



Dear Parents and Carers

11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## No 14 Newsletter

I have been forever reminded this week that I have the best job in the world 😊. I am treated endlessly, as I walk around school and stand in class doorways, to hear and see how well the children are working and how proud they are of their achievements. There are so many wonderful things to celebrate and smile about.

As we head towards Christmas, we have added our end-of-term events in amongst our learning. This week, each class has prepared and performed their Christmas ditty or act. With the expertise of Verity's Dad, these were filmed yesterday and we hope to send this video clip out to you next week. Our warmest thanks go to Simon, who gave up his time yesterday; we are so looking forward to seeing every class's work put together!

Last Thursday we held our first virtual phonics evening via Teams. Phonics acquisition for all learners is paramount to support fluent reading and learning across all subjects. Thank you to those who attended. We have sent out a separate information pack.

Last week, as directed by the Department for Education, the present year 2 children took their Phonics Screening Check. This is a national assessment which is usually completed by year 1 children each year in June. Due to lock-down, this was postponed until December this year. Could parent/carers of year 2 children please look out for this sealed letter in your child's bookbag. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this further. Many thanks.



### The Gruffalo

Today, Reception and KS1 watched a Tall Stories' live production of the Gruffalo. While chatting to the children at lunchtime the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. I am sure they will tell you all about it later! KS2 will be watching Peter Pan next week.

### Apple Community Art Project

Today Willow and Yew classes have taken part in a community art project focussed on apples. Our children's work will be shown in a travelling art display, during the new year. I will let you all know the dates and location for Chard when we have them.



**Love learning, work together, achieve and shine.**

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### Behaviour letters

I am delighted to tell you that 138 behaviour letters have been sent home today for all those children who have shown excellent behaviour and respect this term. Well done everyone!

### Nativity Filming

Here is our Reception Nativity scene. We will share our Nativity filming with parents and carers next week.





## PAFOTS Virtual Christmas Fair

Today, we have had the joys of our Festive Fair. Thank you to PAFOTS, who have undoubtedly spent many hours planning, preparing and delivering the stalls for our children to take part in: each class has spent the afternoon in squeals of laughter and fun. Prizes have been won and children have celebrated together as their class mates had a go and won a treat. The name for the teddy was also pulled out of the hat today too: well done to Jemima; Boris is heading home with you later on 😊. The children will also each be bringing home their festive craft. PAFOTS have raised an amazing £430 so far! Donations can still be made via parent pay for children's craft items and activities.



## Children's Wellbeing

This useful link from BBC Bitesize has suggestions of six ways to support your children as lockdown eases:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkqtjsg>

**Forest School** – Enjoying building Shelters in Forest School this week!

## Amazon Smile

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### Celebrations:

**Gold Cards:** Jess, Imogen and Brooke

**Platinum Bag:**

**Both Willow and Yew Classes** for fantastic work in Art today.

**Willow Class:** Rowan.

**Oak Class:** Faith & Jack.

### Badges

**Oak Class:** Arthur, Zephyr, Amjed & Daniel.

**Beech Class:** Effie, Adley, Eden, Alana, Amelia, Cooper, Noah, Luca, Brody, William, Zuza, Leila, Isabel, Isabelle, Elijah, Leon & Joseph.

**Willow Class:** Ruby B, Jimmy, Spencer, Maisy, Calum, Kai G. Green man sections awarded to Aubree & Oliver.

**Hazel Class:** Jacob, Lily E, Noah & Olivia.

**Hawthorn Class:** Leyland, Buddy, David, Finlay, Austin, Fern & Ben.

### Behaviours for Learning Celebrations:

**Acorn Class:** Brooke for the outstanding presentation of my work. Ava for being a role model for others and always looking after my friends.

**Oak Class:** Isla for taking responsibility: Isla always takes care with her work. Ziggy for being a team player: Ziggy is a great member of Oak Class.

**Beech Class:** Megan for always doing her best! Rita for working so hard in all that she does.

**Willow Class:** Maisy for fantastic improvement in presentation and quality of writing. Spencer for engaging, lively writing in role.

**Hazel Class:** Josh for great team work and cooperation when writing recounts today. Lillie for great team work and cooperation when writing recounts today.

**Hawthorn Class:** Fern for keeping going and staying positive when faced with different challenges. Jess for being an amazing team player both in the classroom during English and Maths as well as outside in Forest School.

**Yew:** Ellie, Summer and Kieran for earning their team player stickers.

Kind regards,



Tracey Hart, Headteacher.

### Reminders:

**Class Parties:** Thursday pm: please provide a small festive snack.

**Christmas Lunch Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Father Christmas** will be visiting each class virtually this year next week.

**Christmas Jumper Day 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Children may wear a Christmas jumper on this day (this can also be a decorated jumper that you already have).

**Y6 Swimming** starts in the first week back after the holidays. **We still need a few consents for the whole class to swim.** All children will travel to the pool and sit poolside if not swimming. All children will need a mask for travelling on the coach.

