

Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

13th December 2024



Dear Families,

Its been a busy week in school! Daffodil class welcomed Katherine from Education Group for an African Culture Day. They had workshops including drumming, mask painting and cooking.



There has also been other cooking throughout the school with both Rose and Shamrock class creating some lovely treats as part of their design and technology learning. These cooking projects have also been helped by our Learn to Live Well Grant which is promoting healthy eating and supporting children with cookery workshops led by our kitchen team.



Thank you to those of you who joined us for our Nativity this week, it was a fantastic opportunity for our children to perform to such an amazing audience and they did so well. We are very proud of them all. First they performed for Parson Drove Pre-school and then to other classes and parents at both the Church and in the school Hall. Thank you to everyone, at school and beyond, who helped make this possible.

We have had quite a lot of illness around school, mostly coughs and colds. Please use the weekend to get lots of rest. We only have one more week to go and there is lots planned so we want as many children in school as possible.

Next Week:

Tuesday 17th: Special Jumper day. Please wear usual school uniform with a special jumper and accessories of your choice!

Tuesday 17th: Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th: Panto day. Please arrive promptly by 8:45 (at the latest) as we aim to leave school as soon as possible. Doors will be open a little earlier. If you haven't already, please give consent for the trip on Arbor.

Friday 20th: Last day of term! The children will be having their last singing assembly of the year from 2:45. It will be Christmas themed. Anyone wanting to join in and sing along is welcome!



Daffodil mask painting

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 91.6%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 95.2%**

Class Information

Class 1—R/1 Thistle Class

Teacher: Ms Harrison

Support: Mrs Wainwright,
Mrs Kilby and Mrs Jameson

Class 2—1/2 Rose Class

Teacher Mrs Wardill

Support: Miss Godwin and
Miss Oldale

Class 3—3/4 Shamrock Class

Teacher Mr Turner

Support: Miss Whitmore and
Miss Hazzard

Class 4—5/6 Daffodil Class

Teacher: Mrs Topping

Support: Mrs Allen

Celebration Assembly

Year 6 Weekly Roundup

Thistle Class have enjoyed practising sounds in phonics and they liked reading new books. They also performed their nativity (it was amazing!).

Rose Class have been painting still life art. In literacy they made a fact sheet about owls. They also performed their nativity and did amazingly! The whole class have read this week.

Shamrock Class have enjoyed making and designing their Christmas calendars. They also enjoyed writing diary entries. They enjoyed showcasing what they had learnt about Vikings. The whole class have read this week.

Daffodil Class have had an African culture day. They made African masks, played African drums and made banana muffins. In P.E they practised ball skills and marking their opponents. They learnt a new dance routine. The whole class have read this week

Special Mention

All of Thistle and Rose Class for their Nativity



School Update: Spring Curriculum

Our curriculum themes are changing in January with the start of a new term.

Thistle	Long Ago	This project teaches children about how they have grown and changed since they were babies and how life in the past was different from today. Children will learn about traditional stories and rhymes.
Rose	Coastlines	This project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of a coastal town.
Shamrock	Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers	This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.
Daffodil	Frozen Kingdom	This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that can shape and influence them.

Community Events

Please get in touch with the organisation for details including ticket prices and booking.

Village Hall

21st December: Visit from Santa

31st December: "See in the New Year" (Provisional)

St John's Church

14th Dec: Carol Concert

Emmanuel Church

15th Dec 9:45am: Christingle Service

15th Dec 4:00pm: Carols around the tree on the green

24th Dec 5:00pm: Christmas Service. Come dressed as your favourite Nativity character.

School Dates for Your Diary

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice.

Autumn Term dates

17th December: Christmas lunch

17th December: Special jumper day

19th December: Pantomime trip

20th December: Last day of term

Spring Term dates

7th January: Children return to school

Please note that dates for family reading and family assembly are recorded on the school website calendar. Newsletters are also available in the Newsletter section so that you can refer back to newsletters for information