



TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.... November 2023

Over the last few weeks we have been busy designing Christmas decorations as part of a competition to have decorations on a tree at a local church Christmas-tree festival. The winning designs will be made into wooden tree decorations and displayed at **St Peter's Church in Pedmore from 1st to 3rd December 12-6pm**. Well done to all the children for taking part and congratulations to Izzy, Isla and Bobby (Y6) Oliver, Mollie and George (Y5) Ellie, Martha and Leo (Y4) Elsie, Chloe, Charlie and Harry (Y3) Bailee, Ben and Molly (Y2) Lucia, Peggy and Amelia (Y1) Eleanor and Oran (YR) for their winning designs. A big Gig Mill 'thank you' to the team at Porters for sponsoring the tree, supplying all the materials, doing the difficult job of judging of all the fantastic designs and supplying the prizes. We are looking forward to seeing the finished designs on the Christmas tree next weekend.

Christmas Fayre- thank you!

Our Christmas Fayre was incredibly busy on Friday after school and everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the lovely festive atmosphere. A big thank you to everyone who helped with all the planning, setting up, running stalls and clearing away. Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for the stalls or prizes as well.

A special festive invitation...

Our Year 6 children are hosting a Festive Charity Coffee Morning on Friday 15th December between 9.30 and 11am. This will be in the KS1 hall ... have a look on the reverse side of this letter for all the information you need. It would be great if you are able to join us for a coffee and a slice of cake!



We are supporting a local charity toy-drive this Christmas....

A special message from Harriet in Y5:

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am organising a toy drive for a charity called Cash For Kids Mission Christmas. It is a charity that gives less fortunate children presents on Christmas morning. They help children from birth to 18 years old. They only accept new gifts as it could be their only present this Christmas. You don't need to wrap them so the charity can sort them into different categories. If you are able to help me, by bringing a new toy to donate into school, please can you bring it between Monday 11th December and Friday 15th December.

*Thank you for helping me with my charity collection,
Harriet (Y5)*

If you are able to help Harriet with her charity collection, any donations can be sent in with your child on the dates above and we will collect everything in the school office ready to take to the drop-off point.

Reminder of important Christmas dates:

Nursery- Santa's workshop **Wednesday 20th December at 10.30am**

Class RP- Christmas performance **Tuesday 19th December at 2pm**

Class RDS- Christmas performance **Wednesday 20th December at 2pm**

Class 1D- Christmas performance **Tuesday 12th December at 10am**

Class 1J- Christmas performance **Wednesday 13th December at 10am**

Class 1W- Christmas performance **Thursday 14th December at 10am**

Whole School Christmas Carol Concert- KS2 playground **Friday 22nd December at 1.30pm**

A huge thank-you!



We raised a whopping £615.34 in our pop-up poppy shop supporting the Royal British Legion and an amazing £322.73 for Children in Need from our special mufti day. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise such a terrific amount for these good causes.



Term dates- reminder

Break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December.

Spring term 2024:

Monday 8th January is an INSET day. School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 9th January 2024.



Festive Year 6 Coffee Morning!



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are hosting a festive coffee morning on Friday 15th December. Y6 pupils have voted that this year's coffee morning should be an event raising money for Macmillan Cancer support to support those living with cancer.

Cancer is common and children at our school may have friends or relatives with the illness. Macmillan Cancer Support provides the expert care and emotional support that makes a real difference to people living with cancer. Macmillan offer a range of innovative cancer services and are at the heart of improving cancer care throughout the UK. Our coffee morning will give children and parents at Gig Mill the chance to make a real difference to people living with cancer and their families.

Gig Mill Year 6 pupils have decided to hold a festive coffee morning for all Gig Mill parents & carers, grandparents, aunties & uncles! We hope that you can attend on **Friday 15th December**. The coffee morning will be held in the Lower School Hall (**Broadway entrance**) from **9.30am-11.00am** and a cup of tea/ coffee with a slice of cake or a festive mince pie is just **£2**.

Our KS2 choir will be joining us for a festive performance at around 10am.

We are also holding a raffle - with all proceeds going to Macmillan; if any cakes are left after the coffee morning these will be on sale after school on KS1 and KS2 playgrounds - again all proceeds will be going to Macmillan.

Please help us support this vital cause by joining us at our coffee morning and helping to raise as much money as possible!

Our Year 6 pupils will be serving tea and coffee with cakes and mince pies and it would be great if you are able to help by sending in cakes on Thursday 14th & Friday 15th December. Please could you make sure any cakes sent in are nut-free. Any home-made cakes would need to be sent in a labelled container with your child's name and class so that it can be returned to you.

(Y6 class times for serving in the hall 6GW 9:30-10, 6DS 10-10:30 and 6W 10:30 – 11)

Please complete the reply slip below to indicate you will be able to attend and how many guests you will be bringing (as this will help us work out how many cups of tea we need!) If you are unable to join us but would still like to send in a donation please send any money to your child's class teacher in a labelled envelope.

We are really looking forward to seeing you there,

Many thanks,

Year 6 pupils and teachers.

Child's name..... **Class**.....

I will be attending the festive coffee morning at Gig Mill on **Friday 15th December**. I will be bringingguests.

Signed.....