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"Inspiring minds to foster confidence"

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Newletter 2022/2023 Autumn Term 2



What a wonderful time of the year! There is a fabulous buzz around school with the excitement of Christmas not too many days away! We were honoured to be visited by Father Christmas himself who had chosen a very special elf to bring with him to our school. I had a chat with him after he met all of our children and he commented how polite, well behaved and confident they were. As always, our children continue to make us proud.

Looking back over this term it has been great to recall everything that has been happening in school. It has been very busy and I look forward to sharing some of the things we have been up to in this newsletter.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a relaxing Christmas break and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming children back into school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

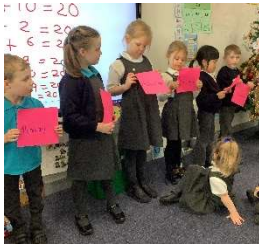
Best wishes,
Rachel Mckeown

EYFS



This term we have been finding out about the different people in our community who help to keep us safe... real life superheroes! We loved turning on police car sirens and using fire hoses. We also found out how to keep ourselves healthy, which included a visit from the dental nurses. Finally, the children became our very own superheroes, making us all very proud when performing in our Nativity. Well done Foundation Stage!

Year 1



This term we have been working hard. We have been very busy learning about different materials in Science. In D & T we designed and built our own free-standing structure and we tested the strength against a fan! We have also been learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas and we learnt the story of the Nativity in R.E. In Maths, we have been comparing and sorting 2D and 3D shapes, looking closely at their properties. We particularly enjoyed making our own 3D shapes using marshmallows and sticks! We have also been learning how to read and spell our days of the week.

Children in Need



A big thank you to you all. We raised a wonderful **£50** for Children in Need, from our non-uniform day.

Remembrance Day



Our children observed the 2 minutes' silence beautifully on Remembrance Day in November.

Rock Steady



We were kindly invited by Forest Way to watch a performance by this fabulous rock musician. The children loved the experience, and Mrs Foster got to show off some impressive drumming skills!

Baarmy Bethlehem



What a wonderful first whole-school performance! All of our children put on a fabulous show, well done everyone!

Thank you to everyone who made a donation on their way out; we raised **£120!**

Santa Fun Run



Thank you to everyone who has also sent in sponsor money for our annual Santa Fun Run. At the time the Newsletter went to print, we had raised more than **£660**, which is absolutely fantastic! The children had a brilliant time running laps of the school playground on a glorious wintery day.

The money raised from the Christmas Performance and through sponsoring the Santa Fun Run will be put towards buying a new stage for the school hall.

Nut Free School / Lunches reminder

Please be aware that as we have pupils onsite with severe allergies to many kinds of nuts, we are a nut-free school. All parents are asked to ensure that their child does not bring nuts or foods containing nuts into school. This includes nuts, cereal bars with nuts or products such as peanut butter and chocolate and nut spread in packed lunches or snacks.

Fruit or vegetable snacks are preferred and we encourage children's packed lunches to contain a healthy balance of items.



Upcoming Diary Dates 2023

3rd January – Start of Term

11th January – Maths Information Evening, 6pm start

20th – 24th February – Mid-Term Break

2nd March – World Book Day (dress as your favourite book character)

6th March – Parents Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 8.00pm

8th March – Parents Evening – appointments between 3:30pm and 5.30pm

17th March – ‘Mums’ to School – 9am – 10:15am

31st March – Easter Workshop – 9am - 10:15am

3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays

8th May – Additional Bank Holiday

12th May – Year 1 Class Assembly - 9am start

26th May – EYFS Class Assembly – 9am start

29th May – 2nd June – Mid-Term Break

16th June – ‘Dads’ to school – 9am – 10:15am

28th June – Sports Day – 9:15am start

12th July (evening) – School closes for the summer break

More information regarding each event will be sent to you through Weduc.