



Thursday 9th December 2016

Dear Parents and carers,

As always the children and staff have worked exceptionally hard this term. I hope that you were able to hear about your child's progress at our Parents Information Evening, if you were unable to attend please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a time to meet. As a reward for all the hard work and progress we have arranged for a visiting theatre company on Friday 16th December to perform the Legend of the Golden Dragon. Following the performance, we will be bringing the children outside to the main playground where they will be singing the carols they have been busy practising at 2.15pm. You will be able to collect your child from 2.45pm. This term also see's a few staff changes - Mrs Newton leaves to start her maternity leave and Mrs Prasher-Appleton leaves us for pastures new. We also welcome to Year 4 Mrs Eastgate. From myself and all the staff we wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Text Santa Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 16th December



We would like to support the National Text Santa Appeal, children can come to school in a Christmas jumper, for a donation of £1. We will also be collecting money for the charity



during our Carols under the veranda at 2.15pm. Thank you for your support.

100% attendance (year to date) prize draw

Through our links with the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children), we have been allocated 10 tickets for the charity performance of Sleeping Beauty at The Little Theatre on Thursday 15th December at 7pm - we will therefore be holding a prize draw in our Monday assembly for 5 sets of tickets - good luck to all our 100 percenters!

Super Citizen Rewards

Braunstone Leisure Centre have kindly given school 15 family swim passes - these will be awarded to the stand out Super Citizen from each class, during our Monday assembly. All our Super Citizens for the school year to date will also take part in a reward party on Thursday. Congratulations and well done to all our Super Citizens from this past term.

Foundation 1



There have been lots of things going on recently in class 1. Last week the children enjoyed their school trip to the Winter Wonderland. They had a lovely time and I hope they shared their experience with yourselves when they came home.

We have also had a visit from the school nurse who gave a little assembly about the importance of washing our hands.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support with school trips and supporting your child's learning at home. Keep going with those reading race cards!



Foundation 2



Class 2 and 3 had an amazing time at the Snow Dome! We would like to thank all of the parents who joined us as volunteers: you did a brilliant job. The children loved playing in the snow, watching the Christmas show and meeting the reindeer. They were all so well behaved and were a credit to the school and yourselves.



We hope the children will remember the experience for a long time to come!



Year 1 Cooking

Year 1 have been making Pasta Bake in their cooking lessons which involved snipping lots of interesting ingredients up, like sun-dried tomatoes and olives. We used our maths skills to weigh the pasta, then added tinned tomatoes, stock powder and water, put the lid on and baked it in the oven for 25 minutes. While it was cooking, we learned how to wipe the table properly and also how pasta is made. Then we got to taste our pasta bake. Wow! It was delicious! We're hoping our mums and dads will come and learn how to make it after school on Tuesday 13th December.



Year 2

Within our Geography and Science lessons in Year 2, we have been looking at features of different countries and the habitats in which animals live. Children have been comparing the animals found in the Sahara Desert and those found in the Arctic and have found out some interesting facts. Did you know that animals in the Arctic have white fur to help them to camouflage into their surroundings? This helps them to hide from predators. In Year 2, we have also continued our topic of Under the Sea and have begun to research facts to help us write a non-chronological report on sea creatures.



Year 3

This week year 3 have been making canopic jars, like the ones used in Ancient Egyptian burial practices, out of clay. We had to mould the clay and then paint them. There were four choices of animal, each representing a different god of Ancient Egypt. For the base of the jar we used a cup, which we wrote hieroglyphics on to finish our jars. What do you know about Ancient Egypt or hieroglyphics?



Year 4

This term, Year 4 have been exploring Europe and in particular looking at a range of famous artist from across the continent. Firstly, they investigated the broad brush strokes of Claude Monet and recreated one of his most famous artworks. Following that, we looked at George Seurat and the pointillist movement where we used felt tips to re-imagine his popular works of art. Finally, they learnt about Henri Matisse and his early life as a painter using bright and vibrant colours to display light and shade. We are super excited to continue our work on Matisse later in the week as we will be learning about his change in direction in his later life.

School Nurse, Monthly Drop-in Sessions

The School Nurse, Jo Broad will be holding drop-in sessions every month. The next session will be on Thursday 5th January, 8.30-9.45am. No appointment necessary, free confidential advice and support for any health issues or concerns. Please enter school via the main reception.

Diary of Events

PFA Christmas Fayre - Friday 9th December 2016, 3-4.30pm

Raffle tickets will be available during the fayre. Any donations, cakes or bric a brac for the white elephant stall would be most appreciated.

Christmas Performance, Cock-a-doodle Christmas - Tuesday 13th December

Class 1 am and Class 2 - 10.00am

Class 1 pm and Class 3 - 2.00pm

A donation on the door of 50p per person.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 14th December

Glee Club, Christmas Performance - Wednesday 14th December, 4pm - ticket only, £1 per person, first come first served from the school office.

Super Citizen Reward Party - Thursday 15th December

Visiting theatre - Legend of the Golden Dragon - Friday 16th December, 1.00pm

Carols under the veranda, main playground - Friday 16th December at 2.15pm, children will be available to collect from 2.30pm.

School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Half term break - Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2017

Attendance

Attendance should be **96.4%** or above for pupils and as a whole school. Our current attendance year to date is **95.7%**.

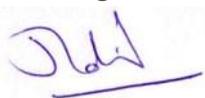
Our attendance awards for the previous two weeks were won by:

Week ending 25th November: Class 13 came first with a 98.6%, Class 7 came second with 97.7% and in third place with 97.2% were Class 2.

Week ending 2nd December: In first place with 98.7% were Class 7, in second place with 98.1% were Class 9 and in third place were Class 15 with 98%.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards



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