



Christmas here we come!

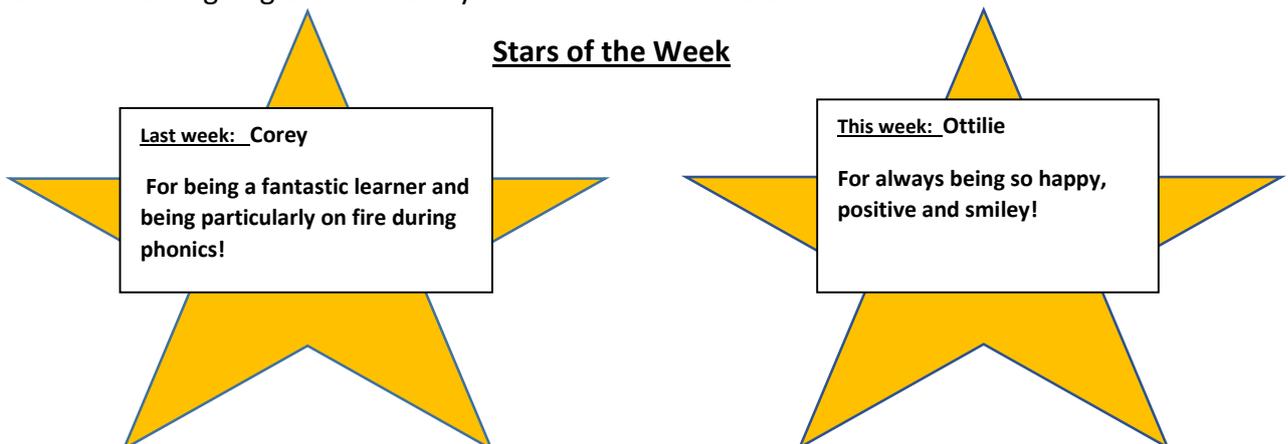
It is hard to believe we are at the end of Week 4 as we move closer to Christmas. As you know, this year, we are looking at ways we can celebrate the Christmas story and have hopefully all received letters about the role your child will have in our Christmas play. Next week we also have our Christmas lunch. This was a change in date from the original date given and will be on **Friday 4th December**. Your child can wear a festive/colourful/Christmas jumper on this day. On the morning of 4th December, we had hoped that we would be able to invite you in to join us in making some Christmas crafts, but unfortunately this is not going to be possible. However, we will send you pictures on Tapestry so you can join in with the festive fun at home!

We will of course be having a Christmas party on **Friday 18th December** and children are welcome to wear party clothes to school on that day. However, your child will need to wear suitable shoes and a warm coat as they will still play outside during the day. I would like to extend my warmest thanks to Imogen, Otilie's mum who has helped to organise a letter inviting parental contributions for the Christmas party (see letter) I would also like to thank all of you in advance as I know that you will all support Imogen's quest to make the children's first Christmas at Two Rivers CofE Primary School, one to remember!

Star of the week and Values celebrations

Each week, on a Friday we have a Celebration service to celebrate and praise the children for their wonderful contributions to school life. We think about what amazing citizens they are and share how proud we are of each of them. Although we have not yet established a school set of common and shared values, we speak often in the class about those values that help us to be the best we can be, such as kindness, honesty and respect. These values are based upon the Christian Values. We have decided that in addition to a Star of the Week each week, we will also have a Values certificate which will be given to a child who has demonstrated going above and beyond with the focus value.

Stars of the Week



Values

Last week: Ruby

Ruby is always kind and is a brilliant role model to others. Other children talk about how kind she is.

This week: Finley

Finley shows his friends kindness and will help his friends if they are not always being kind.

Vision and Values progress



Wow! Thank you so much for all of your work with your child at home as we begin to think about the vision and values we would like to have at Two Rivers. This has been shared with the children who engaged brilliantly in thinking about the future and what we want the School community to be like. Great to see some common themes. Thank you so much – I thoroughly enjoyed reading and looking at the wonderful ideas you had. I will continue to consult with all stakeholders on the School vision and values throughout the year so watch this space!

Church Involvement

As you all know, we have been brilliantly supported by St Johns church and the Clergy team who have provided amazing Collective Worship sessions for the children each week this term. We have now started learning about the story of Christmas. On Monday this week, the children were really excited as they got to open a gift from the church – a beautiful bauble depicting Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. The children will have the Christmas story in parts, over the next few weeks with a new bauble to represent each significant part of the story. Here is the bauble that we unwrapped this week which is currently on the ornamental tree in our Reflection area. In our Collective Worship, the children thought about how the journey would have been hard for Mary and Joseph and even started to think about how frustrated the innkeeper would have felt, trying to accommodate all of the visitors when his Inn was full!



Forest School

The children attended their first Forest School session this week and had a fabulous time exploring the area. They made wonderful name necklaces out of wood and when they came back to the classroom they wanted to tell me all about it.



Thank you so much for your continued support. We talk in class about Two Rivers being the best school in the world. We are all so proud of your children and they are truly wonderful. They are learning so much and we tell them every day how brilliant they are.

Thank you to all of you!

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Mrs Carver