

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we arrive at the end of a very long term, I would like to say what a fantastic end to the term we have had. The children have enjoyed many Christmas events including a wonderful Christmas around the world assembly. It was lovely to hear Christmas songs being sung in many different languages and learning about other countries Christmas traditions. The Nativities and Christmas sing a longs were very well attended and I would like to thank you all for your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 21st Dec - Break up for Christmas - 2pm finish

Mon 8th Jan - Inset Day

Tues 9th Jan - Children return to school

Thurs 25th Jan - Intra House Sports Day

Fri 26th Jan - Yr4 DT Day

W/B Mon 5th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week



**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM
ON THURSDAY 21ST
DECEMBER. THERE WILL BE
NO LATE CLUB SO PLEASE
COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN
ON TIME.**

Lost Property

Yet again the lost property box is overflowing! If your child's clothing is not named then we will be unable to return items to the children and they will be put in the lost property box which can be located in the office. If your child has recently lost an item of clothing, please come and check to see if it has been handed in as we will dispose of any uncollected items at the end of term.

Headteacher Awards

Krishma Y3 - for writing a fabulous chronological report about clothing

Harvey-Lee Y6 - for an outstanding effort in his big write

Tilly-Boe Y6 - for achieving 10/10 in her spelling test

Demi Y4 - for great work during Enterprise week

Teddie Y4 - for a great big write about the Vikings

Atputhaa Y4 - for great work during Enterprise week

Freya-Rose Y5 - for great work during Enterprise week

Limota Y6 - for fantastic homework about the Maafa writing about the abolition of the slave trade

Jackson Y3 - for making a beautiful Christmas card

Rihanna Y4 - for great work during Enterprise week

Azwa Y2 - for writing a narrative in the first person



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UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

As part of Enterprise Week, Year 5 children have been busy fulfilling a huge demand for customised Christmas bracelets and tea-light snowpeople! The two classes worked together efficiently, showing impressive teamwork and ingenuity to complete the orders. Alongside these endeavours; in English we have been completing stories where an enchanted artefact results in a time-lapse to the Shang Dynasty. The children have enjoyed describing their awakenings and realisation that they'd time travelled back to ancient times!

The children in Year 6 have had a DT filled last couple of weeks to this term. We made biscuits and Christmas labels as part of Enterprise week. The children have also made Christmas Stocking tree decorations which they have designed and and sown.

As part of their writing, Year 6 have been coming up with superb ideas for their own traditional tales. They have really embraced the themes and features of the text type which include villains, heroes and in some cases lots of magic. We look forward to sharing some of their finished stories with you at some point. We also have concluded our topic of Maafa by looking at the abolition of the slave trade and the impact of this on modern day Britain.

Mrs McLean

LKS2 News

Lower Key Stage 2 have come to the end of their exciting new topics. Year 3 have learnt so much about life in prehistoric times and Year 4 have worked hard to learn about life in Britain with many different invasions. The staff are so proud of all the learning the children have done including non-chronological reports about Vikings, historical narratives, playscripts and instructions. DT food projects included learning to make pizza and vegetable crisps. Year 4 have also learnt about how to mix warm and cold colours in art and finished off their art lessons with some great paintings using what they have learnt. Well done for all your hard work children!



Mrs Iraola

Foundation Stage

The last few weeks, the children in Early Years have been enjoying the festive period. Each class has made festive items to sell which they much much enjoyed doing. The children have loved singing Christmas songs and performing their Nativity Assembly to you all. The children loved pretending to be reindeers in their 'Reindeer Run'. The children have been making very pretty Christmas Cards and Calendars which they will be taking home.

In Nursery, the children have been practising their number knowledge by counting the snowflakes.

Tweeddale Primary School were donated a Christmas tree at the start of December from Dobbie's Garden Centre. Cleo and Nathaniel from Reception and Alexandra and Toby from Year One enjoyed helping to decorate the tree which is standing beautifully in the Main Office.

Phonics:

In Reception, the children have learnt all of their Phase 2 sounds and have been sounding out words with these sounds in. The graphemes all the children now know are: s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, l, j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk

Over the Christmas holiday, why not challenge your child to sound out and read a simple words, such as 'quick' and 'mud'.

Maths:

In Maths this week, Reception have been learning and naming 2D shapes. The children have been looking at different 2D shapes, such as square, circle, triangle, rectangle and describing the shape's characteristics, such as straight sides and then grouping them.

We hope you enjoy your next two weeks off school and see you on Tuesday 9th January 2024 for an exciting new term!



Miss Digman

Sports News

The boys football team have had a successful start to the league, having won all but one of their games (which was a draw) and have also made good round progression in both the borough and robin cups. There are still a few games left to play in the new year for both of these so we wish the boys team lots of luck. After a slow season start, I'm sure there will be lots of matches scheduled for the girls team also.

Keep a look out for all the letters which will be going out in the new year about the different clubs that will be on offer. These include multi-skills, football, badminton, street dance and a musical theatre group to start the new school year. More will be added shortly.

Mrs McLean

Absence Request Forms

Absence request forms are now available from the school office. If you are requesting time off for your child during term time then this form needs to be completed and handed in to the office. Authorisation will only be given for requests of absence due to exceptional circumstances.

Jane Barbury

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

The children are getting very excited about Christmas and have loved the Christmas activities. We are very proud of them for learning their carols and words for the Key Stage 1 performance. Year 2 have used the Sainsbury advert 'A gift for Christmas' as a focus for their writing in English, providing them with opportunities to use expanded noun phrases. In Science they have been exploring materials and their properties, finding out about how they can be changed through twisting and bending. Year 1 have been reading 'The Wish Tree', they then created their own wish tree in the playground. They wrote their wishes for the community such as 'I wish everyone has food' or 'I wish everyone feels safe' and then added them to the tree.

Key Stage 1 would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

When the children return in the new year, Year 2 will be starting their new topic 'Coastlines' and Year 1 'Bright Lights. Big City'.

Miss Thirtle

School Term and Holiday Dates for the 2023/24 Academic Year

AUTUMN TERM

School Holiday

Monday 4th September - Friday 20th October

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October - Thursday 21st December

School Holiday

Friday 22nd December - Friday 5th January

SPRING TERM

School Holiday

Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

School Holiday

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April

SUMMER TERM

School Holiday

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June - Wednesday 24th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Monday 4th December

Monday 8th January

Wednesday 24th July



Staff Panto

Today the children enjoyed the story of Cinderella which was performed by a group of staff. They especially enjoyed Mr Rudd getting a cream pie in the face! Thank you to all the staff that took the time in their immensely busy schedules to take part!