

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of term, I wanted to thank you for all of your support and to congratulate the children on all of their achievements during this incredibly busy term. The children have produced some stunning work and our sports teams continue to excel. It has been lovely to see some of you at our Good Work assemblies on a Friday and I look forward to inviting many more as the year progresses.

Just a reminder that when the children return to school on Wednesday 4th January, we will have new school times: 8:45 – 3:15. The school gates will be open from 8:35 and the children will be collected from their usual door at 8:45 prompt. At that point, the external doors will be closed and any late children will need to enter through the office and will receive a late mark. In the afternoon, the gates will open at 3:10 for the children to be collected at 3:15. Please note that the car park gates for vehicular access will now be locked between 8:35 – 8:50 and 3:10 – 3:25. Timings for breakfast and after school club will remain the same.

This term has been a difficult one for attendance with many of the usual winter illnesses hitting harder and earlier than expected. Thank you for continuing to work with us and getting the children to school every day that they are able to come. We continue to be extra vigilant to the increased threat from Strep A and Scarlett Fever and are working closely with Public Health to ensure that we minimise the risk as much as possible.

I am sure that I join yourselves in thanking the staff in Key Stage 1 and EYFS staff for their incredible hard work preparing the Christmas Plays. The children were exceptional and I thoroughly enjoyed hearing their singing and seeing the budding actors and actresses.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break and I look forward to hearing about all of the children's adventures when they return to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Kind regards,

Mrs Drinkall



School closes at 3:00 on Friday 16th December
School opens at 8:45 on Wednesday 4th January

EYFS and KS1

Nursery

In literacy the nursery children have looked at the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They have had lots of fun exploring their senses splashing in cold water and squelching in the mud.

We have had special class elf visiting us in December. The children have enjoyed seeing the mischief he has been up to each day.



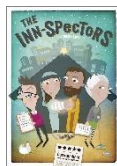
Reception

This half term the children have developed their pencil control in the creative area building up to drawing a self-portrait. The children have further developed their fine motor skills by decorating our Christmas tree and helping the elves wrap presents.



1G

1G have had a busy half term practising for our school Nativity, The Inn-Spectors. Everyone has worked really hard to learn the songs and their lines. In Literacy, we have written some fantastic stories based on our focus text 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. Miss Gray is astounded at the progress they have made in their writing and is super proud of them all! In Design and Technology we have had lots of fun designing, making and evaluating our very own moving LEGO vehicles.



2P

2P, this half term, have performed a fantastic nativity play, The Inn-Spectors. I have been super proud of every single child when learning their lines and delivering them with such enthusiasm.

We have also designed and created pop-up Christmas cards in Design Technology, which the children cannot wait to show you.



2L

In 2L, the children have enjoyed learning about the story of Christmas through the nativity performance and within RE. In RE, we have sequenced the story of the birth of baby Jesus and the importance of the characters roles. In writing, we have been writing our own discussion text, thinking of reasons for and against why Miss Lakin should bring in brownie for 2L. We decided that she should bring them in!





3H

In Year 3, we have enjoyed exploring the past through History. We have researched what life was like in the Stone Age and compared it to our lives today. In our Science work, we have been finding out about the human body and how to take care of it. The children really enjoyed looking at food packaging to see how much salt, sugar or fat is in different foods. They used this knowledge to design a menu of a balanced diet.



4D



In Class 4D we have had a super half term discovering what life was like as a Celt and a Roman. On our trip to Murton Park, we were recruited as Roman soldiers and taught many military skills! We have used this knowledge in our History lessons to become experts on the Romans and their invasion of Britain. Well done on a fantastic half term!



6A



Over the last few weeks, we have used our resilience skills to learn how to swim at Ennerdale. Miss Andrews is extremely proud of the children's efforts and progress – well done Year 6!

In DT, we have been planning our own balanced breakfasts. We have tasted breakfasts from around the world to inspire our decisions!

4H

In 4H during our art lessons, we have been busy learning about the renaissance period and in particular Da Vinci's work. The children have looked at his sketching techniques and created their own full body portrait showing emotions through body language and facial expressions.



5GL

In Year 5 we have thoroughly enjoyed our golf lessons at the driving range this half term. In Science, we have also enjoyed learning about Earth, the moon and other planets in our solar system. In writing lessons, the children have written a diary entry based on "Tom's Midnight Garden" and a prequel to the story. For our food technology, we have enjoyed making tuna pasta bake. Watch out Gordon Ramsay!!!



6R

This half term, 6R have been working incredibly hard across the curriculum. The children showed real ambition and resilience during our swimming lessons – they made so much progress in just two weeks. We have been exploring breakfasts around the world in DT. We are looking forward to making our own breakfast this week!

NOTICE BOARD

PE T-Shirts

The children look fantastic in their coloured PE t-shirts. If you would like to purchase a spare one or require a replacement, these can be ordered through the School Money website at £5 each.

Absence Reporting

If your child is poorly and cannot attend school, please give us a ring and leave a message on the answering machine. If you are unsure whether your child can attend, please call for advice.

School times

Nursery: 8:45 – 11:45, 12:15 – 3:15

Reception: 8:45 – 11:45, 12:30 – 3:15

Key Stage 1: 8:45 – 12:30, 1:15 – 3:15

Key Stage 2: 8:45 – 12:00, 12:45 – 3:15

2022-2023 Term Dates

Spring Term

Wednesday 4th January – Friday

10th February

Monday 20th February – Friday

31st March

Summer Term

Tuesday 18th April – Friday 26th

May

Monday 5th June – Friday 21st

July

Attendance

School attendance for this term is:

94.56%

Our target is 96%

The top class is 1G with 96% - Well done!

Dates for Diaries

Thursday 15th December – Class party afternoon

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper day

Friday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 16th December – School Closes for Christmas

Wednesday 4th January 8.45am – School Opens