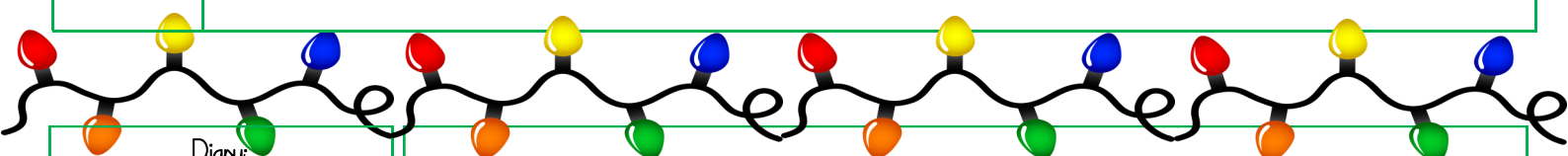


Praise and Thank You!

Week Beginning 4th December 2017

Sycamore	The adults in year 6 would like to praise the whole class for their efforts in their practise SATs papers this week. Writer of the Week: Ryan for superbly uplevelling a piece of text last week Maths Master: Charlie for his work with shape this week
Birch	Mrs Melrose and Mrs Andrews would like to praise Triston, Tyrell, Skye and Luke U for working independently on their newspaper reports. Praise also goes to Olivia H for her enthusiastic and dedicated approach to Accelerated Reader Writer of the Week: Alex for an excellent newspaper report Maths Master: Evie for showing resilience when tackling reasoning problems
Ash	The teachers in year 4 would like to praise Augustas, Mark, Amelia-Rose and Lauren for successfully using their knowledge of perimeter to answer some tricky word problems. Also well done to Graciemae, Keira-Jane and Jamal for writing a series of superb pieces of writing based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Writer of the Week: Ashton for writing an excellent diary entry and newspaper report based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Maths Master: Macie for successfully applying her knowledge of area and perimeter to solve challenging problems
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Plus and Minus table for being resilient when trying to apply their knowledge of fractions to solve some very challenging word problems Writer of the Week: Nathan for putting himself into a character's shoes and writing a great diary entry Maths Master: Rhys for applying his knowledge and understanding of fractions throughout the week
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise Carys, Ronnie W, Lilia, Mechola and Lucy for learning their lines for our Christmas production. They would also like to praise Zuzanna and Jasmine for independently using their phonic and high frequency word mats to support their spelling in their dinosaur narrative. A special praise also goes to Oliver for being exceptionally kind to his peers this week. Writer of the Week: Morgan for her very detailed and beautifully presented dinosaur narrative Maths Master: Lexie for interpreting data in a pictogram to answer a range of 'tricky' questions
Willow	The teachers in Willow Class would like to praise and thank Baylee D and Honey for trying particularly hard with learning their lines for the school play. Writer of the Week: Leia for writing the most amazing dinosaur poem on Wednesday Maths Master: Bentley for sharing his amazing knowledge of the value of coins with the rest of the class
Oak	The teachers in Oak Class would like to praise and thank Matthew and AJ for always being kind friends to others. Writer of the Week: Dre for always trying hard with his handwriting Maths Master: Emily for her fantastic shape knowledge when sorting 3D shapes
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise all the children for their amazing efforts when practising our part in the Christmas performance. Writer of the Week: Rory for sharing lots of stories this week Maths Master: Miley for counting 21 friends and finding the numeral 21!



Diary

- Tues 5th Dec—Reports out to parents
- Thurs 7th Dec—Year 5/6 Astronomy dome in school
- Girls football team playing a Greenfields (3pm kick off)
- Friday 8th Dec—9.15am Nursery express event
- Saturday 9th December—Christmas Fair**
- Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December—Parent meetings
- Wednesday 12th December—EY/KS1 Christmas performance to parents (am and pm)
- Thursday 13th December am and Friday 14th December pm—KS2 Christmas production to parents
- Friday 15th December—Christmas jumper day and Christmas disco



Messages

- As you will be aware, the first reports of the school year will be sent out on Tuesday. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher at the parent meetings on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December, please do fill in the reply slip to book an appointment. We encourage all parents to come in to chat to us so that we can work together with the children. If you can't make the appointment dates but would like to arrange to come into school at a different time, please do speak to your child's class teacher.
- We have included a comments box on the parent meeting reply slip. Please do feed back anything you would like to regarding your child's progress, their feelings about school or any other comments you have to make. We very much value your feedback—positive or constructive!

It's our School Christmas Fair on Saturday 9th December! Please do come and join us from 11am to 2pm! We look forward to seeing you all on the day!

Our Local Governing Body

Thank you to everyone who voted in our recent parent governor election. We are delighted to let you know that Mr Scott Edwards has been appointed as our new parent governor joining Mrs Lisa Burton in this incredibly important role.

Representatives from our Governing Body will be present at Parent Meetings. Please do feel free to ask them any questions about their role or about the school.

Attendance

Whole school attendance has dropped this week to 97%. We need to try and stay above 97% if we can. Keep working hard to keep our attendance levels up.

Birch class won Reggie last week with attendance of 99.3% Well done year 5—enjoy your week with Reggie!



News from around the school

Nursery: As we are starting to head towards Christmas, next week will be focused on continuing our rehearsals for our part in the Christmas performance.

We will also be starting our Christmas activities; we are hoping that we will have a visit from a special cheeky character!

Please remember that our Express Event is on Friday 8th December at 9.15am; we are going to be creating sock dragons. We hope you are able to come along to join the fun!

Star of the Week: Poppy for always being happy and cheerful and for helping her friends throughout the week

This week in Oak Class we will be bringing our topic to a close with preparations for our Express Event. We will be bringing together our dragon themed stories and pictures to create a book. We look forward to seeing our families there.

As we move closer to Christmas, our days will be getting busier with preparations for various end of term events. We will be thinking about the story of Christmas and how we might celebrate with our families. We will be writing Christmas present lists and cards and starting to think about what Christmas crafts we want to take part in.

Please look out for the letter detailing all the events coming up in the next few weeks to ensure you don't miss any important dates.

As the weather has turned much colder, please can we ask that children come into school with warm coats and hats and gloves to ensure they can still use the outside area comfortably. Thank you.

Star of the Week: Isabell for her enthusiastic dancing during our Christmas production rehearsals

Year 1: Last week Willow Class explored the value of money, in particular, coins. In order to really get a feel of the difference in value between all the coins we decided to turn Willow Class in to a market for the morning! We had food and household goods out on the tables and the children were given £1 (pretend!) each. However, much to their annoyance, they didn't all have the same number of coins. Some of them only had one! This led to an interesting conversation around how you need more coins of a lower value to have the same total overall. Please continue to investigate coins with your spare change at home!

In literacy we wrote poems about dinosaurs. These were fantastic pieces of writing that the children should be very proud of.

Star of the Week: Evie for being really focused during morning writing due to a huge improvement in the time it takes her to settle when she comes into school

Year 2: This week in maths we will be continuing with our work on data and graphs. The children will be generating bar charts from data they have collected from other year groups. They will then interpret the data to answer a set of questions.

In literacy we will be focusing on the story 'The Dinosaur that Pooped the Past.' We will be generating a class based mind map of powerful vocabulary from the storybook then focusing on a different genre each day. We will use the vocabulary generated to write a diary entry, letter, character description and setting description.

As the Christmas production is fast approaching we will be focusing on rehearsals a lot this week. Please keep practising your child's lines at home; it is really appreciated. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that costumes need to be in school by Wednesday 6th December. Our performances to parents and carers will take place in the morning and afternoon of Wednesday 13th December.

Star of the Week: Ronnie W for enthusiastically participating in lesson inputs and discussions this week

Year 3: This week in Beech class the children will be writing a letter to Mr Willy Wonka asking him to share some of his amazing ideas with the school.

In maths the children will be applying their knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division to solve some tricky questions. The children will be securing different methods to help them apply their understanding throughout the week.

Please could I ask that if your child has a speaking part in our Christmas production—please could you help them practise their lines at home. Thank you!

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to come and ask!

Star of the Week: Emma for listening and following instructions throughout the week and for trying her best in every lesson

Year 4: This week in Ash class we will be creating a marketing campaign for a new chocolate bar. Then, in our topic lesson we will be designing the packaging for this new confectionary product. While in Maths we will be continuing to develop our knowledge of area and perimeter. We will then apply these skills to answer a range of problems.

This is our final week of rehearsals for the Christmas play. If children have a speaking part, please can they practise their words at home.

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 3/4 Express event at 2pm.

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

Star of the Week: Keira-Jane for her effort, concentration and enthusiasm when practising our Christmas play

This week in Birch class will be a bit different! We have quite a few rehearsals for our Christmas production this week as the performance dates draw ever closer. Year 5 have been fantastic in rehearsals and are singing beautifully too—well done Birch class!

We have a visit from the Astrodome on Thursday morning which will help put all of our learning around the solar system into context as we go on a journey around the galaxy with year 6!

The rest of the week will be focused on some open ended reasoning in our maths lessons along with designing our very own planets in literacy!

Fencing continues on Monday and our last darinet lesson of this term will take place on Wednesday.

Star of the Week: Luke S for consistently making the right choices

This week in Sycamore class we have a very special guest coming in on Thursday. An Astrodome company are arriving to set up in the hall and they will be with the children in the morning. We will then be writing a piece of text based around their experiences on the Thursday, editing it on Friday and then writing a final draft afterwards.

As it is a week after the class have sat their practise SATs, we are going to be looking at the areas/questions that we found challenging. We will start the week by dividing and then progressing on to dividing and multiplying fractions.

Wednesday will be a Science day where the class will be looking at reversible and irreversible substances. Then, we will be investigating what happens to effervescent tablets when they are placed in different liquids.

Star of the Week: Chris for his attitude and progress in his reading with Mrs Hughes