



## Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021



### Message from Mrs Grainger

We have been so lucky to be able to continue with our festive fun. Last week we held our Christmas Fair. Each phase attended the fair at their dedicated time. They had the chance to take part in games, tombola's and have their face painted. It was a really delightful time. With it being during the day, we could not have done this without the help of our volunteers. These wonderful people gave up their time to run a stall. Huge thanks to Mrs Birchall, Mrs Bytheway, Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Cutland, Miss Grainger, Mr Goodwin, Mrs Heathcote, Mrs Heminsley, Dr Sarson and Mrs Wallis. The fair raised over £1,000 which will go towards resources for our next arts theme week in March.

Continuing the yuletide theme, this week we have had film nights. Always such a novelty watching a film in school, with popcorn and fizzy pop. Staff also quite enjoy it and thanks to them for giving up their time during this busiest period.

Next week, we are still planning to go ahead with the Christmas plays and concerts. We have already divided audiences into year groups and limited numbers to 2 people per family. Ideally we would prefer younger children to be left at home, but appreciate this is not always possible, they can sit on laps and space will be made available should you need to take them out, as to not spoil the viewing for all. As usual no photos or videos are allowed, as we have many parents and carers who have not given permission for this. Given the latest announcement of protective Covid measures from the Government, facemasks are expected to be worn.

House Point Totals  
Week Commencing: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

	221		219
	214		227

### Attendance Monitoring

School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply. Enabling children and young people to attend their education setting regularly continues to be a national priority.

Class	% Attendance from Sept to present 21/22	% Lateness from Sept to present 21/22
Acorn	92.59%	0.28%
Willow	91.61%	1.71%
Cherry	89.72%	2.30%
Apple	90.34%	1.76%
Maple	95.33%	0.94%
Sycamore	93.92%	0.91%
Birch	94.35%	0.00%
Elder	92.28%	0.96%
Oak	94.96%	0.61%
Whole School	92.96%	1.12%

### Spare Clothes

If you have ANY spare clothes for nursery age children, they would really appreciate them. Please drop them into the school office – thank you.

### Sponsored Walk to Lapland

We hope your children have been updating you with their sponsored walk to Lapland – they have been through Sweden and are now heading for Lapland! Thank you for any sponsorship money raised – it's really appreciated – all monies should be in school by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

# curriculum

## What has your child been learning about in class this week?

### Years 1 & 2

Last week's assessments have shown some great progress in the children's learning and development. In Years 1 and 2 we have had yet another very busy week this week. We have started learning about letter writing in preparation for writing letters to Father Christmas. In our maths lessons, Year 2 have begun learning about multiplication and linking it to repeated addition and using arrays to practically show multiplication facts. Year 1 have been learning about 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 20. We have learned about some very unsavoury real-life pirates from the past in our history theme lessons. Our Christmas performance is coming along very nicely and the children have done an excellent job of remembering their individual parts as well as the words to all the songs. It will be a super performance and we look forward to seeing lots of you next week.

### Years 3 & 4

It is getting really Christmassy in Years 3 & 4. We have had a great week - especially with our festive film night on Wednesday. It was an excellent night watching the old favourite 'Home Alone 1' and 'The Nightmare before Christmas' with the class. The classrooms had a lovely atmosphere as it grew dark outside and we rearranged our seats to create a 'cinema effect'. The children seemed mesmerised by the movie and hopefully just by all being together and doing this sort of thing they will remember it for a long time to come. We also had a fabulous time at the Christmas fair which has proved a real success. Next week is our last week, with the Year 3 Christmas service on Monday and the Year 4 Christmas service on Tuesday. We look forward to showing you what we have learnt. We will send home some creative homework for the holiday but this will only be due back in the second week of the new term.

### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week focussed on arithmetic within maths lessons. In writing, they have written Cinquain Poems and a Non-Chronological Report. Whilst in reading, they have finished their class text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,' we have thoroughly enjoyed this book, especially the script version we have used.

Theme this week has been science based: we have looked at reversible and irreversible changes and have looked at how to separate a variety of solids and liquids.

We have finished our walk to Lapland so please send your sponsor money when you can - thank you to everyone that supported our walk.

We also thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Fair event on Friday and we are looking forward to Christmas performances next week.



## Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 Performance 2.45pm – Year 3 Parents/Carers to watch this performance
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS1 Nativity 9.30am – Year 1 Parents/Carers to watch this performance
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 Performance 2.45pm – Year 4 Parents/Carers to watch this performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS1 Nativity 9.30am – Year 2 Parents/Carers to watch this performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Children's Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 Performance 2.45pm – Year 5 Parents/Carers to watch this performance
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 Performance 2.45pm – Year 6 Parents/Carers to watch this performance
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Christmas holiday

## Dates for the Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Term starts
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Parents Evenings
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term Break
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	World Book Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	KS2 Easter Service 9.30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Early Years and KS1 Easter Service 2pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Easter holidays