School Newsletter: Friday 6th Dec 2024

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

In nursery this week we have started our Christmas activities! We decorated our class tree and made letters to send to Santa in our class post office! We have made our own Christmas tree decorations and hung them on our tree. In our role play area we set up our own Christmas dinner, cooking for our friends and having our own Christmas dinner party wearing party hats which we made together.
To prepare for the school nativity, we have been practicing our songs and getting on/off the stage ready to perform to all our friends and family.

Key Stage 1

Reception have enjoyed learning about Hanukkah and about how it is celebrated around the world. We also enjoyed practising our level 2 and 3 sounds during our snowflake hunt where the children found hidden snowflake and blended the sounds to read the words.
KS1 have enjoyed our literacy this week as we prepare to write a set of instructions. In our preparations the children had the opportunity to make a glow jar which they thoroughly enjoyed. We have all been busy practising for our Nativity this week and look forward to sharing our play with you next week.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week Class 2 have continued to learn about multiplication in Maths and have practised different times table facts.
In English we have continued to discuss and write about the story 'Fly Eagle Fly'. I have been so impressed with how much the children know about the story. We discussed the message of the story yesterday and the children decided it is to never give up and to believe in yourself no matter what!
On Friday the children enjoyed an archery session.
I've had a lovely first week in such a welcoming class.

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week in maths we have been learning how to add and subtract decimal numbers.
In science we have been looking at the evolution of humans. Following our session, we considered the impact that early humans had on plants and animals.
In Jigsaw we collected facts about Paralympic athletes and considered how perceived disabilities do not limit what some people can achieve.
On Friday we enjoyed an archery session with Durham School Sports Partnership.

Reminder

On Thursday can all key stage 2 children bring a Christmas jumper and school uniform bottoms to change into for the Nativity. Thank You!

Week commencing 9th December

Wednesday – Nursery Theatre Trip
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Whole school – (AM) Festive Fun Run*
Thursday – Y5+Y6 – Swimming**
Thursday – Whole School – (PM) Nativity

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we looked at a news story where the Football Association has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football in a strategy called Football Without Limits. This linked to Article 23: Children with disabilities; the British Value of Individual Liberty and the protected characteristic, disability.

For December we are listening to best-selling Christmas number 1 hits with Boney M, Mary's Boy Child being our piece this week.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Nursery Theatre Trip (AM)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Festive Fun Run (Whole school)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Nativity (Whole school) – 1:30pm
Monday 16th December 2024 – Nursery Xmas Party (AM)
Monday 16th December 2024 – KS2 Xmas Party (PM)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Panto Trip (R to Y6)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Reception/KS1 Xmas Party (PM)
Thursday 19th December 2024 – Carols at Methodist Church 1:30pm
Friday 20th December 2024 – Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Return to school
Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Friday 11th April 2025 – Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025 – Return to school
Friday 23rd May 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June 2025 – Return to school
Friday 18th July 2025 – Break up for Summer break

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