

Term 2 newsletter- December 2023

We are already a third of the way through this school year! We can't quite believe it! Term 2 is always busy with Christmas festivities and this year has been no exception.

We ran successful parents' evenings in November. As always, the take up of appointments was high- thank you to all of you who attended. It is a really important time for us to celebrate each child's progress and achievements and enables us to let you know what support you can give at home.

We also marked anti-bullying day as well National Diabetes day in order to raise awareness of these important issues.



At the end of November, Family Trust performed their Christmas show which the children found very entertaining.



Christmas celebrations started in December with our Early years/ KS1 nativity- Whoops A Daisy Angel.

Since then, we have taken Oak Class and Pine Class to Leeds Castle. They all had an amazing time looking at the castle decorated like Narnia.

We were kindly invited to watch a film at the station café. Beech Class and Pine Class thoroughly enjoyed themselves! Oak Class have also sung Christmas songs and carols at the station café!



In class, Beech have made chocolate decorations, Pine Class have made Christmas stocking, Oak Class have made Christmas cards and all classes have enjoyed a forest school day, creating Christmas decorations!



This week we have enjoyed our Christmas party and of course we are looking forward to the Christmas lunch and the Christingle service at the church.

In other news... We say goodbye to Mrs Ischt and hello to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Smith.

Attendance

Our current attendance is: **94.6%**

The class with the highest attendance this term is: ***Pine Class!***

How are we doing in terms of school improvement?

Below are the actions we have taken on our school improvement plan and the actions we aim to take in the next two terms.

<i>Objective</i>	<i>Actions taken</i>	<i>What's next?</i>
<i>We want children to be fluent mathematicians</i>	Staff have engaged in moderation with other schools in the local area. Staff training has taken place on meeting the needs of all learners in maths. We are reviewing daily counting to look at impact.	Provide opportunities for teachers to observe one another's maths lessons. Map out a maths workshop to support parents.
<i>We want a happy and emotionally resilient school community</i>	Year 5s have engaged in play leader training. Staff INSET day provided further training, advice and support to staff on the use of Zones of Regulation helping to develop consistency and a whole school approach.	Review the Zones of Regulation and how they are working in class. Organise how the Year 5 play leader training can be embedded. Provide further CPD to staff on Zones of Regulation.
<i>We want a cohesive approach to subject leadership</i>	Progression documents have been embedded and published on our website for parents to see. Wide range of enriching trips and experiences for all classes. Making use of both the school grounds and the local area.	The collegiate approach will be developed by senior leaders and shared with staff. Staff engagement in reviewing books and planning against knowledge and skill progression documents created.

Dates for your diary:

2nd January- INSET DAY- children do not attend school on this day.

15th January- Urban Strides dance workshop for Pine and Oak

16th January- Young Voices

Week of 22nd January- Bikeability for Year 6

23rd January- Water safety talks

6th February- Celebration of Learning Year R, 2 and 6

7th February- Celebration of Learning Year 1,3

8th February- Celebration of Learning Year 4,5

Thank you so much for all your ongoing support!

Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mrs Bradley-Wyatt and the Hollingbourne team.