



Dear Families,

What a lovely week it has been.

The hall was decorated, as is tradition, for our last two weeks of term. The theme this year is 'Santa's Workshop' so the hall looks very festive. We had decorated 'the school giraffe' and added the school logo to it.

Next week we have lots to look forward to including our Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 14th and the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 15th. If you are coming to the bazaar please could you bring lots of loose change to support our young people doing some 'Maths' work' whilst they man their stalls.

Wrens Class News

In Wrens sensory play opportunities are very important to our little ones so food and edible playdough to touch and taste is great to support those needs.



We have recently been able to find a free piano to support our singing in class and this has been very popular for everyone – children and adults alike! Some of the children are beginning to use song symbols to ask for their favourite tunes which is fantastic.



As we get ready for Christmas, we have been painting our feet for our penguin Christmas board. This was a great way to play with feet and have a massage before having feet painted with a brush. It proved very relaxing for some of the children.

Churchill Class News

Churchill class are collecting donations for two charities – EACH and Arthur Rank hospices as part of their volunteering for the Duke of Edinburgh award. We visited the shops to see what sort of things they needed and would like to thank everyone who has donated to our appeal. We are continuing to collect donations and will take them to the shops in the New Year.



The giraffe came to Churchill this week. Three of the students have been adding the finishing touches to the giraffe, including the school logo.



Castle Nativity

It is the Primary Christmas Nativity on Wednesday 13th December at 10.15am.

Please remember to return the reply slip to book a seat in the audience.

Christmas Requests

As part of our annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday 15th December we will be having a raffle, tombola and bric-a-brac/book stall. If you or any one you know has any suitable prizes or items you wish to donate we would love them! Please send them in by Wednesday 13th December. Please ensure they are clearly labelled 'For the Christmas Bazaar' or 'FAO Kathryn Langran' so they don't get mixed up with donations for the school shop! From next week there will also be a box in Reception for donated Bazaar items. If you also know of any companies that would like to donate a prize, please get in touch by emailing klangran@castle.cambs.sch.uk so we can organise collection. Many festive thanks! Kathryn & Clare.

School Giraffe

Break, together with delivery partners Wild in Art, are bringing a brand new sculpture trail to Cambridge. Thirty Two giraffes will capture the imagination of Cambridge residents and visitors.

Alongside the 32 Tall Giraffes, over 50 Mini Giraffes will stand alongside them forming a mini trail of their own.

We have been very fortunate to be chosen to decorate one of these Giraffes and our students and staff have done a great job decorating it!



Star Radio performance



Listen out for our school choir singing the Sleeps Till Santa jingle on Star Radio on Thursday 14th December. You'll hear their fabulous singing and some great interviews by some of our pupils

too. They will be broadcast on 100.7FM at 6.30am, 7.30am and 8.30am

Kettle's Yard Studio Sunday – Relaxed Session

**Coming up: Sunday 10 December, 12 – 1pm;
Sunday 14 January 2024, 12 – 1pm**

We invite families with children who have additional sensory needs to join us at Kettle's Yard for our relaxed Studio Sunday session. These quieter art making workshops aim to provide a comfortable creative experience at Kettle's Yard.

In our Clore Learning Studio, participants can make art inspired by artworks and ideas at Kettle's Yard, supported by artists and volunteers. No prior art experience is required.

Activities are designed for children ages 3–11 and we encourage parents and carers to create alongside their child.

Pre-booking is required for this free disability-friendly workshop tailored for families seeking an inclusive art experience together.

FREE, bookings required.

Sunday 10 December session, book here:
<https://www.kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/studio-sunday-disability-friendly-quiet-session-10-12/>

Sunday 14 January session, book here:
<https://www.kettlesyard.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/studio-sunday-disability-friendly-quiet-session-14-1/>



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