

Message from the Academy

Dear parents and carers,

Having seen cases of Covid rising again this term, and the Omicron variant spreading fast, we are grateful that we have the use of recording equipment so that you won't completely miss the spectacle of Christmas performances. I know that it doesn't replace you seeing them live, however, the children have had a great time practising and being recorded – they have had a ball! 😊

Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Lunch and performances remind us of many things that are important and that celebrating is part of our culture as sociable human beings. Please remember that as we go into a holiday period, that you all need to rest as well as enjoy the festive season. Look after yourselves in order to look after your children and enjoy – it is the season to be jolly!

In the new year we hope to be showing off our new ipads and that your children will come home and be wowed by the experiences they are able to have on line, in ways that they would not in person, for example, visiting an ice rink in Norway, a family home in Asia and interacting with characters within them. I have been delighted to see our children develop this term and especially our oldest pupils, develop maturity – they have all been learning to live in different ways and are beginning to secure some quality learning. Looking at topic books this week, we have been impressed at the improving presentation and quality.

It is our hope that our good health will return in the new-year and that 2022 will bring us a new hope. A parental questionnaire will be sent out early next term, so please look out for it; your input to our school is vital. At the end of a very busy term, I would like to thank you all for your on-going support, your kind cards, gifts and Christmas wishes. I wish all our children, staff, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a well-earned rest.

Take care, Elaine Huntington, Principal

Attendance

There are 190 school days per year, leaving 175 free for other activities. Please do not allow your child to miss important days of learning unless it is absolutely necessary. Our aim this year is to exceed 97% attendance. Our attendance procedures can be found on our website.

Please be aware that the local authority may fine for unauthorised leave.

December Attendance 93.6%

Year to date attendance 93.8% up 1%

Can we please ask that children arrive on time?

Late arrivals will cause disruption in the class. Many thanks.

Class R	93%
Class 1	93%
Class 2	92%
Class 3	93%
Class 4	95%
Class 5	93%
Class 6	93%

Well done Class 4!

Dates for your diary

4th January 2022
INSET day

5th January 2022
Children back in school

31st January 2022
Year 5 and 6 Bikeability
Details to follow

14th – 18th February
2022
Half term

1st April 2022
Last day at School

19th April 2022
INSET day

20th April 2022
Children back in school

2nd May 2022
Bank Holiday

30th May – 3rd June 2022
Half term

22nd July 2022
Last day at School

5th September 2022
Children back in school



Morrisons – Community Links

The children have been busy colouring Christmas Cards which have been supplied by Morrisons. Morrisons community champion asked if our children could colour in some cards, so that they could be delivered to the local care homes for the elderly. What a fantastic thing for Morrisons to do and we are proud to be part of that.



Did you know?

In Ukraine, spiders are considered symbols of good luck at Christmas.

Academy Council

If you wish to contact our Chair of the Academy Council, you can do this via the School Office.

Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Christine and Wendy for knitting stockings for all our children – such a kind gesture. We would also like to thank Asda who donated boxes of goodies – we used these to celebrate our top attendee's in each class.

Medical Info

This time of year we have all the usual coughs, colds and tummy bugs, alongside Covid. Can we remind parents that if children have a tummy bug, please keep them off for 48 hours after their last episode.

We are all carrying on with the usual hand washing and sanitising, this will help stop spreading the common bugs. Remind children to cough and sneeze into a tissue, then bin it.

We have had a few cases of threadworm and headlice recently; please remember to treat the whole family to stop the spread.

We ask that you continue to wear your masks when on site of the school – even outside, as there are many of you in close proximity.

Many thanks for your support.

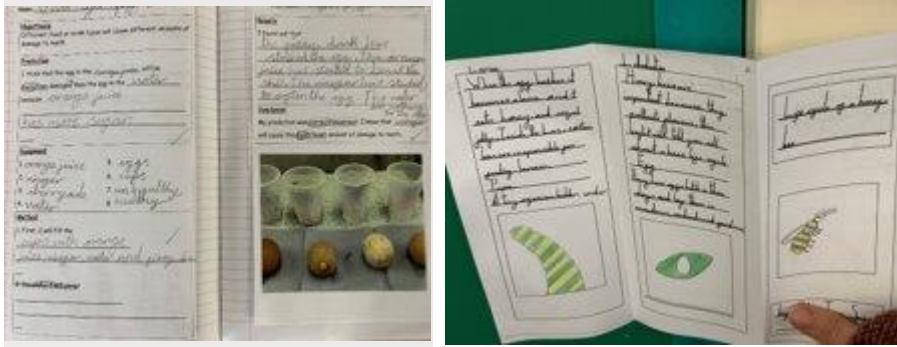
Year 3 Focus

This term has been a really lovely term for class 3 and we are all now well and truly settled in to our new class and school routines.

Some of the exciting things we have been doing include electing new school councillors and Eco councillors to represent our class, using this as an opportunity to discuss voting and being a part of a democracy, which linked nicely to our first History topic, all about The Ancient Greeks.



In English we started the term by continuing to make links to our History lesson and studied the Greek Myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur.' As well as writing a description of our own Mythical creature, we also wrote some interesting explanation texts about insects, which we also learnt about in science.



We conducted an interesting investigation in science, in the early part of the term, about the damage certain drinks do to the enamel on our teeth and in art we have enjoyed researching architecture, looking at the work of Sir Christopher Wren, and sketching our own buildings, ensuring they are symmetrical.



As well as our usual art sessions the children also took part in Christmas Arts and crafts and had a lovely fun filled afternoon, listening to Christmas music and creating lots of Christmassy decorations. We have noticed a real improvement in the presentation of all the children's work, handwriting is flourishing and we are extremely pleased to see an increasing number of children working to get as many reading raffles tickets as they can. We hope they all have a lovely Christmas and come back ready and raring to go in 2022!

