School Newsletter: Friday 8th Dec 2023

In our classes this week…..

EYFS

This week the Reception children had an amazing time at the Panto watching Jack and the Bean stalk! They all behaved so well and loved singing and shouting at the evil characters!
Nursery children have made beautiful Christmas decorations and Christmas pictures.

In P.E the children have begun to increase their ability to move over and around the equipment using positional language. We are beginning to consolidate all learning from previous phonics sounds. In maths we have focused on 2D shapes.

All of the children have loved practicing their singing for the Carols around the tree and the School Nativity. Well Done!

Key Stage 1

What a wonderfully festive week we have enjoyed! The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas dinner on Wednesday and were mesmerised by the pantomime on Thursday. We ended our week on a high note with the children performing Christmas carols around the tree.
In maths the children have been consolidating their understanding of addition and subtraction. Year 2 have been introduced to the formal written method and I've been impressed to see some children using the method during our Maths of the Day.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

Class 2 have started learning all about length and perimeter. We have been looking at different units of measurement and calculating the perimeter of shapes. We have been learning about the story of the three wise men and the meaning behind gold, frankincense and myrrh. In science, we got to go inside a planetarium and learn all about space and the galaxy. We finished off the week with our carol service.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we enjoyed working with the Newcastle Life centre to complete a science workshop in the mobile planetarium.
On Tuesday we performed Jingle bells and We Will Rock You for the other children in school.
We had a brilliant time at the pantomime on Thursday and singing carols for families on Friday morning!

Note: There will be no SATS club until after Christmas.

Week commencing 11th Dec

Wednesday – Y1+Y2+Y5+Y6 – Yoga*
Wednesday – R+KS1 – Multi-Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5 + Y6 – Swimming

*Please wear PE Kit

General

In assembly this week we looked at the Fagradalsfjall volcano which is thought to be the cause of a series of recent earthquakes. Iceland has declared a state of emergency as inhabitants from the nearby town of Grindavik are evacuated. We talked about Article 39 and 'What is it like to live through an uncertain time?'

Natural disasters can cause harm to people – their possessions, homes and lives. We have the right to get help if we have been hurt so we can get back our health and dignity.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 12th December 2023 – Whole School Nativity (1.30pm – All Welcome)
Thursday 14th December 2023 – EYFS Christmas Party
Friday 15th December 2023 – KS1 Christmas Party
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