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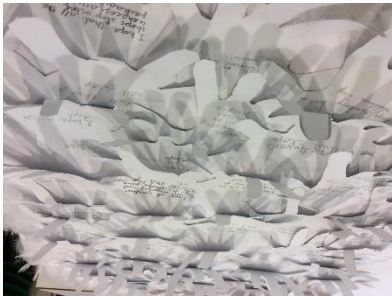
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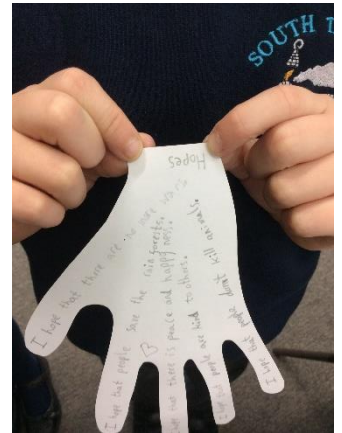
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### Three Hares Angels



Once again over recent weeks, our schools have been a hive of activity and the learning, both within and beyond the classrooms, has been wonderful to witness. As I am sure you will agree, the Global Goals topic this half term has really encouraged some deep thinking. As part of this, all of our Three Hares Primaries have been developing their thinking around the value of 'Hope' – the first value in our Values Toolkit, which we will be developing over the coming year(s). I am delighted to say that during this

week, every child has had the opportunity to select one or two special hopes for the future, write it on to their own hand-shape, cut out of card, and we have used these to create the wings of three angels, created using paper sculpture.



Next week, I will be taking the completed angels to be exhibited in Exeter Cathedral as part of a wide-ranging display over the Christmas period with entries from a variety of organisations. We are excited that people visiting the cathedral for Christmas will have the chance to see our Three Hares Angels and read the children's wonderful hopes for the future! They have written some inspirational messages of hope for a better world e.g "I hope that homeless people can have a comfortable place to live in."; "I hope that our planet can be a safe, happy and wholesome place to live and endangered species will be protected."; "I hope that everybody can live in freedom"; "I hope that shops stop using plastic packaging"; "I hope that children all over the world can learn to read and write". Truly inspirational!

I hope that you will be able to visit the cathedral with your children and see our angels in situ – they look wonderful. Well done to all of our children!

Mrs Underwood

### Open Afternoons

We will not have an Open Afternoon this half term, due to the last week of term being swept up in all things Christmassy. For the rest of the year, we will have an Open Afternoon from 2:30pm on the last day of every half term.

### Ewan Y6 TV Star!

Huge congratulations to Ewan from Year 6 who appeared on BBC Spotlight this week. Ewan is a keen bell-ringer and was extremely articulate and informative about this hobby on the news programme! Well done, Ewan.

### School Photos

The deadline for orders to be made through the school has now passed. If you have missed this opportunity and would still like to place an order, please do so online using the instructions on your order form. The **deadline for online orders is mid-day on Monday 25.11.19.**

### Car seats

Please remember that your child must use a booster seat if they are under 135cm and travelling in a private car for a school trip. If your child is under this height, please bring their seat into school with them for every trip.



## Art Workshop

This week Year 2 took part in a Magic Lantern Art workshop with Imogen Clements. They explored a range of artwork inspired by our Global Goals topic. The children were encouraged to think about the weather and industry depicted in each painting as well as considering their likes and dislikes. Natty said "I'd feel brilliant if I was in the winter picture because it is snowing!" Arwen commented "I'd like to jump straight into the swimming pool painting!"



## Year R tidy up the school grounds

To support the Global Goals theme, Year R have been discussing recycling and keeping our planet clean. With the help of some parents they did a litter pick and collected 3 sacks of leaves and weeds around the school grounds.



## Year 6 Forest School

Year 6 has their first of two forest school sessions on Monday. After exploring the area and reminding themselves of all it has to offer, including the new mud kitchen, they enjoyed a story-themed morning. The children worked in groups to create the covers of their favourite stories using any natural materials they could find. Can you guess what some of them were? The morning ended with sharing our class reader around the fire.





### **Cake Sale this Friday at 15:30**



This Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 will be holding a cake sale on behalf of the PTA. The sale will be held in the hall and everyone is welcome to purchase yummy delights from **15:30. All cakes 50p!**

If anyone would like to donate cakes, please bring them into the Year 5 classroom before school on Friday.

From the fabulous Year 5 cooks.

### **Books**

Over the next few months, I'd like to develop our school library and open it up as a place which children and their parents can visit to borrow books before school each day. I'm hoping to increase the number of children reading for pleasure and sharing books with their families and friends. In order to make the library a success, I'd like to increase our existing book stocks. If you have any children's books at home suitable for any primary school pupils and would be willing to donate them to school, we'd be thrilled to have them.

### **Tea Towel purchase now LIVE**

Don't forget to sign into your School Gateway accounts and buy your tea towels at the super price of £4 each. The **closing date for purchasing is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm.** Once the order is placed, the tea towels will be with us in 7 working days, then pickup arrangements will be communicated to you. All money raised is going to the school library.



**Thank you to Miss Loader** for all the wonderful new books you have gifted to the school as a goodbye present. The whole school had fun opening them in assembly.

**Staff Car Park** – Please do not block the entrance to the car park during drop-off as this has caused problems and is preventing staff from getting into classes on time.

### **KS1 Parents phonics and reading evening**

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding a KS1 parents phonics meeting at 15:30 in the school hall. This will be most suitable to parents of children in year R and 1. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce our new phonics and reading scheme and to give you some vital information in the changes that you will notice over the coming months, so that you are able to help your child with the learning of phonics and help to promote a love of reading.

### **St Petrocks' Christmas Collection**

Following the success of the harvest collection and the compassion which the pupils have shown for people who are homeless or vulnerably housed, some children have asked if we can support the St Petrocks' Christmas Giving service. Please see the attached flier for more information. Please note that the St Petrocks' staff advise that wrapped gifts are labelled male or female and that shoeboxes and excess packaging are avoided as these cause big waste issues in the centre.

### **Dates for your diaries**

- 29.11.19 - Year 5 PTA Cake Sale** – 3:30pm in the school hall
- 30.11.19** - Belstone Cricket Club – Christmas Bingo – 6.30pm in the Village Hall
- 06.12.19 - PTA Christmas Fair** – 3.30pm in the School Hall
- 06.12.19** - South Zeal Carnival – Christmas Bingo – 7.00pm in the Village Hall
- 09.12.19** – KS1 Parents Phonics meeting
- 10.12.19 - PTA Wreath Making** – 7.00pm in the School Hall
- 16.12.19** – KS1 Christmas performance at 4pm in the School Hall
- 17.12.19** – KS1 Christmas performance at 2pm and 6pm in the School Hall
- 18.12.19** - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 19.12.19** - Last day of Autumn Term
- 07.01.20** – Spring Term starts