

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by the pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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Our first teacher day back on August 22nd seems a very long time ago now ... the children have been at school for nearly four months with just one week off at half term ... and we can see that many children and families (and staff!) are ready for a good rest this Christmas!

It has been a very productive term and the children have once again enjoyed a varied, exciting and engaging curriculum here at Greenfield Primary; as always, we thank you, the parents, for the hours that you spend at home reading with your children, hearing them read to you and supporting them with homework tasks and activities. It is much appreciated and it really does make a difference – learning, thinking and practising key skills, if embedded at home and at school, will inevitably set our children up ... not only to achieve at high school, but also in life!

We would also like to extend our thanks for the way you have supported school events this term ... an amazing £756 was raised for The British Legion during November (a special thank you to the Y5 team and children for preparing a very moving and special 'Remembrance' assembly during 'Remembrance Week'.) We also raised over £1000 for Children in Need this year; going dotty and spotty in the process and buying and eating a lot of cake ...!

A huge thank you as well to our entire staff at Greenfield who work every day with a passion and a drive and a determination to do their very best for the children within the school – not only in terms of their learning, but for their well-being and their emotional, physical and social development. The Christmas season has already had some delightful and memorable moments and experiences ... a special Y2 nativity at St Andrews Church; wonderful shows performed by our youngest children in FS and Y1 and of course our annual 'Glitterfest' that is our FS/KS1 Christmas Craft Day!

So a very well done to you all for making it this far; the children are so excited now about Christmas and we all wish you good health and happiness during the festive period this year. Christmas can be such a magical time for children, so enjoy the magic ... and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 10th January for the start of a new term ...

Mr N Quinn

Head of School



Celebrating Differences

"We are all different, but we all swim in the same direction"

At the beginning of the month, Greenfield Primary School had a themed "celebrating differences" week. The aim of this was to show everybody that although we might look different on the outside, speak differently, act differently or enjoy different things, we all certainly want the same things: happiness, good health, friendship and to be treated with kindness and respect.

On Tuesday, our assembly introduced differences. We thought about the idea of having an 'everybody is the same' primary school. We all quickly realised that this would be very boring and that nobody would fit into this school because everybody is different. A story was also shared, called 'Odd Socks', which was about a little girl who was treated differently because of her differences. We came to the conclusion that we should embrace everybody's differences and celebrate them.

Each class produced some fantastic work during the week, which showed off their great understanding of this topic and positive attitude towards making everybody feel included.



They shared this in our Friday sharing assembly. Year 3 produced some beautifully decorated fish, promoting the message that 'we are all different, but we all swim in the same direction'. Year 4 and Year 5 shared stories about how bringing differences together can create something



beautiful and Year 6 performed a poem, which was a recipe for what makes up Britain, explaining how each culture, religion or race is an ingredient in our diverse yet successful society.

Celebrating Differences Week was a great success and everybody enjoyed their topics: it has helped us all to understand why we should embrace everybody's differences.

By Seb Pope and Lara Monk



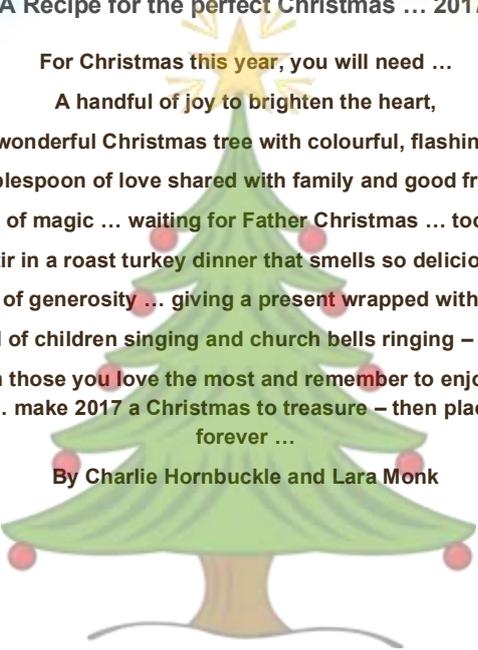
A Recipe for the perfect Christmas ... 2017:

For Christmas **this year**, you will need ...

- A handful of joy to brighten the heart,
- Add a wonderful Christmas tree with colourful, flashing lights.
- A tablespoon of love shared with family and good friends,
- Mix in a moment of magic ... waiting for Father Christmas ... too excited to sleep!
- Stir in a roast turkey dinner that smells so delicious,
- Then ... a sprinkle of generosity ... giving a present wrapped with love, pride and joy.
- Add in the sound of children singing and church bells ringing – music to our ears.

Finally, serve up with those you love the most and remember to enjoy every minute of this special Christmas ... make 2017 a Christmas to treasure – then place in the memory box forever ...

By Charlie Hornbuckle and Lara Monk





Miss Stone spills the beans...

Q: What is your favourite thing about Christmas?

Miss Stone: I just love spending time with my family and generally singing Christmas songs! Me and my sister still stay with my parents on Christmas Eve ... Santa leaves presents under the Christmas tree so I love Christmas morning of course!

Q: We know you like acting ... are you performing in a show this Christmas?

Miss Stone: Yes – I've just finished a show called 'Finding Christmas' – about a little girl who has lost her Christmas spirit. I played the role of 'The Fairy Godmother' and I took her on a journey to find her Christmas spirit – it was a really magical show. I sang a solo at the end – 'It Feels like Christmas' from 'The Muppets Christmas Carol'!

Q: What is your all time favourite Christmas movie?

Miss Stone: My absolute favourites are 'Elf' and 'The Grinch' ... but I basically love all Christmas movies! I still watch 'Miracle on 34th Street', 'The Muppets Christmas Carol' and 'Christmas with The Kranks' every year!

Q: What's the strangest Christmas present you have ever received?

Miss Stone: I remember one year I asked for a puppy ... I didn't get one – my parents just bought me a toy

dog and a packet of real dog biscuits. I was a bit disappointed ... but one day I'll get a puppy I'm sure!

Q: What do you like most about being a teacher?

Miss Stone: I love watching my class blossom and grow throughout the year ... and then I enjoy watching them grow up as they move through the school. I also love the fact that I can share my passion for drama, singing and acting with the children ... and put on 'The Big Show' every year. I just enjoy teaching ... I wanted to be a teacher from the age of about four ... and I wouldn't want to do any other job!

Q: We also know you love Disney films. If you could be any Disney character just for the day, who would you be and why?

Miss Stone: Without a doubt, 'Belle' from 'Beauty and the Beast'. She sees the good in everyone ... she loves doing all the things I love – reading, singing, dancing, teaching children ... and of course, she wears a beautiful ballgown!

Q: What are you most looking forward to in 2018?

Miss Stone: Hopefully, 2018 will see me move into my own house and have that puppy! If both of those things happen, then I'll be very happy next Christmas ... but I'll still go back to my parents for Christmas dinner!

Interview by Layla Boseley & Emma Broadhead



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Cracker Jokes for you to tell the family this Christmas!

Whats an Ig? - An Eskimo house without a loo.!

What's the best Christmas present? - Difficult to say, but a drum takes a lot of beating

What do you call a reindeer wearing a number plate? - Reg.

What is Frosty the Snowman's favourite food? - Ice-burgers!

Where does Frosty keep his money? - In a snowbank

**What do you get if you cross a Christmas Tree with a Granny Smith?
- A pine-apple tree**

**How does Rudolph know when to get ready for Christmas?
- He checks his calen-deer**

**What two things should never be eaten before Christmas Breakfast?
- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Tea.**



★	Star of the Month December 2017	★
	FS Molly Timms	
★	Y1 Jaxson Holland	
	Y2 Oliver Carlick	★
★	Y3 Sophia Berrio	
	Y4 Mia Kyser	★
★	Y5 Roman Hayes	
	Y6 Amber-Mai Heptonstall	

What's Happening?

**Wed 20th December
KS2 Talent Show**

**Wed 20th December
LAST DAY OF TERM**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Wed 10th January 2018
TERM STARTS**

**12th 16th February
HALF TERM**

**Fri 26th March
END OF SPRING TERM**

**Mon 9th April
SUMMER TERM STARTS**

**25th May-3rd June
HALF TERM**

**Mon 7th May
May Day Bank Holiday**

**Fri 13th July
END OF SCHOOL YEAR**