

# MERKLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024



Our children have been super busy preparing for their Christmas Performance next week. All information has been sent on Parent Pay and Reach More Parents, so please ensure you are aware of the arrangements for your child. A reminder that it is Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch on Thursday 19th.



Chef John has continued his sessions with Year 5. This week, their main focus was learning about safely using knives - using the bridge and claw technique.





The Aspirations project led by EFT and visiting professionals has come to an end. This week, some Year 5 children gave an assembly to their parents and to rest of the Year group to show what they had learnt.

They did a spectacular job and we are really proud! Well done!





The Tesco Stronger Starts Fruit and Veg scheme is well underway at the school. The children are enjoying a variety of different fruit and vegetables every day. This scheme gives every single child in the school the option to have a piece of fruit or veg every single day. We are so grateful to Tesco for making this possible for us!





17.12.24 Avocets, Kittiwakes & Curlews Ancient Greeks Workshop 17.12.24 EYFS Christmas Performance 18.12.24 & 19.12.24 KS1 Christmas Performance 19.12.24 KS2 Christmas Performance, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. Last day of term 06.01.25 Term Begins 08.01.25 Prospective Parents Meeting at 09:30am 22.01.25 Young Voices 02 Arena 22.01.25 Mallydams visiting Nursery & Reception 05.02.25 Reception visiting Hastings Library 12.02.25 KS2 Parent Consultations 13.02.25 EYFS & KS2 Parent Consultations & last day of term 14.02.25 Inset Day 24.02.25 Inset Day

24.02.25 Inset Day 25.02.25 Term Begins

## Lets look at Attendance

Academy weekly attendance 89.79% Government target: 95%

> Ducklings: 82.41% Cygnets: 82.10% Kingfishers: 89.72% Skylarks: 91.57% Swifts: 92.34% Little Owls: 81.48% Snowy Owls: 92.86% Tawny Owls: 81.86% Curlews: 88.41% Moorhens: 93.72% Avocets: 88.10% Kittiwakes: 88.97%

Please do get in touch with Mrs Potter, our Attendance Officer who is always on hand to support you and your child.



### **Gold Awards**



Ducklings: Vincent Cygnets: Amira kylarks: Freddie & Brody Kingfishers: Andrii

Snowy Owls: Frankie Little Owls: Matilda Tawny Owls: Freddie Moorhens: Mark Curlews: Finley Kittiwakes: Evie

#### HUGE WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!

#### **THANK YOU!**

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our PTA who organised a wonderful Christmas Disco. The PTA nave worked incredibly hard this year to improve communication & raise vital funds for our school. You are amazing!

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