

Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

6th December 2024



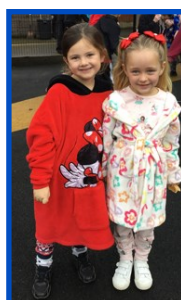
Dear Families,



We had a festive start to this week with a beautiful Christmas tree being delivered by Santa and his helper, kindly donated by Top Quality Christmas Trees, G Patrick and Sons, Murrow. Mr Killingworth has put the tree up in the school hall for us all to enjoy.

Our other festive event this week was the ELSA Bauble Competition. Winners were selected at random during family assembly, our winners were Lennox, Ezmay, Darcy and Millie. Well done to everyone who submitted their baubles. They all looked fantastic.

Thank you for your donations for the Parent Council Raffle this week. The children and staff certainly looked very cosy throughout the day, albeit sometimes a bit too cosy! Raffle tickets will be sold from Monday in the school playground. The raffle will be drawn after school on the 19th December in the school hall.



We are also supporting Parson Drove Pre-school who have their own raffle and will be selling tickets by the pre-school building up to their Christmas fayre on 9th December after school. Everyone is welcome.

Most of you have completed the online form to book Christmas lunch and lunch on Panto day. Please do this ASAP if you have not done so yet [here](#). Please also visit Arbor to give consent for the Panto trip. As this is beyond the local area and a coach is needed, we also need parental consent.

Next Week:

Thursday 5th December: Parent Council's Cosy Clothes Thursday

Thursday 12th December: Nativity Performances

10:30 Church of Emmanuel

2:00 School Hall



Rose Class: Still life drawing

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 92%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 95.5%**

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 been reading short phrases and using 'Fred Fingers' to segment word in phonics. In reading they have been reading a non-fiction book about bulldozers and learning the features of a non-fiction book. In maths they have been partitioning numbers using a five frame. They have been practising the nativity for drama and have been having lots of fun.

Rose Class have been learning about 3d and 2d shapes. They have been learning how many vertices and sides they have. In literacy, they have been writing a fact file about owls and are doing a great job. In art, they have been drawing objects as still life. In science they have been learning about animal habitats and human survival. They have been learning the nativity story in drama. The whole class have read this week.

Shamrock Class have been grouping and sharing to divide in maths. In literacy, they have been editing and publishing their fantasy stories. In RE, they have been learning about the advent candles and in history they have learned about Norman Kings. In ICT, they have been using laptops to do revision activities and in PE they are doing fitness and stamina activities. The whole class have read this week.

Daffodil Class Have been multiplying non-unit fractions by integers and adding numbers with 4,5 or 6 digits. In literacy they have been analysing texts to find emotive language in a range of writing techniques. In RE they have been learning how different Christians celebrate Christmas and in science they have been planning an investigation and considering how to collect data. In geography they have been learning about the growth of the British Colony. The whole class has read this week.

Special Mention

In Family Assembly, children are nominated for a Golden Award which is linked to our 5 Fabulous Foundations. Special mentions relate to any other aspect of school and learning



Golden Award

Frankie: Growing in confidence and sharing things from home with the whole class

Logan: Excellent work in phonics

James: Being a positive and friendly role model

Emily: Writing and excellent report about the Windrush Generation

Special Mentions

Klay: Confidently working out maths problems and using the sentence stems to explain them

Aiden: Enthusiasm and participation in class discussions and catching up on work

Kayla: Working hard in all lessons

Olivia: Great attitude to learning in all lessons

School Update: Staffing

We welcomed a new member of staff to Alderman Payne this week, Mr Dawid, who may be familiar to some of you. Mr Dawid has joined us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. He has already started to get to know our classes, routines and expectations, and will be spending time in every class before we break for the holidays. In January, Mr Dawid will cover the teachers' PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time and will teach in every class. He will also support groups of children focusing on specific areas of learning to meet their needs.

We will also have a new teaching assistant joining us in January. The aim of this role is to support classes across school to carry out additional 1:1 or small group learning focused on curriculum areas.

The addition of these members of staff will also allow for an increased capacity to offer specific learning opportunities outside of the classroom, particularly around social and emotional skills and wellbeing. Though initially for small groups, we aim to develop our provision and cater for children who learn in different settings and styles. I have previously shared my passion for outdoor learning and engaging in a range of opportunities and these appointments are the start of this journey.

I know that you will help us to make them feel welcome in our school.

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

30th November: Christmas Wreath Making

7th Dec 10-2: Christmas Market

7th Dec 7:30: Country and Western Night

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

10th December: Flu vaccinations Day 2

10th December: Daffodil Class African Culture Day

12th December: Class 1 and 2 Nativity

17th December: Christmas lunch

17th December: Special jumper day

19th December: Pantomime trip

20th December: Last day of term

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 rather than scrolling through ClassDojo.