



## Walton and Lees Hill CE Primary School News

Caring, sharing and always learning

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On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we were all very excited to be able to return to school and be together again. To acknowledge how special this was, all children were invited to come to school in special clothes, bring something special with them, to share with their class and we had a special party lunch to celebrate. We even had colourful banners and table cloths to mark the special occasion!



Before school was forced to close in January, we managed to enjoy lots of our usual Christmas celebrations. These included making a DVD performance of our Christmas play 'Lights, camel, Action!', our whole school Christmas party, a visit from Santa, Christmas lunch and carols around the Christmas tree.

New for this year, we now have a Christmas tree in our school grounds. We enjoyed a community celebration in early December, where members of the community came to see the

Christmas tree and place a decoration. Thank you to all who supported this, gave a donation towards the lights for the tree and to Tarn Road Nurseries, who kindly donated the tree to school.



At the end of the autumn term, one of the treats for the children was a science show. This was brilliant and the children could experience different aspects of science first hand. Carrie Ann from The Science Booth was very impressed with the different scientific comments and questions from the children. Because the children worked so hard during lockdown, we invite Carrie Ann back for a Zoom practical session. The children made marshmallow cannons and bubble worms. We all had so much fun and we were able to share plenty of virtual laughter!



Our Christian value for focus as we approach Easter is *Perseverance*. We are thinking about the different ways we can show perseverance in our learning and how this is displayed in different stories.



The children in the infant class are learning more about dinosaurs and linking this to all aspects of learning. A 'materialasaurus' has appeared in school, which the children designed and created whilst thinking about their scientific knowledge.

The children in the junior class have explored the story of The Grotlyn in different ways. Their work has been brought together amongst many of the skills used!



Keeping up the the reading theme, children were invited to enter the Bookends character illustration competition, which was running for World Book Day. Hannah was awarded a £10 Bookends voucher for her detailed picture of the Gruffalo! He looked splendid! Each child was given a book as a gift for World Book Day when they returned to school and they were also given a book token to collect a free book.

Fiona Stobbart, Acting Head Teacher

*'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me' Phillipians 4.13*

