



Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it! The Autumn term is done and what a lot we have achieved!

I am so proud of the children and staff for all their hard work this term, as a school we have made huge progress with our English and Maths curriculum. I am sure that you hear them talking about how much they enjoy the new Power Maths lessons, TT Rock stars, AR reading books and the wide variety of writing they do in class.

Over the past two weeks we managed to enjoy a full calendar of Christmas festivities: roast Christmas dinner, the PTA Xmas Fayre, a Christingle assembly, Nativity plays and class Christmas parties. It was wonderful to see so many family members in school for some of those events and the smiles on the children's faces.

Great news! The PTA Xmas Fayre raised a fantastic £610.50!! Thank you to the PTA for organising this and thank you to all of you who supported this.

Today was tinged with sadness as we said a fond farewell to Mrs Debbie Hunter our senior administrator. We wish her all the best in her retirement and are sure she has some exciting future endeavours planned. Our new senior administrator Mrs Nicky Faithful will take over the reins from 1st January.

This morning we had our first headteacher assembly of the year and welcomed the parents of the award winners into school to celebrate the achievements of their children. It was a lovely way to end the term, please see below for the list of headteacher award winners.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, please enjoy a couple of weeks with your loved ones. I hope to see you all safe and well and raring to go on Wednesday 4th January 2023!

R.Baptiste

Foundation: This week we have been busy performing our Nativity as well as exploring the story of the Owl Babies.

Year 1: We went on a winter walk as part of our science lesson. We have just started learning about winter and we were looking out for the signs of this season. We saw berries, holly, warm clothing being worn, bare trees, evergreen trees, a robin, ice and lots of dead leaves on the ground. It was the perfect week to have carried out our walk because the temperature has really dropped!

Year 3: We have been working hard at answering multiplication and division problems. We have been using different methods to help us achieve the answer. This includes counting on our fingers, drawing bar models, number lines and arrays. We are becoming much more confident and it is lovely to see everyone using the school's value of 'resilience' in each lesson.

Year 4: In Year 4 science, we have investigated different types of manufactured switches and then we made our own switches which we then placed into a circuit. We tested which were easier to create a closed circuit, then an open circuit. We know that switches allow us to control the flow of electricity in a circuit.

Year 5: In Art, the Viking masks have now been painted using acrylic paint. In English, we have completed our writing unit, using our clay masks as the stimulus for writing instructions and an information text. In Maths our first fraction unit is complete – don't worry, 'Fractions 2' begins in the new year. We really enjoyed performing our Christmas Play to you all!

Year 6: This week Y6 made me (and I'm sure all of you) very proud during their Christmas production - I saw some of you wiping tears away! In English, we have created Christmas Tales using a variety of prompt cards. This has given the children an opportunity to show off their writing skills, again making us very proud.

Dates to remember:

04/01/2023 – Children to return to school.

NB:

Week 1 menu when children return.

Please make sure children are wearing helmets if they are riding bikes/scooters to school.

A big well done to our learners of the week:

W/b – 12/12/22
Foundation: -
Year 1: A.Warner
Year 2: I.Pickard
Year 3:D.Bejan
Year 4: O.Collins
Year 5:M.Carroll
Year 6:T.Williams

Our attendance winners for the term is...

★ **Year 3** ★

Great effort!!!!

Headteachers Awards:

Foundation: N.Sands
Year 1: Z.Adey
Year 2: R.Paul
Year 3: L.Gray
Year 4: P.Sellwood
Year 5: A-S. Lisenko
Year 6: L-M.Lyndon

KS1 Endeavour award: L.Janek

KS2 Endeavour award: B.Dury

