



*'Une petite êkole duve d'grans ambisions'*

**Quote of the Week:**

“Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart.”  
The Polar Express



**News from Sark School - 13/12/24**

As we approach the festive season and the end of term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a fabulous school year so far. The children have shown tremendous growth and resilience, and it is heartening to see their enthusiasm and love for learning. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in their education.

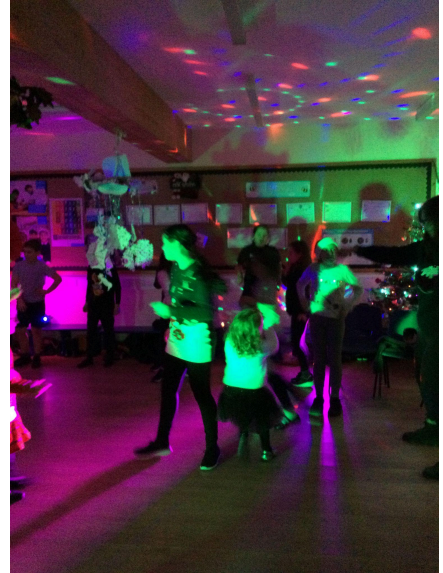
With Christmas just around the corner, I encourage you all to embrace this time as an opportunity to connect with family and friends. It is so important to create lasting memories during this season. Whether you gather around the dinner table, venture out to see the lights, or simply enjoy cosy evenings at home, these moments together are what we will cherish in the years to come.

However, amidst the festivities, do remember to take a moment to reflect on what truly matters. The values of kindness, gratitude, and togetherness are essential, and instilling these in our children will help them grow into compassionate individuals. Perhaps you could consider engaging in activities that promote giving back to the community or shared interests that strengthen familial bonds.

As we wrap up this term, I would also like to remind you of some important dates. The last day of school is Friday 20th December when we finish at 12 lunchtime, and we will resume classes on Tuesday 7th January. We have planned various enjoyable activities leading up to the break, and I assure you that the children will leave the term having had a wonderful experience.

Finally, I wish you all a joyful Christmas filled with laughter, warmth, and happiness. May you enjoy this special time together, and we look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year, re-energised and ready for more learning adventures.

Best wishes,  
Michelle Brady



**Around the classrooms - A weekly round up of what we've been getting up to**



**This week's certificate winners.**

## Class 1

We have had lots of fun making cards and hats with the artist Robin. Robin is a regular visitor to Sark and is an artist. She lives in America so we are very lucky to have her visit. She told us how she loves to come to paint and that she finds the surroundings of Sark lend themselves to doing so. This week has been a week of Christmas fun. We had so much fun at our Christmas disco and we also helped at our Christmas Fair. We really enjoyed coming to school in our Christmas jumpers and learning all about the charity Save the Children who help children all around the world to have a better life. This linked into our current work all around Right Respecting Schools.

We continue to learn about keeping pets healthy and in our Science we were looking at the best type of paper to mop up when our young pets may have had an accident. We used the word absorbency and dry, improving our vocabulary.

Class 1 look forward to entertaining you at our School Nativity next week. See you there!



## Class 2

Oh my goodness there is so much going on in Class 2 but despite all the crazy Christmas fun (of which there is a bucket load) everyone is managing really well to keep their focus on normal learning too. I was really impressed with the curiosity and kindness that shone through as Class 2 learnt about *The Convention on the Rights of the Child* as we embark on our whole school community journey to becoming a *Rights Respecting School*. Class 2 collectively agreed upon five Rights that were especially important to them, to display on our Class Charter, which other classes will use as inspiration for their own. We have raced through 'Dixie O'Day: In the Fast Lane' in our group reader

with all of the children loving the story so much the next in the series is already on order! I absolutely love the photo in the second row (middle), it demonstrates perfectly the focus and determination every child is currently showing in Maths ahead of next week's (low pressure!) quizzes to see how much we've learnt this half term (I promise it's not staged!) Another recent highlight and proud Class 2 teacher moment has been our work on exploring BIG feelings in PSHE. I am sure that you will all agree, learning and understanding the vocabulary to express how we are really feeling is so important for all the little people (and for us big people to understand their emotions better too!) I'm pleased to report that the overriding emotions this week in Class 2 have been EXCITEMENT (school disco), JOY (Christmasss) and ENTHUSIASTIC (belting out those Christmas tunes ready for light switch on and Nativity next week!)



### **Class 3**

Last week we had a very well-travelled visitor in Class 3 called Kirk from West Virginia. He helped us

solve lots of geography-based queries. It was fascinating to hear about different places around the world as diverse as India, Kuwait and the many states of the USA. And also the children loved seeing and learning about the cute but mischievous and sometimes dangerous critters that inhabit West Virginia such as possums, raccoons and black bears. It's certainly an interesting country; from in the ghetto, to in the chapels, down to viva Las Vegas- it's a real graceland. As we head towards the end of the year, plenty of work is still being done- academic and practical, but we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and happy New Year.



<b>A few dates</b>	
<b>13th December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
<b>18th December</b>	<b>Nativity 6pm</b>
<b>19th December</b>	<b>School Christmas Party (non uniform day)</b>
<b>20th December</b>	<b>Term ends 12pm</b>
<b>7th January</b>	<b>Term begins for Pupils</b>

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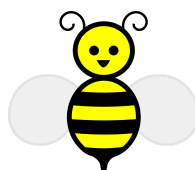
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To arrange a meeting with the Head of School, please email [office@sarkschool.co.uk](mailto:office@sarkschool.co.uk).

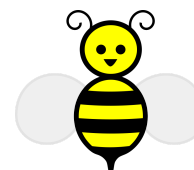
Alternatively, please feel free to drop-in to School any day between 8.00am and 8.15am



**Be Kind**



**Be Curious**



**Be You**