

Note From The Head

We have a number of festive events coming up in school over the next few weeks and we wish to encourage everyone to get involved. If as parents and carers we show a real interest in school and you participate in events during the year, then your child will view school as somewhere important and will also attach an importance to their learning. I recently read an article about the questions we ask our children about school. Quite often as parents/carers the question we ask is 'How was school today?' and quite typically we get a one-word response like 'OK' or 'Good'. As a parent of three, I can empathise with this response. Instead, I wish to encourage you to try open ended questions 'What did you learn at school today?' or 'How did you show kindness today at school?'. It is good for children to verbalise their experiences and thoughts and it quite often leads onto other conversations. If you do not do it already, give it a try!

Review Day

On Tuesday this week, we had a Trust Review Day. The Trust commissioned a trained School Inspector to visit all the schools annually to provide feedback on school performance. The day involved visits to literacy and maths lessons, discussions with school leaders and children on areas such as attendance, behaviour and special educational needs. Thank you to the children who participated and for the staff for all their efforts. The initial feedback from on the day was positive

and we look forward to receiving the report in the next few weeks.

The Christmas Story

Revered Dave was in school this week and participated in R.E lessons across various year groups. Reverend Dave talked about the Christmas story and why this time of year is important in the Christian calendar. In the final week of term, key stage 2 will be visiting the church to sing Christmas carols and join in the festive celebrations. Further details to follow.

Christmas Craft Event

Well done to the EYFS team for hosting the Christmas craft event on Thursday this week. The children enjoyed the opportunity to get creative with their parents/carers. Thank you to all those that joined us. It was great to see so many of here!



Photo: Christmas Craft Event

School Attendance

School attendance remains a priority and as the posters around school remind everyone - 'Every Day Matters'. As we near the end of term, please do not withdraw your child earlier than the scheduled finish date of *Friday 20th December*. Our curriculum

programme runs until the end of term. We will be awarding attendance certificates for good attendance (all those children above 95%) for this half-term in our final celebration assembly on the last day.

Ashley's Tree

In the summer term we planted a tree on our school site in memory of Ashley, a pupil in last year's Wolves class, who sadly passed away in January. This week we added a plaque to the base of tree that we have in her memory.



Photo: Ashley's Plaque

Year 6 Residential Trip

We have sent home communication to those families that have expressed an interest in the Year 6 trip to Longridge next summer. Please check the communication and respond if applicable.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Next week is the last week of clubs. Well done to all those children that attended and thank you to all those staff and volunteers who gave time to lead an activity.