



Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems rather strange writing this on our INSET day with no children in the school. They were telling me yesterday about some of things they had planned, trips to museums, soft play, tea with friends. However the day is being spent, we hope you all enjoy it.



First Sunday of Advent

I can't believe that it is the first Sunday of Advent this weekend and am looking forward to lighting the candles of our wreath over the coming Assemblies.

Outside Area

Jerry has been busy today doing lots of things around the school including emptying the sandpit and building a new one in its' place, building a new bench/table, fixing daisy chalkboards to the fence and playhouse and building a table tennis table and football goals. These new additions should provide the children with access to more structured activities during playtimes and lunchtimes.



Reception

This week we have really enjoyed learning about different jobs people do. We interviewed lots of staff in the school and asked them all sorts of questions about their jobs. We've also been thinking about jobs we may like to do when we're older.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have continued to learn 'The Schoolkids' Rap' poem by John Foster and have been practising our actions so we can recite it off by heart. You can listen to the words here:

<http://www.poetryarchive.org/poem/schoolkids%E2%80%99-rap>

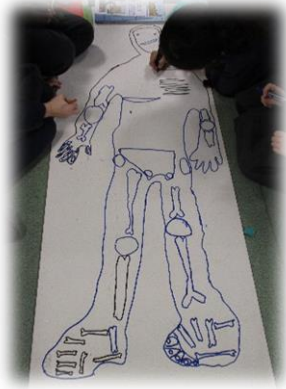
We've been learning number bonds to 10 and 20 in maths and sequencing and ordering numbers up to 100. We've also started to focus on the Christmas Story and have been making links to our Christmas Nativity which is coming up in December.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have made changes to our 'dragon painter' story to include a different setting. We've used puppets and an iPad to act out and record the story. In Maths we've been measuring ourselves and our classmates to calculate our heights and have been finding the difference between different lengths. We've practiced using rulers and number lines to find the difference by counting on from the smallest number. E-safety has been a focus this week and we've been looking at how to stay safe at home and school by creating our own e-safety video to share with other children in Year 2. We are gearing up for our carol concert in December and have been using our music lessons to learn and practice our songs.

Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been finishing our information leaflets about Ancient Egypt and have sent them through the time portal to Jet and Grey. In maths we have been looking at finding fractions of shapes and quantities including halves, quarters and thirds. We've written diary extracts to describe who and how Tutankhamun's tomb was discovered and in science we've drawn an outline of each other and had a go at naming as many bones as possible before we looked at a skeleton.



Attendance

Congratulations to all the pupils in Miss Hiles's Class on achieving 99% attendance this week - well done!! Hector will be enjoying next week in 1VH!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations for Years 1-3
Saturday 10 th December	3-5.30pm - Christmas Fayre at school
Monday 12 th December	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am Y1 Nativity Play @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert @ 2.30pm Y1 Nativity @ 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal @ 9.30am Year 2 & 3 Carol Concert @ 5.30pm
Thursday 15 th December	Reception Nativity @ 9.30am
Friday 16 th December	Whole school trip to see Snow White at the Hexagon
Wednesday 21 st December	Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'Karen Edwards'.

Karen Edwards
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

PTFA School Funding Autumn Term

Many thanks to everyone who came to Monday's PTFA Meeting and to those who shared their ideas about how PTFA funds are spent.

Autumn Term funding will be:

- Coach transport to the Pantomime
- Defibrillator Training for staff
- 'Quiet Area' shelter and playground seating
- Donation towards new school music room
- Development of outdoor space (planned early 2017)

Many parents proposed undercover scooter and bike storage - we are reviewing options and will feedback soon.

Money raised at the Christmas Fayre will purchase Lego WeDo Construction Sets - enabling the children to build robotic models and use computers to program their actions, sounds and responses!

THANK YOU everyone who has contributed to and supported our PTFA. The school is hugely appreciative and the children reap amazing benefits from the funding.

THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE - December 10th at 3pm

Volunteers:

We really need volunteers to:

- Set-up
- Clear-up
- Man stalls (45 minute time slots)

For more information, please see Richard Hepwood's spreadsheet uploaded on Facebook, also circulated by Parentmail. If you can help, email: Rhepwood@hotmail.com

Bottle & Chocolate Tombola:

December 1st will be drop off day for bottles and chocolates for the tombola. PTFA will be on hand at drop off and pick up to take donations.

We are hoping to have a box in reception for those who can't make December 1st.

Parent donations make the tombola a success and all donations are very gratefully received.

Raffle Tickets:

25% of ticket stubbs have been returned - thank you.
75% remain unreturned / unsold.

The raffle makes up a huge element of funds raised at the Christmas Fayre particularly as the money is doubled by Microsoft match funding.

We would be incredibly grateful for your help with buying / selling raffle tickets and returning the stubbs to school by December 7th.