

The Early Bird

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'I have come in order that you might have life - Life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

Dear Parents,

Teachers met with some local schools to quality assure our children's writing. It was beneficial to share good practice with each other, and see how well our children are doing. Well done teachers too! Mrs Johnstone, our school partner, was in school yesterday to take a close look at our writing curriculum against the new Writing Framework, and we have a strong start for our children in nursery and reception, and many aspects are carefully built on, as our children move through school in their spoken language, spelling, handwriting and sentence construction.

We are lucky to have Miss Wardle back in school full time very soon following her maternity leave. She supports our children's awareness of future careers and she will be thrilled to see what some of our year 6 children have been undertaking through the police cadets programme. Lots of problem solving taking place this week.

Well done to all for the amazing contribution to the Children in Need charity. So many bright colours in school that day and great designs on t-shirts!

This week the school was transformed overnight by Santa's elves. The classroom doors were transformed in to Christmas songs and Carols. We have heard some lovely voices floating through school as they sing these.

We also cannot bring the newsletter to an end without saying another good bye and good luck to Miss Dabbs. Miss Dabbs has worked at the school as a school cook for many years. She is also known around the Trent Vale community for her always thinking of others, and we can all agree she will be a great loss to our school. She knew our children and spoke to each and every person, every day. She brought care for our community that is priceless.

Enjoy the weekend ahead as we enter Advent and we look forward to seeing as many of you soon for our Christmas services.

Mrs SM Bowyer Headteacher

Prayer—1st Sunday in Advent

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen



Dedication - Courage - Joy



DATES
FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Thursday 11th—LKS2 Christmas Service (am)

UKS2 Christmas Service (pm)

Friday 12th— EYFS—Christmas Service (am)

KS1—Christmas Service (pm)

Thursday 18th—Christmas dinner/jumper day

Friday 19th—Party day

Friday 19th—End of term - School closes at the end of day as normal
(3.10pm)

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January

Tuesday 6th - Children return to school - Doors open from 8.30am

Wednesday 7th—whole school visit to the New Vic to watch The Little
Mermaid

February

Tuesday 6th—Parents evening

Wednesday 7th parents evening

Monday 16th to Friday 20th -Half term

Monday 23rd—school opens

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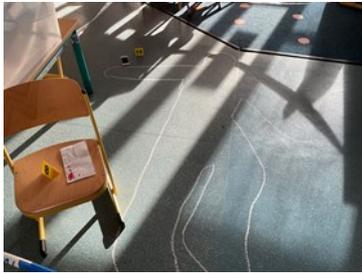
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Police Cadets

When the police cadets met, they found out a crime had happened in the reception 2 class. With all the evidence they could find, it was up to them to solve the crime!



Wednesday Night

On Wednesday night we had our little visitors who came to decorate our school ready for Christmas. I'm sure you agree they did a great job!





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You're Invited!

ENCOUNTER CAFÉ

- **When:** Every Tuesday
- **Time:** 8.30am– 10:00am (after drop-off)
- Come along for a friendly chat, a hot drink, and a chance to:
 - Meet other parents and carers
 - Share ideas and experiences
 - Catch up on school news
 - Listen to invited speakers
 - Have fun doing Arts & Crafts

Everyone is welcome – even if you can only stay for a short while. Younger children are also welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!



A Pupil's Poem

Last Friday we said goodbye to Miss Dabbs. She will be sadly missed. Lillian wrote her a poem well done Lillian

Dear Mrs Dabs

Thank you for the smiles you bring,

For every joke and song you sing.

Lunchtimes won't feel the same -

'But I'm so glad you came.

We'll miss you more than words can say

And I hope you are happy every day

hope you come back some day, ♡



We will miss you ♡

Lillian

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Family Hub



NEW!! SEND FAMILY GROUPS

A monthly support group for parents and carers of children and young people (age 0 -25 years) with special educational needs or disabilities. The groups are designed to offer support, helpful resources, professional advice, and a sense of community for families.

You can attend alone or bring your child(ren) along - activities will be available to keep young children entertained. Our groups provide a safe and welcoming environment where you can chat, ask questions, and connect with other families.

WHAT TO EXPECT

We welcome all parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) regardless of diagnosis. Attendance is completely free, and light refreshments will be provided.

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WHERE AND WHEN

Our SEND Family Groups will take place monthly at the following family hubs. To discover the dates and times for your preferred hub, please visit our website at www.projectindl.org.uk/sendfamily or feel free to reach out to us.

- ♥ Bentlee Family Hub
- ♥ Chel Heath Family Hub
- ♥ Normacot Family Hub
- ♥ Shelton Family Hub



For more information or to book your place, feel free to contact us:

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