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Purple Post



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Principal's Message

We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.

What a wonderful couple of weeks we've had in school: truly brilliant nativity performances from F1 and 2 as well as KS2. The children sang, danced and sparkled their way through fantastic retellings of the Christmas story and made us all very proud. Thank you very much to everyone who donated money at the end of the performances. We've partied, celebrated and worked very hard with our learning over what has been a very long term. Now it's time to have a couple of weeks rest so that we're ready to start again in January. However you spend the holiday I wish you all a peaceful and healthy, happy time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

Liz Latham



Purple Pounds!

Our new enterprise is now fully underway! Year 6 children have carefully considered a range of jobs available, written application forms and been interviewed. There was a huge variety of jobs on offer from Fruit sellers to play partners to bank manager and shop assistants. Children will be paid for their hard work (usually over a break or lunchtime) with our specially designed

'Purple Pounds' which they can spend on items from the 'Purple Pound Emporium' or save towards attending fun events such as a film and popcorn afternoon or chocolate party. Our Bank Manager, Shop Manager and Purple Pounds Manager spent a very happy morning in Smiggle negotiating a deal with the manager and spending money to stock the Emporium. Year 6 are very excited about entering the world of work!



Reminder Warning!

We are excited about the Academy's IT systems being updated so that they are able to cope with the demands of the digital age. A reminder that during the week beginning 21st January there will be no phones or way of contacting the Academy other than coming into school as all our technology has to be re-routed. Be assured that safeguarding systems will be covered and that we will be able to contact you as usual in an emergency. Please watch the website for more updates about this.

Honours Awards – Autumn 2

- Rod Campbell - Finn*
- Sue Hendra - Ronald*
- Julia Donaldson - Mutaz*
- Mini Grey - Kelton*
- Eric Carle - Peter*
- Oliver Jeffers - Caitlin*
- Valerie Thomas - Spencer*
- Colin Thompson - Scarlet*
- Roger Hargreaves - Tiana*
- Aaron Becker - Billy*
- David Walliams - Shaley*
- Lemony Snicket - Liam*
- J. M. Barrie - Gabriela*
- Michael Morpurgo - Katlego*
- Anthony Browne - Sharlah-Rai*

For the consistently high quality of work in Mathematics lessons throughout the Autumn Term.

Termly 100% Attendance

Prize Winners

112 children received a bookmark and certificate for 100% attendance this term. Two lucky winners were drawn out of the hat to win £20 Purple Pounds to choose items from our new Purple Pound Emporium. Well done and congratulations to all of them. It is important for children to attend to ensure that they don't miss out on their learning.

Christmas Fair

We raised a total of £518 from the Christmas Fair which will go towards our Library fund. Thank you to everyone that donated cakes and bric a brac for the stalls, also to everyone that attended.



Christmas Jumper and Sparkly clothes day.

The children looked amazing in their sparkly clothes and festive in their Christmas jumpers. We raised £152 for the NSPCC by wearing our favourite sparkly clothes and £152 for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers. Thank you to all of you that donated.



Dates for your diaries:

School to visit the church	21 st December
First day of term	Tues 8 th Jan 19
Yr 2 trip to Beaumanor Hall	22 nd Jan 19
Spring Half Term	18 th – 22 nd Feb 19

Attendance

Our target for this year is 96% in line with the Government's recommendation. We are aiming to achieve this every week and encourage you to help us!

Overall, attendance to date is 96.3% Well done everyone let's keep this up.

The class with the highest attendance is Roger Hargreaves with 100%- Well Done. The class with the most improved attendance is Julia Donaldson with 93.7% up by 11.7%.

Well done everyone, let's see if we can do better next week.



Parents Exercise Class

Please be aware that the exercise classes run by Mr Gordon on Monday/

Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00 – 9.30am are now cancelled due to low/no attendance. We are more than happy to start these again in the new year after the Christmas indulgencies if you request it! Please let us know if you are interested in these starting again.

Class assembly dates:

Here are the class assembly dates for you to plan ahead! Class assemblies are always on a Wednesday at 2.50pm in the main hall.

Aaron Becker
Roger Hargreaves
Colin Thompson
Valerie Thomas
Oliver Jeffers
Eric Carle
Mini Grey
F2 Joint Class Assembly
Rod Campbell

16th January
30th January
13th February
6th March
20th March
3rd April
8th May
12th June
w/c 24th June

*We re-open to children
on Tuesday 8th January
2019*

