



Headteacher writes:

**'Bah, Humbug! - Scrooge - A Christmas Carol**

We can all find things a little overwhelming at times and want to say 'Bah, Humbug!' to particular situations. At the moment, some may feel tired, under the weather or anxious about what will happen over the holiday. Some can find the darker mornings and evenings a challenge. But we know that very soon the days will once again start to get longer. We can also reflect on the positives we have experienced this year. In the story of A Christmas Carol, Scrooge is miserable and spreads misery until he reflects over his life and sees the missed opportunities. He awakes on Christmas morning a new man - refreshed and positive and ready to bring joy into his life and the lives of others.

**'I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.' - Scrooge - A Christmas Carol**

At a recent training session, I was reminded of a poem that is very powerful and focuses on the importance and impact of being positive or being negative.

One evening, an elderly Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside each of us. He said, "My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all. One is evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego. The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith."

"The same fight is going on inside you—and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "**The one that you feed.**"

Which wolf will you choose to feed?

Yours in partnership,

Mike, Headteacher

**Christmas Performances**

Next week, the children are looking forward to showing you all their hard work throughout this term in their performances.

Please remember if you attending the performances:

- We ask families to be mindful of space - it is limited!
- There will be a buggy drop at the back of the church or in the school library at the Junior school.
- There will be a charity collection at the church and Junior school after each performance.

The Junior school will be supporting Save the Children, a £5 donation to this charity can help with:

	<b>Save the Children</b>						
	<b>41</b>	OR	<b>29</b>	OR	<b>3</b>	OR	<b>0</b>
	water purification tablets		malnutrition treating food sachets		midwives' birth kits		new-born baby hygiene kits

The Infant school will be supporting The Julian Trust who help support homelessness in Bristol.



If any person visiting needs access arrangements, knowing this in advance would be easier to plan for - as we will be getting large numbers of adults for performances. Please speak to the school office.

**Dates for your Diary**

**Infant School**

- Tuesday 17th December**—Year 2 Nativity—2pm
- Wednesday 18th December**—Year 1 Nativity—2pm
- Thursday 19th December**—Year R Nativity—2pm
- Friday 20th December 2024**—Class Parties

**Junior School**

- Wednesday 18th December 2024**— Years 3 & 4 Performance—3.30pm Junior Hall
- Thursday 19th December 2024**—Years 5 & 6 Performance—3.30pm Junior Hall
- Friday 20th December 2024**—Class Parties

### Year 1 Reading Workshop

Year 1 Parents/carers are invited to a Reading workshop on:

**Tuesday 14th January at 9am**

At the Infant school. We hope you can join us!

### Year 2 Reading Workshop

Year 2 Parents/carers are invited to a Reading workshop on:

**Thursday 16th January at 9am**

At the Infant school. We hope you can join us!

### Christmas in a Box

This week, we were visited by members of the local church community who held Christmas in a Box sessions for our Year 2 children. The children really engaged with this event and enjoyed taking part.

We would like to thank Miss Mahmood for organising this event and also the church helpers who voluntarily gave up their time to deliver these sessions. We really appreciate this and all the support we get from the local community. Thank you.



When:

**Sunday 15 December, 11am**

Where:







**Chester Park Junior School**

Everyone is welcome to join us at our carol service. The service will include carols, readings, songs and a short talk. Hot drinks and mince pies will be served after the service.

[citychurch.org.uk/christmas](http://citychurch.org.uk/christmas)

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
CHRISTMAS AT CITY CHURCH**

# Weekly Celebrations

	<b>Dojo Hero</b> 	<b>Pot of Gold</b> 		<b>Dojo Hero</b> 	<b>Gold Card</b> 
<b>Class</b>	<b>Infant School</b>		<b>Class</b>	<b>Junior School</b>	
<b>Badger</b>	Rosie	Wafiq	<b>Apple</b>	Ollie	Rashid, Nicholas
<b>Rabbit</b>	Anaya		<b>Pear</b>	Ray	Isla, Jensen
<b>Squirrel</b>	Summer-Pearl	Eric, Eze	<b>Cherry</b>	Kaden	Reveal, Umaima
<b>Bumblebee</b>	Subhaan	Indiana	<b>Acer</b>	Crawford	Ollie, Kavae
<b>Hedgehog</b>	Haider		<b>Rowan</b>	Vanessa	Amelia, Zac
<b>Otter</b>	Nancy	Amber	<b>Cypress</b>	Lana	Andreas, Rowan, Catherine
<b>Owl</b>	Kensa		<b>Hawthorn</b>	Kate	Kunba, Amschel
<b>Fox</b>	Hareem	Flo, Xintong	<b>Sycamore</b>	Adam	Marwah, Shanya
<b>Ducklings</b>			<b>Maple</b>	Jasvinder	Leah P, Seth
<b>Woodlands</b>			<b>Ash</b>	Sasha	Reuben, Leona
			<b>Whitebeam</b>	Habeeb	Shaheen, Iqra
<b>Congratulations to this weeks winners!</b>			<b>Oak</b>	Corey	Dilawar, Zaiyan

<b>Class</b>	<b>Weekly Attendance</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Weekly Attendance</b>
<b>Badger</b>	90.9%	<b>Apple</b>	95.4%
<b>Rabbit</b>	77.7%	<b>Pear</b>	88.9%
<b>Squirrel</b>	82.7%	<b>Cherry</b>	91.7%
<b>Bumblebee</b>	91.0%	<b>Acer</b>	87.6%
<b>Hedgehog</b>	90.9%	<b>Rowan</b>	84.7%
<b>Otter</b>	91.7%	<b>Cypress</b>	86.9%
<b>Owl</b>	83.6%	<b>Sycamore</b>	95.2%
<b>Fox</b>	90.7%	<b>Hawthorn</b>	87.4%
		<b>Maple</b>	93.1%
		<b>Whitebeam</b>	91.0%
		<b>Ash</b>	90.0%