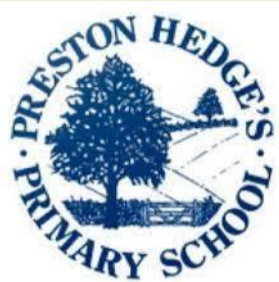


THE PRESTON PAPER

IT'S CHRISTMAS!



A JOLLY TIME

Tis the season to read the new edition fa la la la la la la la la

We are fully in the winter wonderland period and as promised we bring to you our Christmas edition. We have lots of things to share with you like the year 5 and 6 Christmas production, the history of Christmas trees, a Christmas craft idea and lots of fun activities. Be sure to check out The Preston Hedges Facebook page to see what else has been going on this term, including the choir visiting Merrifield, theatre visits and celebration days galore!

Aside from writing this edition, everyone is getting ready for the Christmas break. What will you be doing? Do you even celebrate Christmas?

Our team have been decorating their houses with lights and their Christmas trees and sorting out holiday plans which include: spending time with our families, going away, attending games nights and of course enjoying Christmas food and movies.

Whatever you are up to, we hope you have a wonderful time celebrating and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Pola and Daisy



THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE



Did you know Christmas trees actually originated from Germany in the 16th century. Later, it became a pageant tradition of love, hope and family. How did it come to England? It came to England when Prince Albert (who was German born) married Queen Victoria and introduced the tradition from his home country. Placing a star at the top of the Christmas tree was to remind people about the big, shiny star in the night sky in Jerusalem. The same star which the three kings followed to see the new born baby king, Jesus Christ. In present times, we use the Christmas tree as decoration in our houses but we think it's important to remember that this one thing has lots of interesting history, don't you agree?

Talking about trees, have you spotted all the Christmas trees in school?

Heidi and Christy

A CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Having had Christmas Crafts in school last week. I've thought of another Christmas craft you could have a go at; here's how you make it.

To make a Santa, you'll need:

- 1 cupcake case or cotton wool
- Card (red)
- 2 googly eyes (or you can draw them on if you want)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Lollipop stick

Method

- 1) Cut out your red card into a triangle and stick/draw the eyes on.
- 2) Stick the lollipop stick onto the back of the card
- 3) Cut the cupcake case into a semi circle as the beard and attach.
- 4) Cut out a small circle from the extra card as a nose.
- 5) Enjoy your creation!

You can also make other characters using a similar style

By Tumi



The Christmas Production!

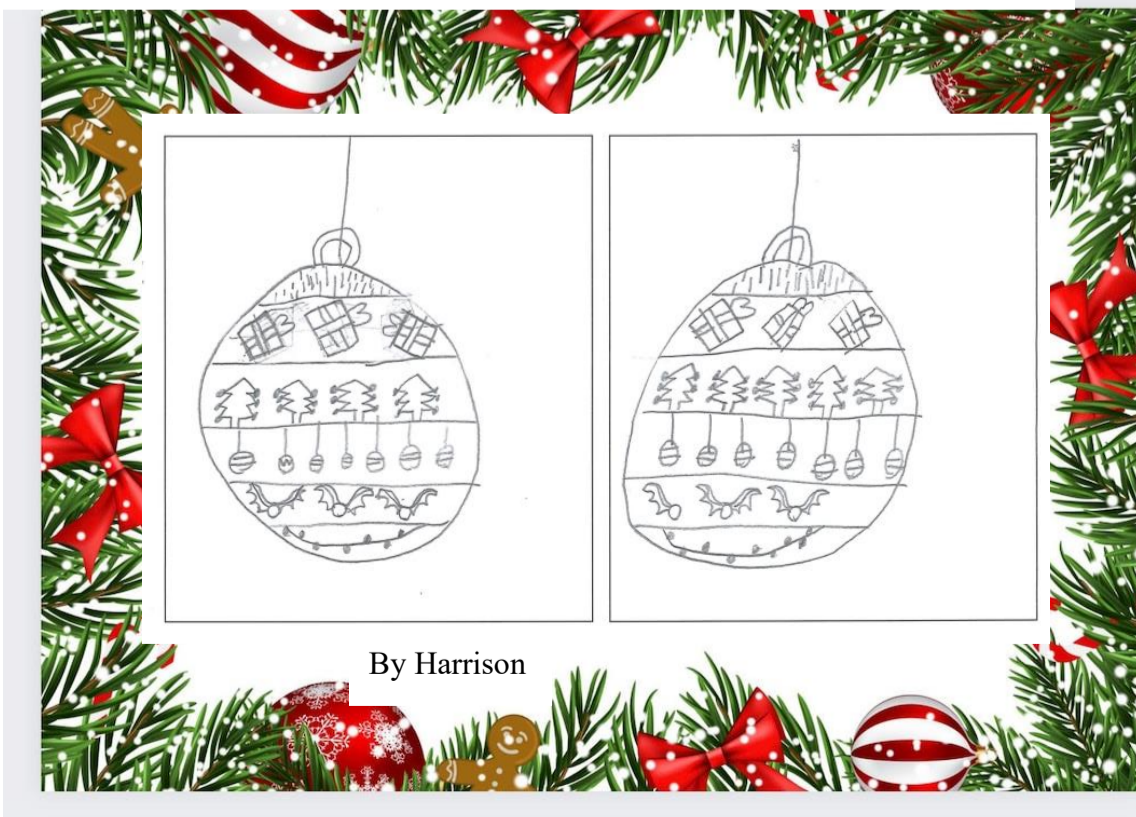
Recently, the Year 5's and Year 6's have been working very hard to produce a wonderful Christmas play. This year, the teachers changed things up a bit and decided to put a new production in place, which was... The Grinch! Well done to all the children who put themselves forward for a main role and everyone who took part! We also want to thank the teachers who put the effort into making the fantastic dances, rhymes and picking songs to make the production amazing. Will you be watching anything festive over the holidays?

Harry L and Ayesha



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE Can you spot 6 differences?

Why not create one of your own spot the difference pictures and get someone at home to have a go!



By Harrison



By Felix