



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't believe that we are in December! Our children have started rehearsing for their Christmas productions and we are all feeling festive.

Our Christmas Art Attack was so much fun, and the children enjoyed creating so many lovely things. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this such a successful event which was enjoyed by so many. As ever, Mrs Briggs organised so much behind the scenes, and her help is appreciated by us all. We raised an amazing £190.31 which we will spend on Art materials for the children.

It was lovely to see children of all ages enjoying all the Art activities on offer...



We have made lots of decorations for our homes.

"I like how many children come and how busy we all are. I will put my decoration on my tree when it goes up."

DAY 10

We have finished our last Day 10 of the term! We think our School Values project has been very successful, with all of our children so much more aware of the importance of our values in our everyday lives. We have shown that we know how to be kind, caring team-players, and we understand the importance of resourcefulness, resilience, readiness and reflectiveness within our learning.



KINDNESS TEA PARTY AND ADVENT WINDOW

We look forward to celebrating our value of kindness with a tea party next **Wednesday, 6th December at 5pm**. The tea party will include drinks, snacks and songs, and you will be waited on by our year 6 children. The tea party will finish with the opening of our **Advent Window at 6pm**. Weather-permitting we will unveil our window on the grassy bank at the front of the school. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for this special celebration.

SCHOOL CD

We are very pleased that our school CD of songs is nearly ready for sale. We will be performing the songs at our kindness tea party and we will be selling the CD for £5. We hope that you will buy a copy for yourselves or as a Christmas present. It will be on sale at the Kindness tea party, and we will then have it on sale at the school office. It features our own school songs as well as some of our favourite assembly songs and Christmas carols.

Lily Lloyd-Uzoegbu and Emi drew some lovely pictures for the CD cover...



Thank you for all your support.

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



Upcoming Events

- 6th December – Kindness Tea Party at 5pm, followed by Advent Window at 6pm
- 12th December – Nativity and Xmas Play at 2pm
- 13th December – Nativity and Xmas Play at 6pm
- 14th December – KS1 trip to see Wind in the Willows
- 14th December – Christmas Lunch at school
- 20th December – Carol Service in Church at 9.30am



Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 95.3%. Well done to **Cherry Blossom** class who had the highest attendance at 98.4%.



Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Katie Webster for showing such enthusiasm for all activities and for making such improvements in Literacy.
- Year 1 – Riley Seaton for working independently in Maths and applying what he had learnt
- Year 2 – Archie Cosgrove for choosing to practise multiplication number facts in his own time
- Year 3 – Noah Millard for trying so hard in Maths and producing some fantastic work!
- Year 4 – Hattie Andrews for persevering in her maths even when finding it challenging and for being a pleasure to teach
- Year 5 – Lola Sinclair for really challenging her fraction knowledge and developing more confidence. You can do it!
- Year 6 – Sophie Frost for including so many of the important elements in her persuasive letter

WRITING CHAMPIONS

This week we have been proud to announce this half-term's Writing Champions

- Reception- Chloe Simpson
- Year 1- Anabelle Pawlikowski
- Year 2- Charlotte Saunders
- Year 3- Oliver Eyre
- Year 4- Jacob Kirby-Gale
- Year 5- Issy Owen
- Year 6- Charlotte Davies



There is a selection of their work on display, and we are so pleased with the improvements in their written work this term. Well done, everyone!



WILLOW CLASS

This week we have continued to look at 3D shapes; making, building, recognising and naming different shapes. The children are now getting really good at recognising and naming lots of 3D shapes. They are also brilliant at describing them, using 2D shape names for the faces.



Number 10 has been our number of the week this week. Tiger Ten is rather naughty in the Number Zoo and disturbs a nest of 10 wasps. So, the children have been creating lots of pictures with groups of 10 things and making things to decorate the palace using 10 things. There is so much great counting going on and all the children seem to be so confident with their numbers.

The children have also continued to learn and practise their sounds and red words. We have already got many confident, independent writers, writing in lots of different situations, especially letters in the palace.

MAPLE CLASS

The children have had another busy week and have begun to practise their singing for the Nativity play and they sound wonderful! We are really looking forward to the play.

In Literacy this week the children have been writing a diary as though they are the Little Old Lady in the Squash and a Squeeze story. They have also written a part for a new character in the story and they have made apology cards from one of the naughty animals in the story. We are very proud of their work this week.

In Maths we have continued to explore multiplication, first of all by practising our counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and then moving onto applying those skills in multiplication. We have used practical objects to help the children to understand the concepts, then moving onto applying this in a pictorial and then written way.

In Science the children have been finding out lots of interesting facts about materials and properties. They have carried out some experiments and learnt about the language we use when we are describing materials and their properties. They have also been finding out what makes a test fair.

We have also been busy preparing for the sharing assembly and have been amazed at how much we have learnt so far this year and how much we have enjoyed our learning too. Well done Maple Class for all your hard work towards the assembly.

CHERRY BLOSSOM

Christmas production practice is in full swing now! The children are working incredibly hard to learn their speaking lines and songs. We cannot wait to share with you all of the work they have done over the past few weeks.

In maths this week, we have been looking at written methods to add and subtract. Year 3 have been adding using column method. Some of our Year 3's were also ready to move on to carrying numbers – a very tricky process. In year 4, they have been using column subtraction so subtract up to 4-digit numbers.

Everybody has had the opportunity to show off how much they have learnt since starting back at school in September. The children have completed some assessments in Maths, grammar and spelling. They all tried their best which is all I ask of them. It was really nice to see the children persevering, even when finding some questions a bit challenging.

We have a very special visitor this week. Santa Claus has sent us one of his Christmas elves! He appeared in our classroom this morning and he had decorated a tree overnight. We are starting off by giving him a name and sending a letter back to Santa to say thank you. We are very excited to see what mischief he is going to get up to next!

OAK CLASS

The children completed their persuasive letter to Mrs Bull and Mrs Ettridge this week identifying their strong objection to the fictitious letter they received concerning the stopping of any futures year 5 and 6 residential trips. We then moved on to a very real global issue concerning the devastation to the elephant numbers in the world. The children were clearly moved by the video clips they were presented with and used thesaurus to enhance their emotive language. Over a series of lessons they have made notes so that they are able to write a persuasive letter to the Ivory Consultation team in London identifying their support to the ban of ivory sales in the UK.

In maths we have continued our work with fractions completing lessons on mixed and improper fractions as well as looking at a range of calculations.

On Thursday we had our first 'walk through' of our nativity presentation with the Reception children. We will continue to rehearse words and songs over the next few weeks and a few children have been selected to support the Reception actors on stage. Christmas has begun!