



December 2020

The Christmas decorations are going up!



Attendance

Year 6 – 95.5%

Year 5 – 95%

Year 4 Pine – 95.8%

Y4 Willow – 95.9%

Year 3 – 97.7%

Year 2 – 96.4%

Year 1 – 96.7%

Reception – 95.2%

Well done Year 3!

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems hardly any time since I wrote the last newsletter and yet another month has gone by! The children have been hard at work and I have enjoyed looking through books and seeing the fantastic work they have completed. Each week we have a virtual certificate assembly where we celebrate children's achievements, and it is so lovely to all come together – even if it is via google meet!

During November, we celebrated friendship week – this started with children wearing odd socks to celebrate the fact that everyone is unique. Each class enjoyed completing a range of activities linked to friendship – such as making friendship bracelets and writing friendship cards to each other. It has been lovely to see so many children demonstrating what good friends they are.

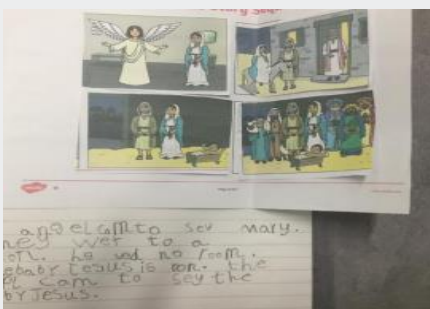
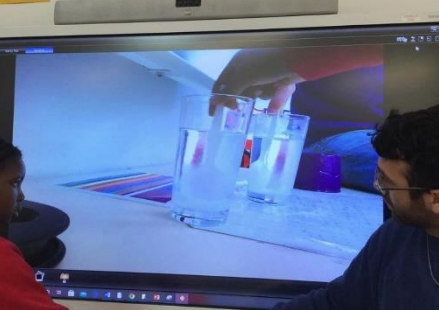
As you can imagine, the run up to Christmas at school this year will look very different. However, we are determined that children will still enjoy the celebrations – but this year, it will be in a covid-secure way. I have enclosed lots of important information about Christmas in this month's newsletter – please do take the time to read it.

Warmest wishes

Julie Ireland

PICTURES OF THE MONTH

We've enjoyed lots and lots of fun activities this month! Here are pictures of just a few of the fun things your child has been learning. Reception have practised their counting skills and produced some fantastic writing. Year 4 Pine travelled back in time to make some delicious looking Anglo-Saxon bread. Year 1 have developed their number skills and are learning addition and subtraction families. Year 5 are becoming budding scientists and have been finding out the quickest way to dissolve salt. Year 4 Willow created Anglo-Saxon pendants. Do follow our Instagram page to see more photos such as these.



Christmas jumper day

On Friday 11th December, it is Christmas jumper day. If you would like to make a donation, Mrs Turnbull and myself will be collecting money on the gate – we ask for a donation of £1.00. Please ensure your child has the correct amount as it is very hard for us to give change!

Christmas performance

This will be filmed on Wednesday 16th December and will be available for you to watch. We will send you more information on this nearer the time

Christmas lunch

Children will enjoy Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December. If your child normally has packed lunch but you would like for your child to have school lunch on this day, please contact the office.

Christmas parties

Each class bubble will have their own Christmas party. Please note that even though two classes have a party on the same day, they are separate from one another. Rather than sending in food or drink, we are asking for a donation of £1.00 towards the party food. Please can this be handed in by Friday 11th December. Your child can wear party clothes on the day of their party. See below for the date of each class's party. **Reception children will be enjoying a winter themed party.**

Monday 14 th December	Reception and Year 2
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 4 Pine, Year 4 Willow and Nursery A
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 3 and Year 5
Thursday 17 th December	Year 1, Year 6 and Nursery B

Finish times

Please see below for each class's finish time on **Friday 18th December**. We will be contacting parents of siblings separately with finish times. Children will return to school on **Tuesday 5th January**.

Time	Side gate	Main gate	Front office entrance	Nursery gate
1.40	Year 6	Year 5		
1.50	Year 2	Year 4 willow	Year 4 Pine	
2.00	Year 1	Year 3	Reception	

Christmas cards

If you would like your child to send Christmas cards, please can you make sure that they are sent in by **Friday 11th December**. They will then be quarantined in a special box in the classroom and handed out on **Monday 14th December**.