



# Chit Chat



## ...It's over to you!

As we prepare to wave goodbye to 2020, we say a little prayer of thanks for overcoming the many challenges we have faced this year. And if proof were needed, please enjoy this special issue of The Chit Chat featuring all the wonderful things you have made, read, written, achieved and performed. We're very proud of the St Mary's Community and wish you a peaceful and safe Christmas! See you in 2021!

In the meantime, we'll hand over to Head Girl Sophie Selwood and Head Boy Archie Scott-Taggart to tell us about their first term in the role!

Hi and welcome to this Year's Chit Chat festive edition! This year has been a strange but exciting year as in Year 5 we had to do home learning but now we are back in school. Getting the job of Head Girl was amazing but a bit nerve-racking after the assembly—because we have to be a very good role model to the younger children. Year 6 was very exciting as we got to be interviewed for the school video and we got to decorate the Christmas tree in the junior hall. I hope that next year the restrictions are lifted a bit more and I can do more jobs as Head Girl. Have a good Christmas! Sophie.



Being Head Boy has been very exciting this year but a bit different because of Covid 19. When I was picked for the role of Head Boy it was one of the most thrilling days of my life. My favourite job I've done this year is decorating the Christmas tree in the junior hall but the interview for the school tour was fun as well. I hope I can use my role as Head Boy more fully next year when we will hopefully return to normal. In the meantime, I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year! Archie.



Last week, Reception learned how children in Mexico celebrate Christmas by smashing a Pinata to get sweets out and they tried it themselves. Thank you to Miss Bell in Angel-fish for organising Pinatas for both classes. We had so much fun! Ms Quinn



**In the Infants, we performed our  
Nativity**

**'A Bundle of Joy'**



**Angelfish**



**Starfish**



**Seahorses**



**Turtles**



**Whales and Dolphins**

# News from our Correspondents



Emily Cook (4H) tells us all about the changes she has gone through this year.

## What I did during my "lucky" lockdown:

### Where was I when lockdown started?

I was at school in Tirana, Albania. Suddenly, I saw people wearing masks. We had to go home early and I asked my parents what had happened. They explained that the first lockdown had started.

### What did I do?

I didn't go to school but we had zoom lessons. I didn't enjoy it as much as school but it was fun because of backgrounds, mute buttons and comment type. We were stuck in the middle of nowhere, children were not allowed out for one month! There wasn't even Sainsbury home delivery!

### The Great Plan

"Emily! Guess what?" my parents announced. "We are going to live in England!" I jumped up and down with excitement. I was so ecstatic about making up again with my relations.

### The Move

Today is the day! We are going to England! My family grabbed the bags and rushed to the airport. As I looked out of the window of the aeroplane, I saw a beautiful landscape of fluffy clouds drifting by. I was sad at leaving Albania but happy at the thought that I would make new friends.

## The Arrival

As we were getting into the taxi, Abri, my friend gave us a surprise. He gave me some perfume, a purse and a diary.

## Welcome Home!

When we got to "Pop-pop and Gran's house" they were holding a sign which said "Welcome home!" We couldn't cuddle so we did a "Bear back" greeting instead!

## Where will my new school be?

Actually, I'm at my new school right now. It is great because I have new friends, funny teachers and, best of all, Quidditch!

That's why I'm so lucky to have a new life in England!



## The Big Switch on!

Zac and Charlie Kominski in Whales and Dolphins class were very excited about their new friend for Christmas. They call him Feliz!





# Boredom BUSTERS

*Don't let boredom take over at home! Here's some inspiring ideas from St Mary's children....whether it's high-tech, or getting out the mixing bowl for some baking...there's always something to do!*



**4T have shared with us their favourite books!**

**Freddie Mason (4T) has read a brilliant book!**

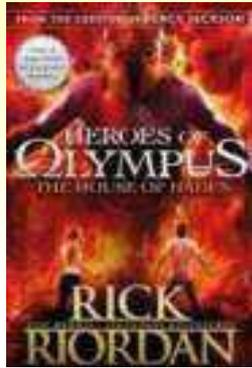
**Title: Heroes Of Olympus The House Of Hades**

**Author: Rick Riordan**

Rating: Super Excellent 5 stars

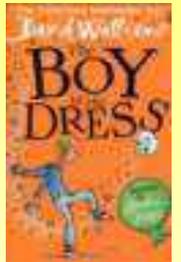
My Views: I thought the book was a good read and very entertaining, my favourite part was when Hazel used the mist to defeat Pasiphanë.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves adventure stories.



**The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams**

This is a very exciting book and comes with a very important message. Be who you want to be, don't let anyone tell you otherwise. This book is about a twelve year old boy named Dennis who wants to be different and try something new but is worried about what others will think.\*\*\*\*\* 5 star rating.



**Head Kid by David Baddiel**

This book is AMAZING. It is about a boy called Ryan Ward who goes to Bracket Wood School and is very naughty and makes the school have poor ratings. When the new head comes Ryan has a surprise the head puts in very strict rules and swaps bodies with him! This is a book about magic, mischief, chaos and most importantly friendship.

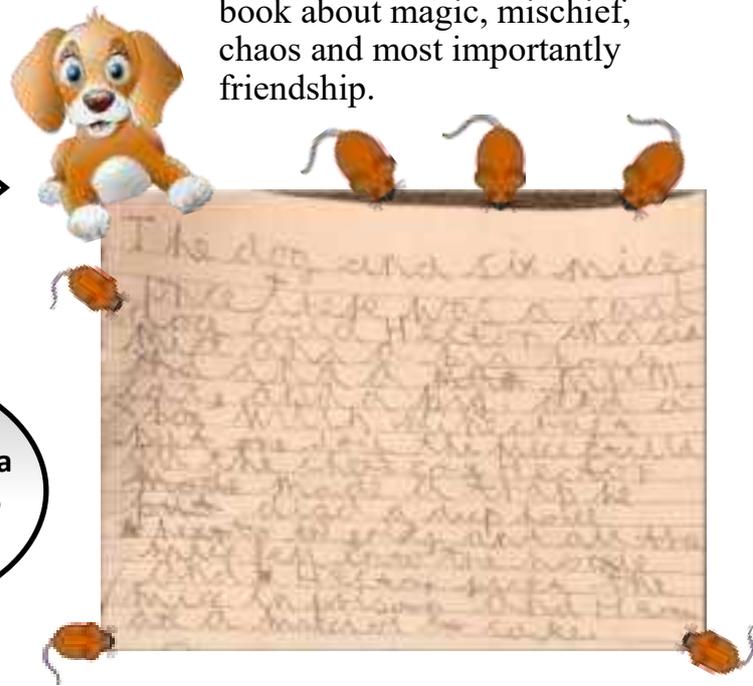


Ben Wills in Whales Class has written his own story about a dog called Hector and 6 mice.



Why don't you have a go at writing a story?

Mr William Shakespeare



# Boredom BUSTERS

## ISSY JENNING'S CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES

1. Melt Chocolate in the microwave.
2. Fill the Christmas moulds. No licking your fingers.
3. Place them in the fridge to cool down.
4. When they are hard, take them from the mould and put them on a plate, or put them in a bag for later.
5. I added sweets to my chocolate.

Yum!



Annemarie McShane (Whales Class) has a challenge for you!

She measured the length of her enormous leaf at 134 cm.

Can you find one that is longer?

Let the News Team know if you can find one that can beat this whopper!



## Maisie Pratt (5G ) shows us how she makes her amazing snowflakes

Every Christmas I make 3D paper snowflakes to decorate the house. They are super easy to make and you don't need lots of equipment.

**What you need:**  
A4 paper x 6  
Scissors  
Glue stick  
A stapler



3D Snowflakes by Maisie  
www.maisie.com

Here is a link to a video of me showing you how to make them.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6qI3\\_YvLMM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6qI3_YvLMM)

I hope you have fun making them!



WooHoo!

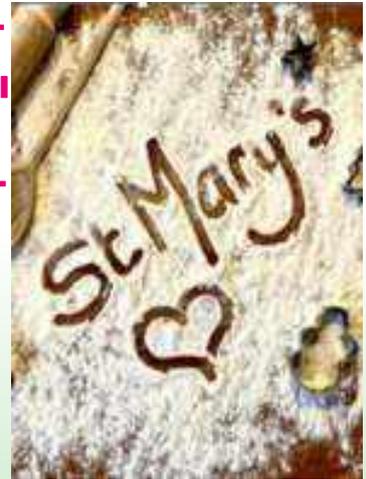
...EVEN MORE

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And if you're still looking for more boredom busting activities to get stuck into over the holidays, then head over to Google Classroom where you'll find activities and challenges from Craft Club, Cookery Club and Photography Club. Mrs Woodward shows you how to make and decorate yummy Gingerbread People, Mrs Gautrey has set some fantastically fun and festive themed photography challenges and Mrs Stevenson invites you to get creative. Have fun!

Photography Club code: ykolaov  
Cookery Club code: afzrrpg



If you fancy some Christmas crafting activities then take a look at Craft Club on Google classroom. You could try this easy festive snow globe. Or may these cute pine cone elves. There are also a couple of easy paper folding ideas with a Christmas theme. Happy Holidays everyone and a very Happy New Year. See you in 2021 from The Craft Club.



When Jack Belton had to isolate at home, he was lucky enough to help his Dad build a camp fire in his back garden. Not only did it keep them warm, they got to cook sausages on the fire for their lunch too. Jack says they were delicious!



# JOKE CORNER

What did the sink say to the toilet?  
 Wow you look really flushed!  
 How do you walk through walls?  
 Use a door!

How does a penguin make his home?  
 Igloos it together!



What did the little cow say to his mum?  
 Can we go to the moo-vies?  
 Why did the toilet roll go down the hill?  
 Because he wanted to get to the bottom.



What's brown and creeps around the kitchen?  
 Mince spies!



What do you say when Santa is taking the register at school?  
 Present!  
 Why does Santa always go down the Chimney?  
 Because it soots him!  
 What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations?  
 Tinselitus!

Knock knock!  
 Who's there?  
 Hannah!  
 Hannah who?  
 Hannah partridge in a pear tree!



## Mrs Quick's quick reads (or slow if you prefer!)

If like me, you're looking forward to curling up on the sofa or snuggling in your bed with a good book or two over the holidays, here's our Top 5 recommendations for fun festive reads, for all ages. The joy of festive stories is that they can be enjoyed by everyone and they really are perfect for sharing! So here we go....

5. There's an Elf in this book by Tom Fletcher
4. Bah Humbug! By Michael Rosen
3. The Crayons Christmas by Oliver
2. A Boy called Christmas by Matt Haig
1. The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet and Allan Alhberg

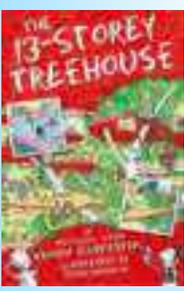


These books are full of festive magic, fun and excitement and have beautiful illustrations too. I think they're all brilliant but don't just take my word for it - go on, give them a go!

## Esme Wright's (3T) favourites

### My favourite movie I have watched...

....is 'Happy Feet' because it was really funny and enjoyable. I think to rate this movie out of 10 would be (9) because there was a little bit of a scary moment.



### My book that I'm reading this year...

.....is '13th Story Treehouse' books they are all about a boy called Terry and a boy called Andy and they both live in a treehouse that every book they add 13 more levels of cool stuff. These are my favourite book's because they do lots of funny and silly things but at the same time enjoyable and there's lots to think about like (what's going to happen next?) and (what are they going to do now?)



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**Yes, it's back! Your favourite guessing game, only this time with a festive twist!**

**St Mary's has been invaded by some rather naughty elves who are trying not to be identified! Do you think you can work out who has been up to no good?**



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Some more  
elves ...



**You'll find the  
answers on p11  
Good luck!**



ANSWERS

1. Mrs Quick
2. Miss White
3. Mrs Cope
4. Miss Venables
5. Mrs Lawson
6. Miss Mogridge
7. Mrs Whiteley
8. Mrs Woodward
9. Mr Menham
10. Mr O'Rourke
11. Miss Hill
12. Miss O'Gorman



**Alice Lett (3 W) entered the 'Friends of Limpsfield' Christmas Card competition this year and was a runner up! She created the card on Photoshop on the computer.**

Well done Alice!



**Year 2 are doing what they can to protect the planet!**

We are Emma, Annemarie, Lucy, Imogen, Emma and Nina. We stopped using plastic knives and forks being used in our School! We told a dinner lady that we were worried about the amount of plastic we were throwing away and she passed it on to the teachers.

Now we are using metal cutlery that can be washed and used again!



**Freya McAlister (Whales) and Erin McAlister (4H) have created some beautiful oil pastel art .**



**It's all go in the Harrison household!**  
 Daisy (5L) creating gingerbread houses; Zachary (30) making "Lego angels" with the family Elf; Daisy showing off her festive Yoda; Daisy and Zachary on Christmas Jumper Day.



**Evie Anderson (Whales Class) has been raising money for charity by baking!**

I watched Mrs Lewis's video with the Renewed Hope charity and I wanted to raise some money to help the food bank. I love baking so I made lots of gingerbread men and then decorated them. My Mummy and big sister Zoe helped me. Then I sold all my gingerbread men to my friends and family. I put them in bags and delivered them on my scooter. I raised £25.10 for the foodbank.



**Jessica Belton (5C) is Star of the Show!**

I have been rehearsing for a show called 'A Not So Silent Night'. I will be doing it at the Barn Theatre. I did a few rehearsals on zoom during lockdown, but then we started rehearsing on the Barn Theatre stage. I'm doing three dances and I'm also starting the finale. I'm so excited!



**Well done to James and Emily Forrest (right) and Maisy 6W and Sam 4T Shadrach, who were all awarded Blue Peter badges recently. James received his Sports Badge 2020 for designing and doing an obstacle course for 5 days, and Emily received her Blue Badge for drawing a picture of a lion and writing a "palindrome" poem about a lion. They were both really excited to have received these in the post! Maisy and Sam used skills they had learnt from their home learning during lockdown to write a beautiful story (Maisy) and create some fantastic art work (Sam). We are all really proud of them and hope they carry on creating!**



Getting one of these makes you a VIP!!! See if you can earn one too!



# Mrs Woodward is ...

## In the <sup>festive</sup> Spotlight



What's your ideal way to spend Christmas?

With my family and friends.

If you had a million pounds to spend at Christmas, what would you do with it?

I would use it to make sure people weren't lonely over Christmas and that they were safe and warm.



What is your favourite Christmas carol and why?

I really like Little Drummer Boy. I love the drums and there are so many different versions of this carol from Frank Sinatra and David Bowie to Boney M! My favourite version is the African Tribal Version by Alex Boye featuring the Genesis Choir. The drumming is superb.

It's so uplifting!



# What's been your worst ever Christmas present?

When I was little I was a bit naughty! I used to feel any Christmas presents which were left under the tree and try and guess what they were. One year, I was convinced that my godmother had bought me a pair of socks which I wasn't that excited about!!! When it came to Christmas morning I left it until last but when I opened it it was the cutest little soft toy dog. I loved it. It was my best present that year! So I thought it was my worst present but it turned out to be my best!



Mrs Woodward at the height of her sneaky present "testing" days!



Mince pies or Chocolate Log

Fairy lights or Candles

Fake tree or Real tree

Presents early in the morning or

Throughout the day

Brussel Sprouts or Red Cabbage

Walk after lunch or Snooze on the sofa.



Board games or TV

Sledging or Snowball fight.

