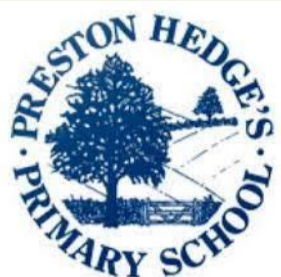


THE PRESTON PAPER

IT'S CHRISTMAS!



Merry Christmas...

BY MILAN

Welcome to our Christmas edition. We have been waiting all year to write this for you!

We are happy to see you again and hope you are looking forward to the holidays.

Before you go and eat turkey (or whatever you like to eat) and use Christmas crackers, read on to find out who invented them and how Christmas started.

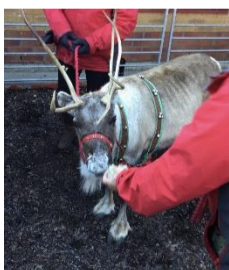
There are also some great film ideas which I am sure you will like and will be inspired to watch.

Don't forget to share what you think about our edition and have a lovely Christmas!

WHEN THE REINDEER CAME TO VISIT

BY MAISIE AND HESALI

On Thursday 14th December, we had some special visitors come to school. There was a reindeer called Boris and a baby reindeer too. Boris, the eldest was 12 years old and the baby, seven years old. Did you know that reindeer can live up to 15-20 years old and that baby reindeers tend to loose there antlers? Another interesting fact is that they can jump up to 25 vertical feet and can grow up to 2-5 feet. Surprisingly, they are the only deer species where both male and female grow antlers.



OTHER NAMES FOR SANTA...

1. Santa Claus
2. Papa Noel
3. Sinterklaas
4. Kris Kringle
5. Father Christmas
6. St. Nicholas



DID YOU KNOW?

BY MCKAYLA AND ASARA

Christmas is a Christian festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ on the day of his birth, 25th December.

The Christmas story shares how he came to be on earth and started with Mary being told by the angel Gabriel that she would have a baby. On arriving in Bethlehem, Mary and Jospheh stayed in a stable where Jesus was born. After seeing a star, shepherds and three wise men came to visit.



THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE UK

Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's consort, is usually credited with having introduced the Christmas tree into England in 1840. However, the honour of establishing this tradition in the United Kingdom rightfully belongs to 'good Queen Charlotte', the German wife of George III, who set up the first known English tree at Queen's Lodge, Windsor, in December, 1800.

Did you know that trees are lit and decorated to symbolise light instead of dark?



OUR CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

BY LILY AND MILAN

Lily: On Christmas Eve, I spend time with my brother drawing on Christmas sacks for presents to go into.

We have a Christmas Eve box which has chocolates, pajamas and sweets and board games in. We wear the new pajamas to bed that night.

We put out a mug of milk, mince pie and a carrot for Santa and his reindeer. We also mix oat and sprinkle it out onto the grass.



Milan

My family and I go to visit family and friends for Christmas day.

We give each other presents on Christmas day; I love opening them.

We go site seeing in the snow – I feel happy about this because it hasn't snowed here in a long time.

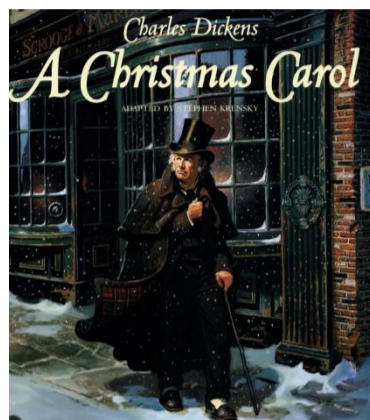
On Christmas day we have a delicious meal of turkey.



Year 5 and 6 Christmas Production

BY HESALI AND MAISIE

Charles Dickens wrote the book 'A Christmas Carol' which was first published in 1843. Amazingly he wrote it in just 6 weeks! This is quite incredible as it continues to be a very famous book and has even been made into films.



For the Year 5 and 6 production, we are doing an adaptation of the book and our performance is called 'Scrooge, A Christmas Carol.'

In the performance there dances, such as: The Chain Dance, ballroom dance, jive and tragedy as well as songs: Sing a Christmas Carol, Christmas Time Bob and What's the point of Christmas?

By doing the performance we have managed to find out some important messages. They are:

- It shows that bad people, like Scrooge, can change and be a good person.
- To remind people of the spirit of generosity and joy at Christmas. It highlights the power of forgiveness at Christmas too.
- The story shows how we can make choices.
- Money cannot buy happiness.

Films for the holidays

BY ARJUN AND JACK

Here is a list of some of the best Christmas movies to watch this Christmas:

A BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS

Young Nicholas travels north on a quest to find his father, who is searching for a village of elves, a reindeer and his pet mouse.



SCROOGE A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Scrooge is grumpy and three ghosts haunt and teach him the true meaning of Christmas. {if you want a less scary version watch Muppet Christmas Carol}



ARTHUR CHRISTMAS

Were Santa's goofy, but good-hearted son Arthur sets out to deliver a forgotten present.



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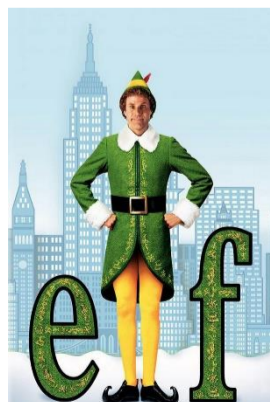
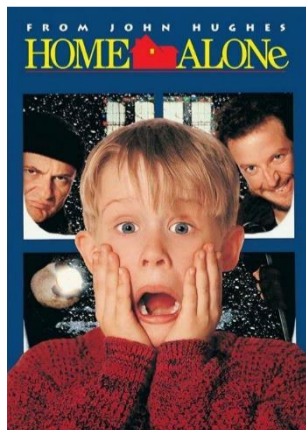
Buddy a human who grew up in the north pole [as an Elf] travels to New York to find his family whilst causing chaos and saving Christmas in this hilarious movie.

Doctor Seuss the GRINCH

A mean old grinch who lives in the mountains north of Whoville and whilst the Grinch steals all the presents, a girl named Cindy Lou starts to change how the Grinch sees Christmas since he hated it in this brilliant movie.

HOME ALONE

A boy called Kevin gets left home alone because his family forgot him and whilst he's alone he sets up traps for two evil burglars in this funny movie.



We hope you manage to watch one or two of these movies and get into the Christmas mood! 😊



Crackers!

BY LILY AND MILAN

Who invented the Christmas cracker?
Tom Smith

When were they invented?
1847

What are crackers?
A cracker is a cardboard tube wrapped in brightly coloured paper which makes a bang or crack when pulled open.

What are in crackers?
A small gift or toy, paper hat and a joke.

Were they popular?
Yes, in fact Smith had sold over 13 million crackers by 1900, during fairs, coronations and other occasions, as well as at Christmas time.

Do people still have crackers at Christmas today?
Yes!

Carry on to the joke corner for a sample of jokes you might find in a cracker...



Joke Corner

What did the cow get for Christmas?
A cow-culator!

What has a head, a tail, is brown and has no legs?
A penny

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
A mince-spy

Why is Santa so good at karate?
Because he has a black belt

We hope these made you laugh all the way to the New Year!