

## Year 6 letter

Dear Parents,

This week, the children have learnt to describe positions on a full coordinate grid and to translate and reflect shapes. They also developed strategies to work out mental calculations. In English, the children memorised the poem 'The Eagle' by Tennyson - test your child to see if he/she can recite it! We also started to look at the reading and writing genre of science fiction. A reading comprehension was completed and the children wrote a fictional email to the editor of 'Aliens Magazine' to describe an alien encounter. In history, the children wrote about the Blitz and air raid shelters. Yesterday, Year 6 went to church to rehearse the Christmas nativity for the first time - so far so good!

### Swimming

Today the children had their last swimming session. Moving lessons to Year 6 has proved to be a great success. The children have improved their swimming skills, they had a huge amount of exercise and have had lots of fun too. Many thanks to Mrs Steeden and Mrs Moy, who have given up their time each week to accompany the class to the swimming pool. Remember that badge orders need to be returned to me by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December please.

### St Andrew's Day

In recognition of the fact that today is St Andrew's Day, the two St Andrews team captains, Chloe and Harrison, led a whole school act of worship. They did a brilliant job.

### Teacher of the Week



This week, Freya was the teacher. Her topic was Guide Dogs in Training and she gave an excellent presentation. The children carried out an activity with cardboard tubes and blindfolds, so they could experience what it would be like to have tunnel vision or to be blind. Freya was a very strict teacher - anyone who talked or gave an answer without putting up their hand first was firmly put in their place! Everyone enjoyed the presentation and decided that

sponsorship of a guide dog puppy is a great Christmas present to receive.



### Home Learning

*This week the children have some maths sheets to complete involving translations and coordinates or reflections. The completed sheets should be returned to school by Thursday next week please.*

*Best wishes,*

*Louise Grinstead*

