



School set for a very different Christmas

THIS year, Christmas will be very different as Covid-19 will prevent us from doing loads of fun activities.

However, there will still be lots of exciting events that everyone can take part in.

Unfortunately, we must stay socially distanced so we will be changing a lot of happenings but we will still try to make it an incredibly enjoyable experience.

One event that will take place is the Christmas market. Sadly, this will not be the same as other

years as we will not be having an entire selling around the school.

Instead, we are going to have a Christmas market in the car park outside the school. Each class will make their own items to raise money for charity.

All year groups will set up their class stall at 2:15pm with music, mince pies and hot chocolate for the parents to enjoy. Only two adults per family will be allowed to come due to strict social distancing measures.

Another activity will be

Christmas cards. These will also be different from other years as you will not be able to hand them around the classroom.

Alternatively, a whole school post box will be available at the front of the gates from Monday 30 – Wednesday Dec 2 and will then be quarantined for two days.

The year sixes will distribute the cards to classes after their quarantine period. After that, the children will be allowed to take their Christmas cards home on the following Monday.

Dragons make a trip for Remembrance

ON WEDNESDAY 11 November Farnborough Primary School held a 2 min silence at 11 o'clock to remember all the soldiers who sacrificed their own lives to save their country in World War One.

However, the year 6 Dragons class took a school trip to the Farnborough War Memorial in St Giles the Abbot church. They had to fill out a condition survey based on the memorial, the area around the memorial and the church yard in general.

Some of the questions included: were there any cracked or

peeling pieces on the memorial, were there any trees crowding the memorial and had the memorial been left in good condition.

A woman who was there holding the silence told Mr Atkinson that she was very impressed with how quiet this class was during the silence.

Dragons class also stayed socially distanced from the public and were very sensible.

Hopefully this means that other classes will be able to go on school trips in the very near future.



The memorial at St Giles' Church

Y6s aim for independence

IT IS a great honour to be a V.I.P as you know people trust you and believe in you. V.I.P stands for very independent person and if you get it then it means you are a great role model to the school. Year sixes are the only year group that can get this achievement. We got interviews with 4 of the most recent V.I.Ps and these were their answers:

We asked Amelie how she felt when she got V.I.P and she said "I felt very excited and I went red. I was very proud of myself and happy."

We also questioned her if she is

going to continue the good behaviour and she said that she didn't act well just to get V.I.P but she will continue the good behaviour as she does not want to show that she does not deserve V.I.P as she just got it.

We queried Freya what it meant for her to get V.I.P and she said that she felt proud of herself as she thought other people would get it before her.

We then asked her why she thought she got V.I.P and what advice she would give to other people who want to be V.I.P and she said:

"I think I got V.I.P because I tried to get my work done and my advice is to do good things for the school and listen in class."

We then questioned Saskia (Year 6 Dragons) how will she do things differently now and she said:

"I will be a role model for the school and be helpful, fair and approachable."

Finally we queried Noah if he feels honoured that he is a V.I.P and he quoted,

"Yes because I have always wanted V.I.P and it is like a reward for doing well in class."

The story of Diwali

DIWALI may have passed for this year but I still want you to know the story of Diwali.

7,000 years ago, in the city of Ayodhya, there was a caring and kind king called Dasaratha who ruled the city along with his three queens and four princes.

The eldest prince, Rama, and his beautiful wife Sita, lived happily along with the other three princes and queens and their wives. But one of the king's wives, Manthara was jealous of Rama as she wanted her son to be king.

Dasaratha vowed to his wife that he would do anything for her so sent Rama, Sita and Laksmana to the forest for 14 years.

When they were in the forest, a demoness disguised as a pretty lady saw Rama and asked him to marry her. Rama refused but said that she should ask his younger brother Laksmana instead. However, he also declined the offer so the demoness showed her true form to Laksmana but he cut off her nose and ears and she ran home, screaming.

Unfortunately, the demoness' brother, Ravana, vowed revenge.

With the help of another god, Ravana created a golden deer that Rama and Laksmana chased after, but meanwhile Ravana captured Sita and took her away. When Rama and Laksmana returned, they found that Sita was missing so they thought of a plan.

Whilst thinking, they came across an army of monkeys and bears. Among the monkeys there was one, Hanoman, who had once promised serve Rama.

Hanoman was no ordinary monkey; he could fly, change size and had super-human strength.

There was an almighty battle between the two armies and Hanoman's army killed all of the demons, except one, Ravana.

Rama shot Ravana in the navel, with an arrow the gods had given him, and he died.

On their return, everyone was waiting for them lighting lamps and making fireworks.

This is why some classes have made tea light holders to celebrate the homecoming of Rama and Sita.