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WWII History Alive - What a fantastic time Year 3 and Year 4 had in the WWII workshop with 'History Alive'! They started by getting dressed into outfits, the boys were dressed like their dads in waistcoats, cravats and a flat cap, while the girls were dressed in overdresses and headscarves to protect their clothes.

They looked at different artefacts from a typical WWII house, including irons, baths, kettles, cleaning and kitchen utensils and even got to smell different soaps from WWII. They talked about rationing, got to explore a real ration book and even saw a real gas mask!

The children were fantastic and had so many questions to ask. They really got into the role of a child in WWII and have since done a diary entry in the role of a child affected by the war. Well done to all the children involved. You were a credit to the school during the workshop! To see more photos, please visit your child's class page on the school website.



Christmas Parties – The children will be having a Christmas party next week (please see which day below). Children are allowed to come into school in their own clothes on their party day – but please remember that they will still need a coat and sensible shoes for playtimes.

Monday: Pre-school and Reception

Wednesday: KS1 and LKS2

Thursday: UKS2



Infant Nativity Performances – Well done to children in Pre-school, Barlow, Benedict, Finch and Haydock classes for amazing performances in their nativity productions! Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in putting the productions together. Thank you also to parents and carers for helping the children learn their lines, practise their songs and for coming along to support them.

Sacramental Programme News - On Saturday morning the children taking part in our Sacramental programme will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. As they take this next important step on their journey in Faith, we ask everyone to keep them and their families in your prayers, that they may feel more fully a part of our community, The Family of God.

Advent Mass - On Sunday 18th December it is our usual Children's monthly Mass at 9:30am in church. It is also a special Mass for Advent and a good way to prepare for Christmas. Helpers are needed including: singers, readers, 3 to carry Christingles, offertory procession, all to join in with percussion. Also, we ask the children to bring the Baby Jesus from their own cribs at home to take it up for Fr Mark to bless with the Baby Jesus from the church crib. If your child is able to take part, please could you let school know, and their preference, by Wednesday 14th December.



Christmas Jumper Day - Please remember Tuesday 13th December is our Christmas Jumper day. The children are asked to wear their uniform as normal, but they can wear a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper in return for the donation of £1. The money raised from this will go to charity. Please pay on ParentPay.



Christmas Raffle – We are having a raffle leading up to Christmas with some super prizes to be won! ... an Alexa Eco Dot, a fabulous Christmas Hamper, Christmas Chocolates and Goodies, and a Family Swim Voucher. Tickets cost 50p or 5 for £2.00 and will be on sale at the KS1 nativity productions and can be purchased from the school office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 15th December. Good luck!

Family Support Worker Coffee Morning - Julia, our family support worker, will be holding an information coffee morning on Wednesday 12th January in the KS2 hall, from 8:45-9:45am. This is to give parents and carers an opportunity to meet Julia and understand what support she can offer children and families of SMŠB. This will be very informal, so please do pop in for a brew and a chat, along with a biscuit or 2!



**Please remember we break up for the
Christmas holidays
at 1:30pm next Friday!**