

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your orders for Enterprise week, the classes are all going to be very busy next week making their Christmas goodies. We have shared dates for Christmas events with you, please note the dates down. If you need more information about your child's class, please refer to our website.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Jerrom

Dates for your Diary

W/B 4th Dec - Enterprise Week

Mon 4th Dec - Inset Day

Thurs 7th Dec - Save the Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 12th Dec - Rudolph Run

Wed 13th Dec - EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch

Fri 15th Dec - KS2 Christmas Lunch

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

Mon 8th Jan - Inset Day

Tues 9th Jan - Children return to school



Christmas jumper and event days can be found on pages 4 & 5 of the newsletter.

Inset Day

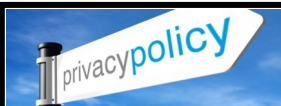
There will be an additional inset day on Monday 4th December. The children will return to school as normal on Tuesday 5th December.

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

- Lexi Y6 - for great homework about South Africa
- Amelia Y6 - For a wonderful drawing of a brass head from Oani
- Harley Y4 - for a great Anti Bullying week poster
- Connor Y3 - for writing about animals
- Kyron Y3 - for a fantastic drawing of a bell beaker pot
- Akankshi Y4 - for a wonderful Anglo-Saxon poem
- Phoebe Y4 - for a fantastic drawing of a bell beaker pot
- Sima Y6 - for a great model of a sugar plantation
- Katie Y6 - for a lovely model of Mary Seacole
- Precious Y6 - for a great piece of writing about Stormzy
- Sima Y6 - for a great piece of writing about Stormzy



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UKS2 News (Years 5 and 6)

Year 5 have been enjoying nearing the end of 'Bronze and Sunflower'. What is going to happen? We have also been starting to write our story about time-travelling to Ancient China! We have been learning about different types of bullying and how we can help others who are in difficult situations.

On Tuesday this week, children in Year 6 took part in a Design and Technology day where they learnt more about processed and whole foods. Children also got to enjoy making their own bread and then tasting it. This saw the children following the instructions and having to work as a team!

Mrs McLean

LKS2 News

In Year 3, we really enjoyed a PSHE lesson about giving and receiving compliments. The children anonymously gave others compliments and we shared these with the class and discussed how we can accept compliments in different ways. We then read a story and discussed what strategies we have learnt so far that would've been helpful to problem solve in the story. In Maths lessons, we are working very hard to learn our three and four times tables and apply these to multiplication and division questions. We have been using objects and arrays to help us count and share in equal groups.

Year 4 is getting stuck into learning about the Vikings now. This week they have started drafting their non-chronological reports about the Vikings. History lessons have included lots of learning about Viking raids and have given the children opportunities to discuss primary and secondary sources of information to consider how reliable the information that we have is. In Maths the children are learning about different types of graphs including line graphs and how to read them.



Mrs Iraola

KS1 News (Years 1 & 2)

In English and Science, Year 1 have been learning more about the weather, they have been sharing the stories 'The Weather Monster' and 'One Rainy Day'. In mathematics they have been learning about subtraction, initially the children used objects before moving on to using a number line to solve the calculations. In PE they have been learning different gymnastic shapes and been learning the techniques to roll. Both Year 1 and 2 have been learning Christmas Carols.

Miss Thirtle

Foundation Stage

This week Nursery have been very busy getting ready for Christmas. They have been making Calendars and are writing their Christmas lists for Santa.

In Reception this week, they have loved reading the story called 'No-Bot, the Robot with No Bottom' by Sue Hendra and have found the story really funny and have enjoyed making their own robots using a range of 2D shapes and describing the shapes they have used.

This week in Literacy, using robot talk, the children were given a word such as c-a-t. They had to identify the word and then find the picture and feed it to the robot. Their next challenge was to write the word they fed to the robot on the floor. They really enjoyed feeding the robot.

In Maths this week, the children have been practising counting their ability to count to 10 and they have been identifying one more and less of a number. Keep practising this at home.

In Phonics over the last two weeks, the children have learnt z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, and nk. Please keep practising these sounds along with all the previous sounds.

This weekend, your child has taken home a 'Book for Pleasure.' Your child has chosen this book themselves to share with their family and for you to read with them. This book will be changed every Friday. Feel free to comment in the reading record how much they enjoy this book!

Early Years have enjoyed practising their songs for the Christmas play, they have been singing 'Little Donkey', 'We Three Kings', 'Away in a Manager', 'Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star', 'When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney' and 'We Wish You Merry Christmas'.

On Thursday, Reception were visited by the fire fighters who bought the fire engine with them as it was linked to their topic 'Marvellous Machines'. The children enjoyed looking at the long hoses and they even got to sit in the vehicle. The children loved it when they turned the sirens on. It was very loud!

Have a good weekend!

Miss Digman



Sports News

Tweeddale girls' football team finally managed to play their first matches of the season last Friday, at a tournament held at Brookfield Primary School. The girls played three matches, against Manor Park, Cheam Park Farm and Barrow Hedges, and did themselves proud in what for a lot of them was their first taste of a competitive match. They lost an agonising 1-0 in the first match - to a goal that they insist should've been disallowed as the ball may have been out of play. Then came another 0-1 defeat, to the always strong Cheam Park Farm. In the final game against Barrow Hedges, Amelia opened the scoring and it seemed they were going to finish with a win, only for Barrow Hedges to equalise literally as the final whistle was being blown. Frustrating. The girls have at least learned to accept the referee's decisions in good spirit and are all looking forward to more matches later in the year. Special mention to Serenity, who was really good in goal, and Lola, who was a rock in defence! Well played girls, keep it up!

Last week, the boys football team took part in the 7-aside football tournament at a local primary school. The boys put up a good fight but unfortunately were unsuccessful at reaching the final stage. The boys were playing again this week in the second round of the Under 11's Robins Cup where they were drawn against St Mary's. The score was 1-0 to us where the only goal was scored within the first couple of minutes by the team captain Riley. Charlie, in goal, made some good saves and there was a brilliant defence put up by Ellis, Logan and Chris. The team man of the match was Logan.

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

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell. The link below will give you an indication on whether you should send your child into school or keep them at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do decide to keep your child at home, please remember that you must call the school office to let us know that they will not be in and give us a reason.

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



Christmas Jumpers in December



As the festive season approaches, the children will have the opportunity to don their Christmas jumpers and show their festive cheer on different occasions between now and the end of the academic year. Feel free to make an old or plain jumper festive if you cannot find one that takes your fancy!

Date	Reason	Class/Year Group
Thursday 7th December	National Christmas Jumper Day (Donations can be made directly to Save the Children if you wish)	All children
Monday 11th December	EYFS Christmas Celebration UKS2 Christmas Celebration	Lion Class & AM Nursery Penguin & Toucan Class
Tuesday 12th	EYFS Christmas Celebration	Lemur Class & PM Nursery
Wednesday 13th December	UKS2 Christmas Celebration KS1 Christmas Dinner	Seal & Hummingbird Class Children in Rec, Y1 & Y2
Thursday 14th	LKS2 Christmas Celebration	Leopard, Tiger, Koala & Kangaroo Class
Friday 15th	KS2 Christmas Dinner	Children in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Monday 18th	KS1 Christmas Celebration	Arctic Fox, Dolphin, Husky & Wolf Class

When children wear their Christmas jumper to school, the remainder of the uniform should be correct.

In addition, we will be having class parties on Wednesday 20th December 2023. On this day, children are allowed to come to school in their own clothing (appropriate to the weather and the school day) and can bring a plate of party food to enjoy in the afternoon. Please remember no nuts or fizzy drinks.

Please note that Christmas jumpers and mufti day outfits should have no football branding on them.

Upcoming Christmas Shows

This year we will be celebrating Christmas with a number of shows.

Please note the dates for your child's class. All shows will be in the school hall and each child will receive 2 tickets for their class performance/singalong.

Monday 11th December

9.30am - EYFS Nativity (Lion class and Morning Nursery)

2.30pm - Carols around the Christmas Tree (Toucan and Penguin Class)

Tuesday 12th December

2.30pm - EYFS Nativity (Lemur and Afternoon Nursery)

Wednesday 13th December

2.30pm - Carols around the Christmas Tree (Seal and Hummingbird)

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Carol Singalong

1.45pm - 2.15pm - Leopard and Kangaroo

2.30pm - 3.00pm - Tiger and Koala

Monday 18th December

Christmas Story and Songs

10.00am - Year 1

2.30pm - Year 2

We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Christmas Light Switch on

We are extremely proud of our fabulous choir who sang at the Christmas Switch On on Saturday. Years 3 and 6 sang outside Sutton Station and Years 4 and 5 sang inside Sainsburys. They overcame their nerves and put on a brilliant performance. They are an asset to our school and have made Tweeddale proud! Well done!



Miss Gray