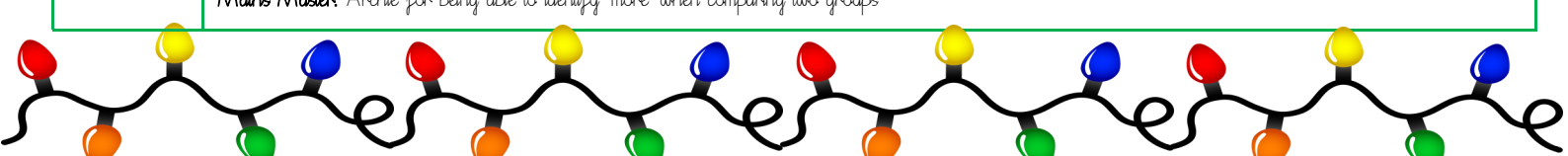


Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 11th December 2017

Sycamore	The adults in year 6 would like to praise Johnathan, Robert, Bethany and Harry for their efforts in Science this week. They would also like to praise anyone that has represented the school this week at football. Writer of the Week: Chelsey for her recount of the Astrodome experience Maths Master: LJ for his work with dividing numbers and fractions this week
Birch	Mrs Melrose and Mrs Andrews would like to praise and thank Tyrell, Triston, Lucy E, Scarlett and Ervie for setting up darinets each week. Writer of the Week: Emily for her excellent use of figurative language when describing her alien Maths Master: Skye for using place value when multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.
Ash	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Amelia, Alfie J, Poppy, Kira and Julia for their fantastic chocolate bar packaging designs. They would also like to praise the whole class for making superb progress in their arithmetic tests this week. Writer of the Week: Charlie for using excellent persuasive language to advertise his new chocolate bar called 'Universe' Maths Master: Autumn for making excellent progress in her arithmetic test score!
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for their phenomenal attitude, effort and results throughout the week when completing and facing some challenging test papers. Writer of the Week: Alfie for applying his phonic knowledge to spell tricky words Maths Master: Elizabeth for a huge improvement in her approach and understanding to reasoning questions
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Summer for the amazing progress she made in her reading this term. They would also like to praise Seanna for overcoming her nerves when reading her lines in our Christmas production. Writer of the Week: Ronnie T for independently using his word mat to correctly spell high frequency words in his dinosaur narrative Maths Master: Harini for scoring full marks in her end of term arithmetic test
Willow	The year 1 teachers would like to praise and thank Dexter and Alex for being particularly kind and considerate friends this week. Writer of the Week: Harry for making a huge effort to use his phonic knowledge when writing a diary entry Maths Master: Mia for her amazing results on her recent maths test!
Oak	Teachers in year R would like to praise and thank Wale, Chloe, Katie and Lauren for their enthusiasm when learning the words for our songs. Writer of the Week: Orla for listening carefully and taking great care when practising her handwriting Maths Master: Emily for some great home learning, ordering objects by size
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise Bentlee for trying really hard with his Makaton sign for good morning. Praise also goes to Jurica, Joyzer and Jazneil for being more confident when joining in this week. Writer of the Week: Eliss for recognising letters and knowing the initial sound for a word Maths Master: Archie for being able to identify 'more' when comparing two groups



Diary:

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th
December—Parent meetings

Tuesday 12th December—Annual Christmas church service (Holy Trinity Church) starting at 1.30pm (years 1-6)

Wednesday 13th December—EY/KS1 Christmas performance to parents (am and pm)

Thursday 14th December am and Friday 14th December pm—KS2 Christmas production to parents

Thursday 14th December—Choir singing for Demelza House in Sittingbourne Forum (pm)

Friday 15th December—Christmas jumper day and Christmas disco

9.30am—Y1/2 express event

9.15am—Reception express event

Monday 18th December—Y5/6 express event (9.15am)

—pm—KS2 at Sittingbourne park



Messages

It is our annual Christmas Church service this Tuesday (12th December) at Holy Trinity Church from 1.30pm. Please do join us if you can as Year 6 lead us through our Christmas service. Parents will be able to take their children straight from the church; please ensure that you sign your child out with the class teacher if you are taking them from the church.

We have a number of production performances this week (EY/KS1 and KS2). Please note that due to health and safety reasons, you will need a ticket for the performances. Tickets are available at the school office. The children have been working incredibly hard; we look forward to seeing you there!

It's Christmas jumper (and disco!) day on Friday (15th!) Children can come to school in non-school uniform with Christmas jumpers / festive outfits! Donations received on the day will help to support 'Save the Children'.

Hot Chocolate

Mrs Hughes has offered to serve up Hot Chocolate from the Snack Shack at break time on Thursday and Friday. Each cup will be just 20p! Proceeds will go to buying more resources for the Snack Shack!



Christmas Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair on Saturday! The day was a huge success. Total profits will be shared with you as soon as they are finalised.

Thank you, as ever, to our PTA for all their hard work and energy in putting the fair together.



News from around the school

Nursery—What a week! The children have been super busy practising their Christmas performance. I really hope you are able to come along to watch us on Wednesday 13th December.

Dates for the forthcoming week—

Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December—Parents' evening. Please check your appointment times. Also please see Mrs Legg if you would like an appointment as they are going fast!

Wednesday 13th December—morning and afternoon Christmas performances—tickets are available. Please note: **2x tickets per family**

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas lunch. If your child is coming in for lunch, please can they be dropped at Nursery for 11.20. We will endeavour to finish by 12.10 but please be patient if we are running a little late as this is a very busy lunch time as you can imagine!

Friday 15th December—Christmas jumper (clothing) day. £1 donations please if possible to raise money for 'Save the Children'.

Finally, please see the Christmas party list in the cloakroom. We would be very grateful for some donations if you are able to help. Thank you for your continued support!

Star of the Week: Lilly for settling really well into Cherry class and for being more confident to try new things.

Year 1 This week Willow class have been working on a diary entry. They had to imagine that they were Harry from the book, 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to the Museum'. In the story, Harry gets lost and ends up wandering around alone. We spent a considerable amount of time imagining how it would feel to be Harry at that moment; this enabled us to use lots of fantastic emotive language in our diary entries. I am looking forward to reading the diary entries the children wrote about their weekends as part of their homework.

In arithmetic we have revisited doubling which has been a tricky concept for the children but we have made great progress! If you are able to consolidate this over the Christmas break, that would be much appreciated.

We are all very excited for the upcoming KS1 and Early Years production of 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. The children have all worked really hard at learning lines, dances and actions. I hope you enjoy all their efforts!

Star of the Week: George for making an incredible effort in phonics this term which was evident in his latest phonics score!

Year 3 This week in year 3 the children will be applying their knowledge and understanding of area and perimeter to help some mischievous Elves make some cards.

In literacy the children will be continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of formal letter writing.

On behalf of myself and Mrs Pullen we would like to thank you all for your support throughout the term. The children have made us very proud with their approach to challenging and difficult tasks and for rising to the high expectations. Thank you again, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year!

Star of the Week: Preeya for always having a massive smile on her face and being resilient when facing difficult challenges

Year 5 As we draw closer to the end of term, we have a fun packed week ahead! This week we will be performing our Christmas production to the younger children in school as well as to parents and carers; please do come along and join us if you can. A big thank you to all parents for sending in the children's costumes; we are very grateful, as ever, for your support.

We are also looking forward to our annual Christmas Carol service at the church on Tuesday. Year 6 will be leading the service. Please do come along if you can; the service begins at 1.30pm.

When we are back in class we will be continuing to develop our own aliens and think about the planets that they could live on as part of our narrative that we are developing.

Star of the Week: Freya for leading the way and setting the example during the KS2 play rehearsals

Reception—As we enter our last full week at school before the Christmas holidays, we are planning a very busy week in Oak class.

The beginning of the week will see last minute rehearsals happening for our performance on the Wednesday. All of the children have done an amazing job over the last couple of weeks and we are very proud of them. We hope they continue to show you their confidence when you come to watch them.

In literacy we have been reading lots of Christmas stories and finding out about the true meaning of Christmas and how it is celebrated by different people around the world.

Last week we saw some great learning in maths and we will be continuing our work on addition this week to consolidate our learning.

We finish our week with our express event on Friday and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Star of the Week: Rylee for making very grown up and sensible choices this week

Year 2 As the term draws to a close, we have a very hectic week ahead!

Our Christmas production to parents is taking place on Wednesday. We will be holding two performances; the first at 9.30am and the second at 1.30pm. The children have all been working extremely hard and have produced a production to be proud of! Make sure you grab a ticket or two!

When we are not rehearsing or performing the Christmas production we will be completing end of term maths and literacy tests in order to demonstrate the progress we have made this term.

Friday is our Express Event. Please come along and support your child in making a 'junk' dinosaur. Between now and then please send in any junk you may have. Thank you to those parents who have already sent some in, it is greatly appreciated!

Star of the Week: Aimee for the excellent progress and achievement she demonstrated in her PUMA (maths) test this week

Year 4 Last week Ash Class created superb posters to advertise their own amazing chocolate bars. This week we will be continuing with our marketing campaign to create a radio advert for our new confectionary products. While in Maths, we will be practising telling the time and applying this knowledge to answer a range of tricky problems. The children have worked really hard during our Christmas play rehearsals; we hope you enjoy the performances that will take place this week.

Key Dates

Thursday 14th December—morning performance of the KS2 Christmas play

Friday 15th December—afternoon performance of the KS2 Christmas play

Tuesday 19th December—Year 3 and 4 Express event at 2pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Star of the Week: Roberts for consistently displaying excellent learning behaviour and being a role model for other members of the class

Year 6 In the final full week of Term 2, we have a very busy week! Early on, we will be watching the Early Years / KS1 & KS2 Christmas performances. On Tuesday we are at the church and Year 6 are delivering the Christmas Carol service; it would be great to see you down there.

On Wednesday, Mrs Hughes and Mr Summerfield have a special day planned and on Friday it is Christmas jumper day and the PTA are running a Christmas disco after school.

After school on Monday and Tuesday we have parent meetings where we can discuss your child's report, talk about SATs and any other queries you may have.

Many thanks.

Star of the Week: Victoria for her self-portrait and always being a kind friend to everyone