

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

'Learning, Excellence, Respect'

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Keep Christmas Well Everyone

Well, that brings us to the end of a LONG but fun filled, enjoyable and productive term. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to everything we have achieved since September. All staff, Governors, parents, carers, family, friends and – of course – our wonderful children. We break up on the Winter Solstice this time – the shortest day of the year. This means that we can begin to look forward to the days getting longer and all the new beginnings that brings. Enjoy the festive season together and keep Christmas well, and – to use a phrase I seem to hear myself saying – in a world where you can be anything; be kind.

I look forward to seeing you all next year!

No more get ups 'til 2024!!

Carol Service

I hope those of you who managed to attend the Christmas Carol Service enjoyed it as much as I did. It was a lovely traditional service put together by Mr Allen that really tugged on my heart strings. The readers and performers did a wonderful job and it was brilliant to see St Peter's Church bursting at the seams.

I have loved the variety built in to both the Infant Nativity and the Carol Service this year. I love to see children singing, acting, dancing and performing. It is also lovely to enjoy some of our talented children have a platform to demonstrate their skill.

Clubs

Sorry that the clubs' letter did not come out this week. The busy nature of the week meant that there was no ideal day to send it so that all children came home with one. They will be sent out on the first day back and clubs will resume on week 2.

Junior Parties

All our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a party afternoon this week; playing games, singing songs and devouring party food prepared by the school's kitchen. I only managed to poke my head round the hall door a few times, but everyone looked to be having a ball.



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Class 1 Visit the Panto – Oh Yes They Did!

As a festive treat for the end of term, Class one visited the Victoria Theatre this week to watch the pantomime Cinderella. Everyone had a super time and here's what a couple of the children thought:

'I really, really liked it when a unicorn flew over people's heads! It was scary, but very cool too!' Michelle.

'I enjoyed the magic tricks that the Fairy Godmother and Fairy Godfather did. It was a very good pantomime and I enjoyed it.' Alfie.

'I liked it when the Prince and Cinderella kissed. The ugly sisters were very funny.' Minnie.



Inter House Quiz Results

Our latest inter house event was held this week, the quiz. Every junior child scored points for their team by answering questions on a broad spectrum of subjects. After totting up the results and working out the 'average score per child for each house, the results are as follows:

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| 1 st | Egyptians | 50 points for their House. |
| 2 nd | Tudors | 30 points for their House. |
| 3 rd | Victorians | 20 points for their House. |
| 4 th | Vikings | 10 points for their House. |

Pictured are the Captain and Vice-Captain of the Egyptians receiving the trophy.



Attendance

Congratulations to Class 3, who won the attendance award this half term with an impressive 98.1%. There are also lots of children around school who have been here 100% of the time so far this year – brilliant! They will receive a message from school congratulating them. If this 100% attendance can be maintained until the summer, children will be given a special award.

I will be contacting families of children early in the new year, if attendance has dropped below 90%. We would deem this to be 'a cause for concern'. In Government language, it makes the child a 'persistent absentee'. Whilst I understand that every absence makes a bigger difference to the percentage this early in the year, I do feel it is important that you are aware of any attendance that drops below 90%. There can be obvious and unavoidable reasons why this has happened – a prolonged illness or operation for example. We are of course understanding of this, but still feel that you should know how it has impacted on overall attendance. Every time an infant child misses a morning session, they will not receive teaching about the new phonics sound that day. If these begin to add up, children will have gaps in their knowledge that become very difficult to catch up. An attendance of 90% this term will mean that a child has missed approximately 7 days of lessons. That's at least 7 maths lessons – all of which are important.

Please try to do all you can to ensure that your child attends school as often as possible and arrives on time. Thank you.

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Christmas Dinner Goes Down a Storm

In and amongst everything else that was happening this week, our school kitchen cooked a magnificent Christmas Dinner. Turkey and all the trimmings was the order of the day for most children, or a lovely vegetarian alternative. As seen on the photo, lots of staff ate their dinner with the children and even a volunteer or two tucked in. Lovely to see. As usual, sincere thanks go to the kitchen team who not only cooked the food, but also trimmed up the tables so the meal felt even more special.



And this Terms Special Award Winners Are.....

	Infants	Lower Juniors	Upper Juniors
School Values:	Rory C2	Jayda C4	Layton C6
Progress:	Sienna M C2	Romy C4	Wilfred C5
Effort:	Harry C1	Pippa C4	Annabelle D C6
Enthusiasm:	Jessica C1	Henry C3	Tommy C6
Above & Beyond:	Zoe CR	Oliver C3	Savannah C5

Class Attendance Award: Class 3. Proof that it is cool to be in school!

The individual awards are all new trophies that were introduced last term. The winners are welcome to keep them at home over the Christmas break and beyond, but they will need to come back to school in good time (and in one piece!!) for the next winners to receive them.

Events for the week commencing 8th January 2024:

No special events.

A nice quiet week where children will settle back into class and hit the ground running with their learning!



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