



I hear that lots of you already have your Christmas decorations up. I think we need the sparkle and cheer after the year we've all had. It hasn't been an easy term for lots of people, but we've made it to the end!

Our focus in assembly this week centred on the 6 major religions of the world: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism and Buddhism. We continued the theme of individual liberty and reminded ourselves that some people do choose a religion, while others do not. We compared the similarities and differences across these religions and noticed they all had similar themes, as discussed in last week's comms. Friends and family, gifts, foods, stories, lights, joy, love, kindness and worship, as well as traditions and rituals all form part of religious celebrations and festivals and form a common theme across the very idea of religion and belief. We looked at different places of worship, different symbols related to different religions and how the meaning of the symbols can be similar.

Overall, our message to children when talking about and investigating religion is one of individual liberty and choice. Respect and tolerance are British Values that underpin all such discussions, as is the idea that

religions can be as similar as they are different.



**Amelie Page, YR, Olly Nowok, Y4 and Finley Sheehan, Y5** have shown me how hard they are trying to improve their manners at greeting in the morning. Thank you children. I've noticed a difference!

Our parent compliment this week comes from Geeta, Mya's (Y5) mum. Thank you Geeta. Your kind words mean a lot!

*I just want to share how proud I am of Mya, for being ever so resilient, determined, proactive, responsible and cheerful whilst attending to her school work commitments via Zoom. It's not been easy and she's missed her class teacher and friends SO much!*

*I'd especially like to thank Julie for all her help, support and dedication towards Mya. I understand the challenging demands of a classroom with the addition of a remote online-learning student; with little technical hick-ups here and there, Julie persevered in supporting Mya, somehow always with a warm smile. Thank you so much Julie, you've been awesome!*

## Clubs & Lunches

A polite reminder that club places and final orders for lunch need to be in by **Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**. Please also note that in the recent clubs list, football club was listed as £100, but should have been £90.



## M'Brook Cook Book

After a slight blip (which involved our books being sent back as they were missing their front covers!) our Cook Books are finally with us! They will be on sale from Monday if you haven't pre-ordered, and Joy has kept back copies for people who have.



We can now reveal the winner of our front cover design so congratulations to **KENNY OCHIJE, Y4**.

Kenny, your design followed the brief perfectly and was bold and bright.

Well done to **Jack Steed, Y4**, who was a VERY close runner up!

Lower Primary had such a lovely afternoon for their winter walk. We ambled across the fields and admired the ponies, horses and cows, we stopped to gaze upon the beautiful St. Michael's church and we posted our letters to Santa. Thank you to Erika for joining us for the afternoon. Check our Facebook page for more pictures.



If you wore your Christmas jumper to school but forgot to make your donation, please remember to take it into Joy in the office, who has the collection pot. Thank you.



That's it for this term!



Thank you to each and every member of staff for your dedication to the children and our school. Despite your roles as partners, mothers & fathers, sons & daughters, you've continued to help others in so many ways.....you make a difference!



We have LOTS of birthdays coming up in the holidays, and, as this is the last comms of the autumn term, we need to mention them all now. So a very happy birthday to:

- Joseph Lewis, Y1,**
- Freya Thomas-Webb, Y4,**
- Sarah-Jane, Y3&4 teacher,**
- Becki Peake, MFL teacher.**

We hope you all have lovely celebrations!

Wishing you all a safe and restful winter break, and Happy Christmas if you are celebrating.



See you all back at school on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Sarah

