

COULSDON CHRONICLE – WEEK 15 – DECEMBER 2023

Attendance Champions Autumn Term

- 1st Place – Year 4: 96.85%
- 2nd Place – Year 5: 96.11%
- 3rd Place – Year 1: 96.10%
- 4th Place – Year 2: 94.97%
- 5th Place – Year 3: 94.71%
- 6th Place – Year R: 94.48%
- 7th Place – Year 6: 94.26%

Reflection

The children considered some of the Christmas imagery and traditions and how they can help us think of the true meaning of Christmas. We looked at the evergreens that are often used in Christmas wreaths and how the use of evergreens can act as a sign of God and his everlasting love. The children also reflected that the circle has no end just like God's love has no end. We also discussed that some people see Christmas trees as an arrow pointing to God to remind us that he is always there.

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
“We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only
Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth”*

John 1:14

Notes from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

The Christmas holidays have arrived and I am sure everyone is ready for a well earned rest.

The term finished with a lovely Carol Service at the church in which I am sure the children (and parents) sang beautifully. It has been so nice to hear some of the traditional Christmas carols and see the children perform, either in groups or as soloists.

It has been a wonderful but very busy term and there have been so many events that act as shining examples of how special our community is. The kindness, care and commitment to Coulsdon C of E school continues to shine through everything we do and highlights just how strong our community is.

Sadly, a much loved member of our community is moving on to another venture next term. Mrs Newsome has touched many lives at Coulsdon and I know will be missed. Mrs Newsome is kind, caring and passionate about supporting the children in our school and we wish her the very best as she moves to a new school where she will continue to support children to reach their full potential. I would like to say a huge thank you for all she has done and wish her the very best of luck.

I pray that Coulsdon staff, children and families have a well deserved break and enjoy some festive fun. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8th January. In the meantime, I wish you all a very restful and festive break.

Mr Garratty

Curriculum Corner

New topics to look forward to for the new year! Here are the new spring topics:

Reception: Around the world

Year 1: Bright lights, big city

Year 2: Coastlines

Year 3: Rocks, relics and rumble

Year 4: Misty mountains, winding rivers

Year 5: Sow, grow and farm

Year 6: Frozen kingdom

Uniform

Looking ahead to returning to school on Monday 8th January, can I please remind parents to check the uniform policy on our website. If purchasing new clothing for school, please make sure it is compliant with the policy - especially in regards to shoes. Thank you.

Message from Mrs Newsome

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to all the families for all of your support over the years. It has been a real pleasure working with everyone and an honour to have taught so many children. I will really miss our Coulsdon community and the love and warmth I have received from you all. Hope to see you around and about and hear how everyone is getting on!
Mrs Newsome

