

THE GREENFIELD GOSSIP

Newsletter by pupils of Greenfield Primary School, Countesthorpe, Leicestershire

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After a long term that has taken us on a journey through three different seasons, we are getting close to Christmas ... the glitter, decorations, cards and festive music give it away ... and that's just in the school office!

Holidays are so important because they give us all a chance to have a break from the usual routines and do different things as a family and with friends. This Christmas break is a long one ... nearly three weeks for the children, and the one thing I would try and keep going in this busiest of times is the reading and the pleasure of sharing great stories. There are so many wonderful Christmas tales that deserve to be read and enjoyed in December ... from the fabulous 'Cops and Robbers' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg, to the delights of Dr Seuss's 'The Grinch' and the many versions of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

I have spoken to many children in the school about the books they are looking forward to receiving as presents and it is really good to hear that in this technological time, children can still be excited by the thought of reading a great story. From the Meg and Mog collection to the Roald Dahl boxset, to the magical world of Harry Potter to the new 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' story ... books remain great Christmas presents ... and I hope every child at Greenfield will open a book this year and share a special story this Christmas.

The story of this term and 2016 is nearly at an end ... so from everybody at Greenfield, we wish all of you and the community of Countesthorpe a very happy and peaceful Christmas ... and we look forward to 2017.

Best wishes,

Mr N Quinn - Head of School



The Meaning Of Christmas

Christmas is celebrated all over the world for lots of different reasons. Christians celebrate it because of Jesus; others celebrate it because it's a chance for family and friends to be together and some people just like getting the presents!

For some families, you don't very often get the chance to all be together, so it's a great opportunity to have your family and friends together and celebrate with them. Even if they are living in Australia, Skype is a wonderful thing!

For Christians, although it may be about being with your family as well, it's mainly about celebrating the birth of Jesus. You will often hear the church bells ringing and lots of people gathering to sing songs and rejoice about Jesus' birth.

However, for many people, Christmas is about giving and receiving gifts. This is a lovely thing to do and a nice way to show people that you care about them. It is important to remember though, that not everybody is as fortunate as you, and there are many other ways to show your friends and family that they are important to you.

By Danny-Ray Murdey and Joe Glover.



PHOTO: Greenfield musicians at Methodist Church Tree Festival



Your creative talents produced some fantastic entries to the "Inspired by your favourite film" competition—pictures overleaf.

1st Place - Ollie Boswell 1KL

2nd Place - Eli Raynsford 2LS

3rd Place - Téó Slusarczuk (1HD) and Niamh Barnacle (FGL)

Choose
One
Marvellous
Person. An
Extra-special and
Totally
Inspiring character.
Try to create an
Interesting and
Original
New ACROSTIC POEM !



Your acrostic poem to describe an inspirational person to Miss Speight by Monday 9th January.

Star of the Month
December 2016

- ★ FS Alex Dowling ★
- ★ Y1 Charis Barford ★
- ★ Y2 Laila Barrett ★
- ★ Y3 Dylan Shilton ★
- ★ Y4 Alessia Stokoe ★
- ★ Y5 Ben Robson ★
- ★ Y6 Sam Gilbert ★



Photo: Greenfield's own "Maker" of displays!

Mrs Chaplin spills the beans. . . .

How long have you worked at Greenfield for?

Mrs Chaplin: I have been here for sixteen years, since the year 2000! When my son Louis was at school, I listened to readers at Beechwood Infants (as it was then). Then I became a dinner lady for a short while and soon after I did a classroom assistant course and then became an LSA at Greenfield!

You have done a lot of displays in the school ... do you have a favourite?

Mrs Chaplin: When we had a spare Y2 classroom, I did a really good 'Great Fire of London' display in there ... it went all the way down one wall! I really love doing displays across the two schools and I feel very privileged to do this job!

Which school trip do you enjoy going on the most?

Mrs Chaplin: I love the Y6 trip to Condover Hall because I enjoy seeing the children in a different environment for a longer period of time ... and the main thing is that it is so much fun! Everyone gets on so well – it feels like a big family!

Would you rather be a unicorn or a fairy ... why?

Mrs Chaplin: I would rather be a fairy because I like the idea of being able to fly as well as hide in small places ... a flying fairy could see things from a different point of view.

What would your perfect dinner be?

Mrs Chaplin: I would have a starter of prawn cocktail ... for the main course it would have to be spaghetti bolognaise and garlic bread ... with a nice glass of red wine! Pudding would be tiramisu or crème brulee ... no, I'm going to go for tiramisu!

What were your thoughts on the mentoring programme that we did at school?

Mrs Chaplin: I thought the mentoring programme was very good and I really enjoyed getting to know the children in my group. I really enjoyed the activity where we designed a school – the kids came up with some brilliant ideas! I also liked it when the parents came in and we found out what some of them did for a living, which is always very interesting.

What would your dream job be?

Mrs Chaplin: I studied fashion and design at night school – if I didn't work here then I would love to be a fashion or fabric designer ... I just love doing things that are creative ...

Interview by Ruby Moore, Katy Copley & Libby Sturgess

Enjoy these jokes with your family when you pull your Christmas crackers!
This bumper selection of seasonal jokes has been contributed by Year 4.

What happens to Santa's Elves if they don't work hard enough? - They get the sack!

What's green, covered in tinsel and croaks? - Mistle-toad

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? - Tinselitus!

What do snowmen wear on their head? - Ice caps!

How does Santa decorate his reindeer? - With horn-aments

Where does Santa go if he feels poorly? - To the Elf-centre!

How does a penguin build its house? - Igloos it together!

What do Santa's helpers learn at school? - The elf-abet!

What do you get if you cross a snowman and a shark? - Frostbite!



What's Happening?

Thursday 5th January 2017
New Term Starts
Y2 Trip "The Twits" at Curve

Week Beginning 6th Feb
▶ Parents Evenings ◀

Mon 13th - Fri 17th Feb
Half Term Break

Friday 24th March
"Red Nose Day"
Comic Relief



Friday 7th April
Last Day of Spring Term