

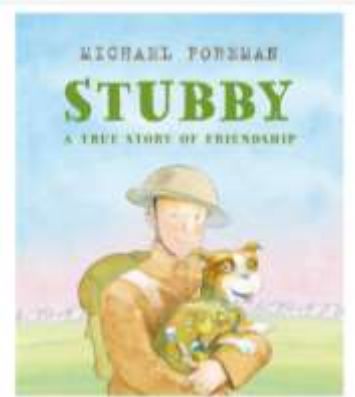
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

School has been buzzing with creativity, hard work and lots of fun this week. Children have been completing some assessment jobs which will help us plan their learning and identify areas to revisit. I've seen some previews of dances, songs and drama where the children appeared to be having lots of fun in preparation for The Christmas Jigsaw. Some have been singing on Seesaw which has been such fun to watch. Year 4 Forest School Tuesday was incredible – if muddy – and I'm so excited to let you know that Mrs Everitt completed her Forest School Lead Practitioner assessment this week!

**Anti-bullying** – or friendship – themes have been running throughout the week. Children are reminded of our S.T.O.P. code and we've shared some top tips and charter. We've enjoyed the story of Stubby by Michael Foreman. This is a true story of friendship which we compared with the film. Our thoughts have also been with the few children isolating at home. We look forward to welcoming you back as soon as possible and well done for submitting so much of your work on Seesaw.



I'd also like to take this anti-bullying (friendship)week to thank all our parents and wider community. We are working hard to present a usual and happy, calm environment for our children each day. However, we must not forget that each member of staff has their own personal circumstances, including staff with clinically vulnerable family members. I'm hugely grateful for the work ethic of all our staff many whom are working additional hours to maintain our bubbles, and I'd like to thank our brilliant parents and friends for showing them so much kindness and giving messages of thanks. They do appreciate the encouragement especially during this time. If you do need any help with work on Seesaw or devices do get in touch. Thank you too for all your help at short notice with costume.

Thank you for the **Christmas donations** too. They are all having a quarantine holiday before they reappear in our raffle and fair planned for bubbles to attend later this term.

Last year Mrs Summerbridge introduced

**'Advent of Change'** and explored the themes within the programme with her class. This year, all the classes have the resource. I will copy the parent newsletter to explain this in more detail.



Year 4 ... remember you have **Funfest** next Wednesday (PE KIT) and Year 3 will be filmed on Thursday and Year 4 on Friday.

**Remote Learning Books** Your child will bring home a purple wallet with two empty workbooks today. The best outcome is that they remain unused. However, in the event your child's class is required to isolate they may support learning at home. There is a sheet to collate passwords. As most know their passwords this may be of little use but please do use it to write on their passwords if at all beneficial.

As we approach what promises to be a dry couple of days, I hope everyone has a really good weekend. Best wishes, *Catherine Holmes*



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to introduce you to Advent of Change, a not-for-profit organisation that raises money and awareness for multiple charities. You may have seen their products over the last two years which have raised over £300,000 for charity. We have decided this year to buy Their Children's Advent Calendar which gives 50p a day to 24 charities. As the daily door is opened, you not only find out which amazing charity you have supported, but also what the donation means to that charity.

Alongside this calendar, AoC have developed a school programme which is freely available to anyone who has purchased the calendar. It contains modules, activities and information to run alongside the calendar and helps use the advent calendar in classrooms to talk to the children about charities, their work and about making the world a better and fairer place for everyone.

We will be using the resources to talk with the children about topics such as why charity is needed, the type of work they do across all sectors and why the values of kindness and respect are so important. In December, we will be using the Children's Advent Calendar and opening the daily window to see what charity is that day's recipient and what the donation means to them.

A full list and details of the charities included in the children's advent calendar can be found on their website ([www.adventofchange.com](http://www.adventofchange.com)), along with lots of information about AoC and the work they are doing. As we may end up opening some of the Advent Calendar windows ahead of their 'designated' date, AoC have asked that we avoid putting 'spoilers' on social media as obviously the majority of the calendars will be used in homes and therefore run through to Christmas Eve.

If you have any queries about what we are planning, please do contact Mrs Summerbridge.

Yours sincerely,

*C.A. Holmes*

