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## WELCOME

### SCHOOL AWARDS



#### SPECIAL MENTIONS

This week special mentions were awarded to:

Reception: Evie, Holly  
Year 1: Jasmine, Rio  
Year 2: Ruby, Jess  
Year 3: Harvie, Jack  
Year 4: Nikola, Geg  
Year 5: Aron, Lili-Sue  
Year 6: Tily, Liby



The Behaviour prizes for this week were awarded to Lana and Graci.



#### ATTENDANCE

During the year attendance is monitored daily and each week classes receive awards for their attendance in the previous week.

On Monday attendance the award was presented to Year 5, WELL DONE!

Nursery AM 81.9%, Nursery PM 85.7%  
Reception 93%,  
Year 1 95.9%, Year 2 94.7%,  
Year 3 92.1%, Year 4 95%,  
Year 5 96%, Year 6 91%

Our new attendance target is **96%**



#### LUNCHTIME AWARDS

On Monday, awards were given to:

Reception: Gabriel  
Year 1: Rio  
Year 2: Archie  
Year 3: Loui  
Year 4: Harrison  
Year 5: Joshua  
Year 6: Codie



**Don't forget there will be no Nursery next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The Nursery unit will be closed so that staff can do home visits for the children joining us in the new year. Reception children should attend as normal.**

#### NURSERY

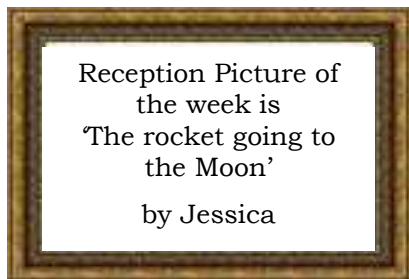
This week in Nursery, we have been reading the story of 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We have been on our very own space adventure and have been finding out what sounds we might be able to hear in space. One of our teddies kept hiding so we were using positional language to find out where he was. We have started to practise for our Christmas performance so have been learning all of our songs. Our favourite song this week has been 'When Santa got stuck up the chimney'.

Next week we will be learning about the season of Winter and will be learning about the changes that happen. In Maths, we will be comparing different groups of objects by size and quantity.

#### RECEPTION

We have thoroughly enjoyed the story 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. Our children have re-told the story by acting out key events. We have also created some wonderful pictures and models. Please have a look at our work which is displayed on the Reception topic board. Our Reception mathematicians have been learning the range of key vocabulary related to subtraction e.g take away, subtract, minus, leaves, difference. We have been using a range of props, songs and rhymes to extend our knowledge, understanding and vocabulary. We are also well under way with our Nativity rehearsals. We have noticed lots of budding performers who are enjoying rehearsing on stage. Let's hope confidence remains strong in front of a packed audience!

Next week we will be starting to think about Winter and we will be exploring a range of fiction and non-fiction books. In our Maths lessons we will be comparing numbers and amounts and we will be identifying which is 'more' and 'less'.



### YEAR 1 NEWS...



We have had an interesting week in Year 1. We have planned a party and invited characters from 'The Jolly Postman' story, designing special invitations. In Maths we have looked at the properties of shapes and sorted them into groups. In Science we have continued our work on materials and talked about how we use them. Next week we will look at measuring weight, capacity and time. We will write a funny party story and continue our work on materials.

### YEAR 2 NEWS...



Grammar this week has been all about sentences. We have been learning about the different types of sentences we can use in our writing and also making sure we remember punctuation. Some of the children have enjoyed writing exclamation sentences. They found it particularly funny to write some funny sentences about their teacher!

In Maths we have been continuing with addition and subtraction. Ask the children to show you how they can add 11 and 21 to any 2 digit number in their heads. Cricket has been the focus of PE for the last few weeks and will continue for another week in preparation for our competition on 8<sup>th</sup> December. We are getting very good at cricket now and Mr Smith our coach commented on what a fantastic class we are in terms of behaviour and talent!

Next week is assessment week and we will be doing some very informal quizzes to assess where the children currently are.

### YEAR 3 NEWS....



This week in Literacy we have been learning about adverbs. We wrote poems using adverbs. In Maths we have been learning about telling the time and Roman Numerals. In History we learned about diseases and medicine in Tudor times. Next week we will be learning about fractions in Maths and Myths & legends in Literacy.

### YEAR 4 NEWS....



This week the children in Year 4 have been working hard on fractions. We can now find fractions of numbers and add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. In Literacy we have been reading fables and trying to guess the moral in the story. We have also been getting better at using speech marks in preparation to write our own fable next week. In Topic we found out about Tudor children's lives and what school was like for them. Next week we are going to start making our Christmas cards and calendars.

### YEAR 5 NEWS....



This week in year 5 we have looked at what fractions are and then started to add them together – we will continue with this next week. Through SPAG we have looked at verbs and changing tense as well as adding extra relative clauses.

In Topic we have created a mythical beast which will become one of the lead characters in our myth story next week.

This week in R.E we have started to look at the Jewish faith and acted out a scene about Abraham (The Founder).

We have also started to learn our Christmas songs for the concerts and will continue to practise over the coming weeks. Keep practising at home too!

## YEAR 6 NEWS ....



The children have worked fantastically hard all week. In Maths we have focused on converting between metric and imperial units and rounding whole and decimal numbers. We have also done lots of arithmetic practice and have made huge progress in this area. In SPAG we have looked at hyphens and sentence structure whilst in reading we have looked at the structure of texts and predicting what happens next in a story. Next week we will focus on assessments in Maths, Writing, SPAG where we will hopefully see lots of progress. Keep up the hard work and continue to encourage your children to attend booster sessions – it really helps!

### CHILDREN IN NEED



Thank you for all your 'Pyjama Day' donations in aid of Children in Need. We raised over £177

Over the last few weeks we seem to have been sending quite a few letters to parents requesting medical evidence for absence (you may recall our latest guidance about attendance advised parents that evidence must be provided after 3 spells of absence). On a number of occasions evidence has not been provided and this results in unauthorised absence being recorded on a child's record. Unauthorised absences may result in a referral to the Educational Welfare Service.



### FOOTBALL REPORT



Last night was an eventful night with only 3 of the 4 entered teams turning up. Luckily all 3 schools brought subs so we had a mini tournament with each school having two teams. We split into Year 5 and Year 6 and

played 5 games each. In every game we saw some brilliant defending and goalkeeping from both our teams (we also saw a couple of brilliant auditions for Billy Elliot ☺). When our two teams faced off it was the Year 5 team that came out with a win (1-0) in a very tight and competitive game!

Well done to everyone that came and thank you for an enjoyable night despite the early problems.

(squad; Y6 Bailey, Justin, Jack, Noah, Owen, Leo, Carter, Dylan. Y5 Josh B, Josh S, Charlie, Kyle, Alfie, Cavan)

### DARK NIGHTS



Although it is getting darker earlier in the evenings now, all our pupils do not leave school any later than 4pm under normal circumstances so we

don't feel it necessary to insist that Key Stage 2 pupils (Year 3 and up) are collected. However, in the event that children are leaving school later than 4pm when it is much darker we would ask that they are met at school by an adult. As this doesn't happen regularly we would send a request via text for your child to be collected at the appropriate time.

Thank you for your support.

### SANTA'S STORE

Santa's store will be open for business on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children may bring money to school on these days to buy a small wrapped gift for a family member.

All gifts will be priced between £1 and £2.



### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TICKETS

From Monday all remaining tickets will be available on a first come first served basis





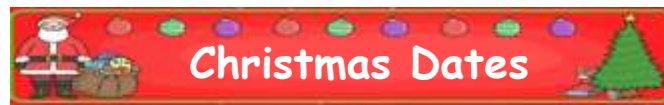
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FUTURE EVENTS



Don't forget the tree lighting ceremony at St Luke's Church this evening from 4.30pm. It would be lovely to see as many as you there as possible. The children will be singing some carols and there will be free mince pies and hot chocolate too!!

- 29.11.16 Y1/2 Athletics competition
- 02.12.16 Nursery closed due to home visits
- 08.12.16 Y1/2 Cricket competition
- 16.12.16 Last day of term
- 19.12.16 Xmas holiday starts
- 03.01.17 School re-opens to pupils
- 16.01.17 Deadline for eligible nursery children to apply for full time school (date of birth between 01/09/2012 & 31/08/2013)
- 15.02.17 Robinwood residential (3 days)
- 17.02.17 Inset day – school closed
- 20.02.17 Half term holiday – school closed all Week
- 10.04.17 School closed for Easter holidays (2 weeks)
- 01.05.17 Bank Holiday – school closed
- 04.05.17 Polling – Foundation Unit closed
- 29.05.17 Half term holiday – school closed 1wk
- 21.07.17 Last day of term
- 24.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 25.07.17 Inset day – school closed
- 26.07.17 Summer holidays



- 06.12.16 KS1 Christmas performance 5pm
- 07.12.16 EYFS Christmas performance 2pm
- 08.12.16 EYFS Christmas performance 10am
- 08.12.16 Santa's Store
- 09.12.16 Santa's Store
- 09.12.16 KS1 performance @ church 10am
- 12.12.16 KS2 performance @ church 10am
- 12.12.16 School Christmas Dinner
- 13.12.16 KS2 Christmas performance 5pm
- 13.12.16 EYFS Party
- 14.12.16 KS2 Party
- 15.12.16 KS1 Party
- 16.12.16 Xmas Factor