of London. The children discovered that he had his bookcases especially made to his own design so that the books could be organised in height order. The library houses about 3,000 books in all. The children observed first hand how he must have been a very organised man. The writing in his diary was not so easy to read however, as he wrote in short hand which allowed him to record a lot of information very quickly. The children were in awe of the historical surroundings at Cambridge University and hopefully felt inspired to study there for themselves one day.



As well as visiting the library, the children did a treasure hunt to spot some local attractions such as Tudor buildings, the Round Church, Magdalene Bridge, the River Cam to name but a few. The rain held off so they were also able to enjoy their packed lunches and a play on nearby Jesus Green. It was a very worthwhile and inspiring visit for all involved.



## Thank you from The Poppy Appeal

Thanks to your donations to The Poppy Appeal, Monkfield Park managed to raise an amazing £522.90. The Poppy Appeal wrote to us this week to express their gratitude and to pass on their thanks for supporting this cause.

## Festive jumper day

We will once again be inviting children to take part in our festive jumper day, that will be held on 17th December this year. Children may come to school wearing a festive top, but all other aspects of uniform should remain the same. There is no donation expected for this event, which also coincides with our Christmas lunch day.



# Headteacher Roll of Honour

Umer in Indigo Class— Umer has demonstrated a hard working approach this week. He has shown that he is a good independent worker. Well done Umer!

Isla H-G in Aquila Class— Isla is making great progress in her reading comprehension. She is showing that she can apply herself at all times and uses feedback from staff to always improve. Great work Isla.

## Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you about their wind wands.

Ask your Year 1 child which material has the best properties for making a roof for Mr Grumpy's motor car.

Ask your Year 2 child which materials can change their shape through bending, twisting and squashing.

Ask your Year 3 child to retell their own story, based upon James and the Giant Peach.

Ask your Year 4 child about how they might use alliteration in a newspaper headline.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain how to order 3-place decimal numbers.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the feelings and behaviours linked to conflicts.

## Staff news

We are pleased to inform you that a new member of office staff will be joining us on Monday. Mrs Cox has been appointed as a Clerical Assistant to work alongside Mrs Taylor. We look forward to working with Mrs Cox and welcome her to the team at Monkfield Park.

## FORTHCOMING DATES

9th December—Flu vaccinations

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

12th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity (corrected)

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

16th December—Christmas Crafternoon

17th December—Christmas lunch and festive jumper day

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

19th December—2nd January 2020—CHRISTMAS BREAK

3rd January 2020—INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

6th January 2020—Children return