



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your responses

Thank you so much for taking the time to respond to the consultation we put out last week with regard to shortening the school day. In total we have had 148 responses from parents. Of those responses, 110 were in favour of shortening the school day to 3.10pm with 38 parents wanting the day to remain as it is. The next step now is to take those responses to the Governing Body and to seek their approval for the school day to be shortened to 3.10 from the February Half-Term holiday, giving parents plenty of time to make the new arrangements for their children. Thank you so much for your valued help with this proposed change.

Nursery

We have started our Christmas cards and we are trying really hard with our cutting.

If you have any time at home we would love you to sit & help your child to practise their cutting.

An Argos catalogue is a great thing to cut up....especially the toy pages!

We are getting really good at our dance for the Christmas performance. Our costumes are really easy this year, we are asking the children to wear a Christmas jumper & a woolly hat and jeans/leggings/skirts & tights etc. Dates will be going out soon.

Next week we are reading lots of stories about Christmas and carrying on with all our Christmas songs.

Reception

Reception have had a very busy week with lots of fantastic independent writing! We are really pleased to see how much progress they have

made this term. Please keep encouraging them to do lots of writing at home as well.

Next week we will be looking at the story of the Jolly Christmas Postman. Please share some traditional nursery rhymes and stories with your child at home, such as Humpty Dumpty and Goldilocks and Three Bears.

We have been working hard in Maths on our adding and the children have been writing equations to add two numbers together. Next week we will be looking at subtraction. Please help your child at home by talking to them about simple subtraction stories, such as 'You had three teddies and one has gone away. How many do you have left?'

Year 1

In addition to our learning, Year 1 have joined the rest of the Lower School in practicing ready for our Christmas Production. Rehearsals are in full flow and the race against the clock is on to be ready for our performances the week after next. We do hope you will be able to come along and support your child at the performance.

Year 2

Year 2 have impressed us this week really working hard during assessment week. They have shown resilience and determination and have been able to show off their skills. We have seen some real progress with their reading so a big thank you to all those parents that read at home with their child. Well done all!

In literacy the children have been improving and publishing their non-chronological reports on their own mythical creatures. In maths they have been applying their measuring skills. Today is 'Elf Day' and the children will be designing and decorating elf homes. Just a reminder that there is not school on Friday - an

ideal day to catch up with reading and homework.

Over the next two weeks we will begin to practise for our Christmas Performance. Please check your child's book bag for any letters regarding any costumes we may need help with.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have continued with their learning about earthquakes and how these are measured. In Literacy a grand discovery was made when the children found that there had been earthquakes in their classrooms! It is their job next week to be journalists/reporters and record their discovery writing this as a newspaper article. Next week in topic we will be making our own earthquake jigsaw puzzles, creating earthquake dance routines in PE and completing our science unit on light.

Year 4

We have had a great week in Year 4. We have been continuing with our study of A Christmas Carol and the children have enjoyed creating an alternative ending, which has produced some very interesting and thought provoking ideas. In Numeracy the children have been working hard in their revision lessons in preparation for their assessments, which has proved to be worthwhile, with a number of children performing exceedingly well. We cannot believe that the half term is just around the corner but the hard work cannot stop just yet. Please keep up the hard work at home with your child, ensuring that they are reading/being heard to read each evening and continue to produce a good level of homework.

Have a great weekend.

Year 5

This week year 5 have worked really hard on their autumn term assessments and we are really proud of their achievements. In literacy we have been writing explanation texts about building pyramids (linking to our Ancient Egypt topic) and, next week, we will be moving on to writing diary entries. In maths next week, we will be looking at line graphs and bar graphs: reading data and making comparisons.

Next week we will be concluding our topic on Ancient Egypt so that the final week of term can focus on Christmas activities and celebrations. Please ensure that your child's topic homework project is in school by the end of next week. Thank you.

Year 6

The children have impressed us this week with their attitude and effort in their assessments. This helps us to see where your child is achieving and what we need to do to address any gaps they may have. Today is elf day and it's been lovely to see the children dressed up in aid of such a worthy cause. In maths we are moving on to decimals and in English we are completing our spy stories based on Alex Ryder. We are also designing and promoting gadgets that Alex might use on his next mission along with promoting the 'must have' Christmas gadget they have designed. We are continuing to read the 'Heartstone' book and examine issues around prejudice and racism as a result of what we read.

Please remember that PE is on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, several children have forgotten recently and more on more than one occasion. Children who forget are still expected to participate in the lesson at some level by tracking another pupil's actions and progress. Your co-operation in helping your child to be organised for each school day is appreciated.

Finally, we have printed some fresh home school reading log books. These will be distributed this week. We encourage you to read with your child as often as is practically possible and fill in the log so we can keep a track of who is reading regularly. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of this. The ability to read at the expected age level is vital for success this year and beyond.



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