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Dear parents and carers,

You will have seen my letter earlier this week alerting you to the fact that we have had a rise in the number of COVID cases in school which mirrors the rising cases in the community. I am in regular contact with the Local Authority and the Public Health team and we continue to keep our Risk Assessment and Outbreak Management Plan under review. I know that some of you may be feeling anxious but I want to reassure you that we continue to do everything we can to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Thank you for your understanding about the cancellation of some of our end of term events. I know lots of children were disappointed that the disco was not able to go ahead this week as planned but we are looking forward to an even bigger and better disco on **Thursday 10th February**.

There has been lots of festive singing, dancing and music playing in the last few days. Our end of term performances will be available for you to view on MS Teams next week. We hope you enjoy watching them. The children have certainly enjoyed creating them.

Our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal has been another resounding success thanks to your kindness and generosity. Your donations have been incredible and will make such a difference to lots of children. It makes me so proud to be part of such a wonderfully caring community and we cannot thank you enough.

We all know that regular and thorough handwashing, good ventilation and covering our mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing will help to prevent transmission of the virus. We also know the importance of isolating if we have symptoms or are contacted by NHS Test and Trace. I know that many of you are taking Lateral Flow Tests on a regular basis as a precautionary measure or as a requirement for work. I ask that you continue to follow all the Government advice in order to keep yourselves, your families and our community safe, healthy and happy.

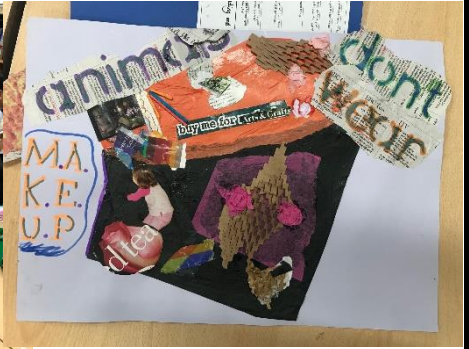
Thank you.

Kind regards

Manda George
Headteacher



Year 5 Art Project



Year 5 have been learning about artist Mark Bradford and the techniques of paper manipulation, collage and the art of slogan writing. They have been working on personal heartfelt slogans and learning that art gives you a voice.



Reindeer Dash for St Christopher's Hospice

On Tuesday 14th December, we will all be polishing our antlers and putting on our trainers ready for our Reindeer Dash in order to raise funds for St Christopher's. They do amazing work with children and families who are facing difficult times due to family bereavement. We will have buckets and collection tins on the gates or you can donate via the link to our Just Giving page below:



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/torridon-primary-school-st-christophers-reindeer-fun-run>

Please make sure children are wearing suitable footwear for the run. We do have some antlers at school but children can wear their own if they prefer.

Flu vaccinations

Please see the message below from the Lewisham School Health Team. If you wish your children to have the vaccination, you will need to register via the eConsent portal which you can do below:

It is time for your child to receive their annual flu vaccination. We are now inviting parents/guardians to register your consent for the flu vaccination. We have developed a secure on-line link that you can use to register consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. The process is quick and easy to use.

Please click on this link to access the eConsent: <http://qlink.uk/li8/100708>

Here's a video on how the eConsent portal works <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7321177>

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them from getting the flu, and prevent it spreading among more vulnerable family and friends. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of people becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

The vaccination is free and in most cases is a quick and simple spray up the nose offered to children from Reception up to Year 11. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected. The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to [ensure](#) your child is safe from COVID-19 while getting the vaccine.

Please contact the Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team at the Downham Health and Leisure Centre on 0203 049 1897 or lg.shsimmunisation@nhs.net if you require any further assistance.

Dates For Your Diary

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| Monday 13 th December | NHS Flu Vaccination Programme |
| Tuesday 14 th December | Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Reindeer Dash |
| Wednesday 15 th December | Christmas Performances available to view on MS Teams |
| Friday 17 th December | Last day of autumn term PLEASE NOTE 2pm finish |
| Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY |
| Tuesday 4 th January | BACK TO SCHOOL |

Keeping In Touch

Please remember to let us know if you or a member of your household receives a positive test result for COVID-19. We have a dedicated phone number for you to call if you need to inform us of a confirmed case within your household – 07376 358065.

We also have a dedicated email address for any communication related to COVID-19. You can contact us at the following email address:

covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 14th December 2021



Don't forget - children can come to school in their favourite Christmas Jumper or their own clothes on **Tuesday 14th December.**

Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 14th December 2021. If your child normally has a packed lunch, please let the office know if your child would like Christmas lunch on the 14th.

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and normally brings a packed lunch please pay £2.30 via Parentpay under "School Dinner".

FESTIVE MENU!

Chartwells

MAINS
£2.30
Roast Turkey
or
Roast Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Stuffing, Mini Sausage & Gravy

DESSERTS
Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard
Christmas Chocolate Brownie & Fresh Fruit

Don't forget! School meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

Speak to your School office for further information

Lewisham Winter Holiday Programmes

Lewisham winter holiday programme of food and fun



Please see full Winter Holiday Programme attached to your email

Free Family Arts Afternoon

Please find attached your school's invitation to our FREE family arts afternoon at Deptford Lounge, London.

There will be movement workshops, arts and crafts and a performance of our acclaimed show Creature Comforts. All events are free, and open to the local community and a great activity to keep the kids occupied over the Christmas period.



<https://www.feetofftheground.co.uk/>



Stars of the week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

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| Nursery | Zico Kasper | Resource Base | Isaiah Ryan |
| RF | Jacob | 3S | Zephaniah |
| RL | Lotta | 4CH | Zhi |
| RP | Essie | 4CW | Adam |
| 1BC | Anais | 4V | Mirielle |
| 1N | Vivien | 5CR | James |
| 1G | Sharviny | 5CY | Roc'El |
| 2G | Jasmithan | 5W | Arun |
| 2L | Harrison | 6A | Ruben |
| 2S | Maliyah | 6C | Jayden |
| 3A | Daniyal | 6P | Daniel |
| 3L | Oshie | | |

Christmas Poems from Year 1

A sense of Christmas



I hear santerclors goaing ho ho ho on my roof,
I see twincoolee lits flasing in the night,
I feel frostee snoflacs dancing on my nows,
I smell choclet cace in my hows and I'm sneecin to eet it,
I taset sweets and christmas jellee.

By Vivien

A sense of Christmas



I hear norty elfs plaing trix,
I see the snow pileing high on the roof
and melting isicls,
I feel a cold breez making me shiver,
I smell the yume gingur bred toasting in the ovon,
I taste the lovele icing from the christmas cake,

By Eunice

A sense of Christmas



I hear angre elfis loudle screming,
I see a snoman standing cwiotly,
I feel forling snoflacs on my leg and a roring fier cracling,
I smell worm biscits toasting in the hot ufoon,
I taste crunche biscits and custeud.

By Zaydon

A sense of Christmas



I hear Santa puting the pressents under the tree,
I see Christmas lights they are twinkling brightly,
I feel cosy with my jumper cuddleing me,
I smell ginger cookies,
I taste Christmas puding with a chery.

By Joshua

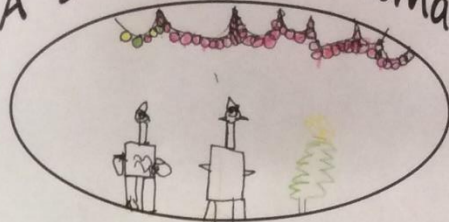
A sense of Christmas



I hear a sweet singing choir in the frosty snow,
I see a chismas tree sparckling with gleeming lights,
I feel a chistmmas tree peikling my fingers,
I smell figee pooding righsing in the uvun,
I taste some scwishee choclut pooding.

By Otilie.

A sense of Christmas



I see checy elfs helping in sater clorz in his wurc shop,
I hear jingel bells riging on Santas slay,
I feel crispee snow cruching uder my feet,
I smell jinjer bred baking in the uvin,
I taste cukees baking in the uvin.

By David.

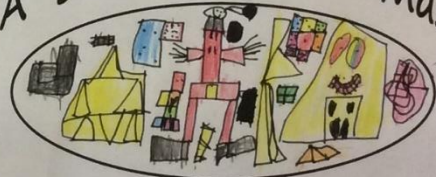
A sense of Christmas



I hear nauty elfves chatering quieitly and Santer's foot steps stomping clumilsy,
I see windows glowing lightly,
I feel icecalls melting from the houses,
I smell logs crackeling loudly in a roaring fire,

By Sophie

A sense of Christmas



I hear clumsea elfs on my roof and one elf fal in my chimney!
I see dazzling lites on my dor,
I feel preznts under the tree,
I smell cupcaces growing in the uvn,
I taste choclet pudding melt on my tung.

By Finlay

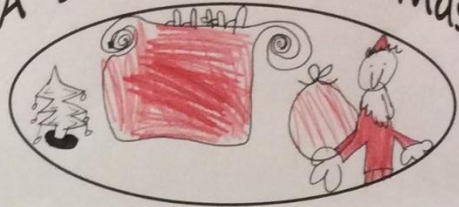
A sense of Christmas



I hear peepl chatring,
I smell dilishus choklt kookeez
kooking in the uvn,
I feel snow flax patring on mi noz,
I see the blak slay sliding qiklee,
I taste a jinjer bred man with kustud.

By Elvis

A sense of Christmas



I hear nauty elfs chataring icsitidly,
I soft snowflaix flutaring on my nose,
I smell frooty Christmas pudding,
I taste creamy hot choclet with sqishy
marshmelos,
I see Santa poting prezunts in his slay.

By Iris.

A sense of Christmas



I hear santa clors stepping on my roof,
I smell cooceas bakeing in the hot red
fiyery uvin,
I feel snoflaks forling down onto my skin,
I see bisea rayndere runing in the skye,
I taste jinjer bred man crochea in my
tomea.

By Nova

A sense of Christmas



I hear bels ringing on the Christmas tree,
I see a white snow man sstanding
silotlee,
I feel soft snow forling on my fase,
I smell a spikee Christmas tree.

By Havana

