Newsletter

TIBBERTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School News

Executive Head's Message

Dear Parents

We are at the end of the Autumn term, and Christmas is nearly with us. It has been lovely to share Nativity performances, Christingle services and a Church service with the children and many of you.

As this is my last newsletter before finishing in my role as Executive Head this week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the last four years. I have truly loved working with your children- they are a joy and bring so much happiness to Tibberton every day. I would also like to express my thanks to the staff who are a capable and strong team, and whom I will miss.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2025- may it be filled with love and laughter, peace and joy, and I pray that the good times will outweigh the bad.

Romans 15:13 - May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With best wishes,

Mrs Nash

Head's Message

Dear Parents,

Well what a year we are about to see out! Some incredible memories of school events and visits over the last twelve months from sporting competitions to academic achievements and punctuated by our Ofsted inspection too. There is an incredible warmth to the school at the moment with children celebrating each other's efforts and being wonderful friends to one another.

Of course, it also marks the point at which Mrs Nash departs the federation for her new job at the Diocese of Lichfield. Her first few months in the job were spent in the strange world of CoVid times but then on her return she drove through significant school improvement and she will be sincerely missed by the pupils and staff at Tibberton. We hope she stays in touch and know that she will be thinking of us as she criss-crosses the country visiting other schools.

The New Year will bring lots to look forward to. New opportunities to flourish with stronger links to our church and community as well as developments in our outdoor environment (check out those new playground markings!), an improved library and the latest technology. Watch this space!

Until then please enjoy the holidays with your fantastic youngsters, sharing in their excitement of Christmas and all that this time of year brings with it.

Mr C. Battrick

Attendance Award

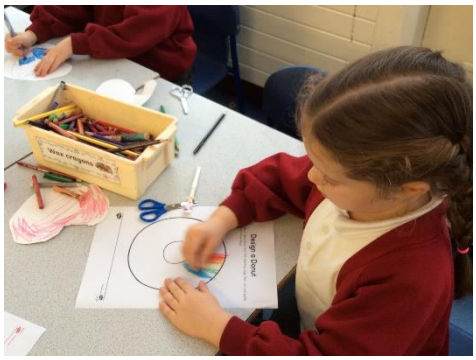
This week's attendance award goes to **Class 2** with an attendance total of 99.1%

Total School Attendance 95.9%

In Brief / Community

Doughnut Day

On Monday the whole school held 'Doughnut Day'. We used the idea of a ring doughnut 🍩 and in Reception we described it as being all the things we love, such as our family and friends, the things we like to do and the places we like to go. The middle of the doughnut is the space that God fills. God can fill the hole for people in many different ways. Some people like to meditate to feel connected to God. Some people are connected most to God when they read or when they create something. Some people feel most connected to God when they are surrounded by nature. We created our own heart frames to frame what we loved about being surrounded by nature. And of course we had to eat a doughnut too!



In class 5, we have learnt that there are 9 different types of spiritual person. We know that people like to connect to God through different ways so we began our day with mindful colouring, we wrote about a picture that made us feel joy or peace, we meditated and ate some delicious doughnuts.

The children in class 2 did many activities throughout the day to fill their doughnuts.

Here are a few pics of the children during meditation and a mindfulness activity.

Playground Fun

Our playground has had the finishing touches added and is now all complete for the children to enjoy. There is a fabulous roadway where the younger children can enjoy developing their physical skills and riding vehicles around. There are skipping areas, jumping areas and great dancing areas that are very well used by children of all ages. It is great to see how many different ways the hundred square can be used. The children have been very creative in the games they have devised. We are sure the children would agree that the new markings are making playtimes so much more fun!

The whole school went to the Pantomime on Thursday 19th December. Everyone had a great time and the children represented the school magnificently.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE at All Saints Church

On Friday we celebrated the annual Christmas Carol Service with the whole school in attendance.

All Saints' Church was packed for the event with standing room only. Rev Kay gave us the festive blessing reminding us of the significance of Christmas in our Christian Calendar. It was wonderful to hear the story of Christmas, and some wonderful singing from the pupils from Reception right up to Year 6.

Later in the day, all the children gathered in the school hall to hear Mr Battrick read the story "The Christmas Miricle of Jonathan Toomey" – the tale of woodcarver who rediscovers the true joy of this time of year.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Superstars of the stage

Four year 6 Tibberton School girls have been busy this Christmas season on the Warner Brothers Rail Event The Polar Express at Telford Steam Railway. Tabitha, Erin- Mae, Bella and Emma pupils of Newport Musical Theatre Academy all obtained a professional acting contract playing the part of Holly in this popular immersive magical event replicating the popular movie which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. Performing to over a record 23,000 customers this year the girls shone bright in their performances up and down the track journeying to "The North Pole" performing up to 8 shows a night and will be looking forward to a well-earned rest over Christmastime.

As well as heading into the last two terms at Tibberton these talented girls will embark on their grade 5 exams in acting and musical theatre for The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts next term. Well done all.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for all their help and support and for raising funds for the school. A huge thank you to all the children who took part in the sponsored run and for the money raised they raised. This year they have funded school furniture, the cost of transportation, technology and playground resources that are helping to make a real difference to children's learning and experiences.

We would also like to thank the Village shop for their donations to the school and The Tibberton C of E Primary School Trust Fund.

(The Tibberton Church of England Primary Trust Fund was established 1983 when the proceeds from the sale of the old School House were invested for the benefit of the children and young people of the village of Tibberton. Grants are awarded from the interest gained from the investment twice per year, May and September.)

☆ Superstars of the Week ☆

Class 1- Finley T for amazing phonics. Finley has worked so hard to remember the phonemes and use this skill to read simple words.

Class 2 – Jacob for always being ready to learn.

Class 3 – Bertie for his improved attitude and effort in reading

Class 4 – The whole of class 4 for being so kind and welcoming to a new member of their class

Class 5 –Rory who has been peer selected for being a good role model and being kind in class and on the playground

Dates for your Diary

22nd December	Carol Service 4pm – All Saints Church
24th December	Christingle Service 3pm – All Saints Church
6th January	PD day
7th January	Return to school

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