School Newsletter: Friday 15th Dec 2023

In our classes this week…..

EYFS

What a busy week the EYFS children have had! We had a great time at our Christmas Party, playing lots of party games and enjoying party food as well as a visit from a very special person!
We also had our Whole School Nativity; the children did a fabulous job and kept us all entertained!
This week the reception children have consolidated learning of all Phase 2 Phonics sounds and tricky words, it is important to revisit these over the Christmas holidays.
The nursery children have looked at shapes and enjoyed phonics based around Fire Engines.
We also had a visit from the Durham Music Service who performed a special concert for us too!

Key Stage 1

This week KS1 have been learning about the properties of materials. They tested a range of materials to discover if they were absorbent.
As part of our development of reading comprehension skills the children followed instructions to create paper planes which they loved testing to see which one would fly the furthest.
Festive fun this week included the Rocking Tigers, who played a concert for us, our Nativity and we ended the week with our Christmas party.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

Class 2 have had an exciting week. We had a special visit from Santa and he even brought us each a present. We wrote a non-chronological report all about animals from the past, some had appeared in our book- The Pebble in my Pocket. We made two types of bread, a sweet and a savoury option. We performed our Nativity and to finish off the week we used our map skills to find Christmas items hidden around the school yard.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have been finishing sewing a product to make a calendar and we will be evaluating how effective these are.
The children did an amazing job of remembering their lines in the school nativity and were nice and loud when presenting these!
On Friday we participated in a school games Christmas event with other schools across County Durham.
Note: There will be no SATS club until after Christmas.

Week commencing 18th Dec

There are no after school clubs this week.
There is no swimming this week.

General

This week in assembly we have discussed *'What is rubbish?'* and looked at Article 24: the right to clean water, healthy food, and a clean and safe environment to live in. British litter-pickers have become world champions in the SpoGomi World Cup after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in Tokyo, Japan, for the first-ever contest of its kind.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 18th December 2023 – KS2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th December 2023 – Break up for Christmas
Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Thursday 4th January 2024 – Return to school
Friday 16th February 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 26th February 2024 – Return to school
Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Break up for Easter
Thursday 28th March 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Monday 15th April 2024 – Return to school
Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 24th May 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June 2024 – Return to school
Friday 19th July 2024 – Break up for Summer holidays
Monday 22nd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 4th September 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Thursday 5th September 2024 – Return to school

Please check dojo for further dates and details