



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 6 Newsletter: Autumn, Week 13

What have we explored this week?

What a wonderful end to the Autumn Term Year 6 have had!

On Tuesday, two of our school governors came to visit to tell the class about their fathers' roles during World War Two. The children were fascinated to hear how the two men fought in the same war, yet their experiences were so different! As always, the class had lots of questions for our visitors!

To celebrate the religious aspect of Christmas, we made Christingles on Wednesday. The children used an orange (to represent the world), red ribbon (to represent the love of Jesus), sweets (to represent God's creations) and a candle (to represent light, hope and happiness).

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Thursday, all were so impressed with Year 6's performance during the Carol Service.

The Year 6 speakers were articulate and our singers sang beautifully. The band also brought a coolness to the service with their rockstar rendition of Carol of the Bells.

The week (almost) ended with the House Netball Competition: Winchester were the Year 5 and 6 winners, but Canterbury were the overall KS2 champions!

Things to Remember

- If you have not yet connected to your child's ClassDojo account, please follow the link below:

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=CHBP987>

As well as being a way of enabling quick communication between home and school, ClassDojo is used to award and tally house points, so you will be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

You do not need to sign up for the paid 'Plus' version of Class Dojo.

Wellbeing Update from Mr Jones:

- If your child wishes to apply to join our next group of **Wellbeing Ambassadors**, they should write a letter, using the template handed out this week. Deadline for applications is Friday 17th January.
- We invite all parents to complete the following Wellbeing survey. We are so keen to hear your thoughts once again on the wellbeing provision on offer at St James. Please use the following link: <https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/674dbf2243252>

Maths update from Ms Foster:

- The Power of Maths practice books link with our curriculum and teaching style. Children can complete 6A as this will cover our teaching throughout this term. Some families may wish to move onto B and C but please be aware that we are yet to cover some of these concepts yet:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/products?page=1&product=20>

Oak Academy is an excellent resource for recapping and learning specific topics: <https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/key-stages/ks2/subjects>

- If you fancy a challenge, then have a go at DecemBAR! A set of challenges designed to encourage problem solving using drawings of bars to represent the mathematics. The questions get progressively more challenging: <https://whiteroseeducation.com/resources/decembar>

- Children should continue to attempt to make their 'heatmap' green in Garage mode. Children who have completed this can have a go at improving their studio time.
- Nrich is a fantastic site for reasoning and problem-solving challenges:
<https://nrich.maths.org/parents/primary>
- Children must bring their blazers on Fridays.
- School will return on **Wednesday 8th January**.
- Swimming will recommence on **Friday 10th January**. Please ensure the children wear a warm coat to walk to and from the swimming pool.