



*Be Ready, Be Respectful Be Safe 'To believe, achieve, succeed together.'*

**NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**Value of the Term: RESPECT & PEACE**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

What an amazing atmosphere the village hall had on Sunday with the PTFA Christmas Fayre – such a hive of activity and fun with plenty of spending! There are too many people to thank individually but safe to say everyone involved should be immensely proud of the success of this annual event. The total so far is over £4000! Incredible.

This week we started with another curriculum evening event this time focusing on maths. Staff, led by Miss Pepler, guided parents through a number of different aspects of maths teaching, as well as looking at resources, concepts, having a go at some maths activities and thinking about the best way to help at home. It was a well-received evening and I thank the parents who came to learn more. I am going to have this put on the website very soon for those who were unable to attend to take a look at.

On Wednesday a small group of Year 3 & 4 pupils, along with Y6 leaders, attended a target festival at MCS. They all had a great time where they got to try Boccia, Kurling, Archery to name a few. They all represented the school really well, showed determination and were a great support to each other. Thanks to Ms Hassan too for accompanying the children and to parents for support in transporting.

Yesterday we stepped into Christmas a little bit at school and had our Christmas Craft morning. Children had preselected an activity to take part in and had a superb time with this off-timetable morning. Hopefully the crafts made their way home yesterday along with maybe some other christmassy activities too.

We start on Monday learning about the meaning of Advent and reflecting upon its meaning and focusing on the different weeks of Advent and their significance. I attach today a well-being advent calendar you might like to try as well!

As we approach the end of term, we have many a Christmas event planned. The events diary is attached again for your information. I sent home a letter regarding the ice-skating event and thank you to those who have returned the slips to us already. This will take some planning so please can you make sure these are all returned by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Also today, there is a letter about the Santa Run we are going to do in the last week. Building works have somewhat stalled due to a number of issues but they shall be back with us Monday working again so there will be additional workers on site and vehicles.

*Have a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs. Sarah Smith*

**Diary – WB 4<sup>th</sup> December Assessment Week**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

9.30 New Nursery starters Stay and Play session

7pm FGB

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

9am Rock Steady Performances

**Friday**

9am VIP assembly

PM PTFA Secret Santa gift room

PTFA Movie Night

On Friday **PTFA** are offering a **movie night** including light food. There are two films on offer - Home Alone and Polar Express. The booking for this will close on **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER.**

**Coats** – as the weather does start to change, please can we strongly urge that all children bring a coat to school. Temperatures can drop in the day, and we want the children to still go outside in the colder weather.

There are a number of items that are not representative of our **Uniform** currently around school ranging from variations of trousers, tops and jumpers to footwear and additional items such as jewellery. Please can you work with the school to ensure a smart appearance is presented in uniform as per school expectations.

**Certificates**

	Ready, Respectful, Safe	Headteacher Value	Curriculum – STEM
OAK	Jessie D, Rosalyn M	Wren S	Hudson RT
CHESTNUT	Ronnie F, Max E	Jack C	Reuben D
ASH	Jordan G, Myla S	Barney W	Aleisha F
SYCAMORE	Alayna P, Leo D	Betsy T	Felix B
MAPLE	Oliver , Maigen M	Alfie G	Finn R

House Point Scores: **Air 222 Earth 138 Fire 201 Water 175**

**APPLYING FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE** – SEPT 2024. The application window is now open for those starting school in September and you must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.

**Safeguarding** - Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs S. Smith**  
**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs K. Green**  
**Governor Responsible for Safeguarding – Mrs C. Barrett**

**Attendance Figure**  
for the whole school  
this academic year:  
95.28%

**PTFA – Upcoming events**  
Secret Santa Room + Movie Night  
– 8/12