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FOXES AND SQUIRRELS

We are very proud of the Nursery children this week! They have worked so hard at practising their Christmas songs and performed them beautifully to their parents and families. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Stay and Play sessions afterwards and we are very grateful for your continued support.

We would like to remind you that the Nursery children will break up for Christmas at 2.00 pm on Friday, along with the rest of the school.

We are looking forward to next week, when both Foxes and Squirrels will enjoy a onesie/pyjama day on **Thursday 20th December**. We will also have lots of fun with Christmas activities, some party games and treats throughout the week. Thank you, The Nursery Team

RECEPTION

What a week we have had in Reception!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas performances. The children have worked so hard and were absolutely amazing. We are all very proud of them.

We have read the story of the 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson, ready for our trip to Delamere Forest on Tuesday.

Please could I remind you to ensure children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Plenty of layers will be required.

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Year 1

It has been another busy week in Y1 as we near the end of term! We have been to watch the Reception nativity, practised singing Christmas song and had our school Christmas dinner.

Literacy — In Literacy this week, we have been consolidating our learning and putting into practice the mastery targets that we have learnt throughout the term. The children have been writing their own extended pieces of writing about 'Nibbles' the Book Monster.

Topic and Science — In science, we have been learning about what different animals eat, learning new words such as carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. In Topic, we have been recalling and writing facts about the Great Fire of London.

Maths — In Maths, we have introduced and developed our knowledge of subtraction. We have been using the part-part whole methods as well as using practical equipment. At home, if you could support your child by practising both addition and subtraction with your child.

Busy jobs: Practising addition number sentences, reading and writing common exception words, number bonds to ten, writing a letter to Santa, matching words to phonics sounds

Reminder: please send in a jar and figure as we are making snow globes this week.

Year 2

The children loved last week, especially having the opportunity to learn about Victorian life at Quarry Bank Mill. This week, they have been writing recounts about their experiences. We had a great time at Whitby Methodist Church, learning about the Nativity and meeting the characters from the Christmas story.

Next week we will be: Continuing to write fact files about owls. We will also be learning strategies to find change using money

Thank you for all your help over the last two weeks with our visits. Your help is really appreciated.

Y2 team

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 *

Year 3

Firstly, a huge thank you to all who came and shared in our Christmas extravaganza! It's was a fantastic day filled with lots of Christmas cheer. We hope the children's crafts have pride of place on the mantle piece or Christmas tree!

This week, we also invited the safari rangers in from Chester Zoo. They held hour long workshops with each class to talk about the impact rubbish and plastics is having on our seas and oceans! We will use this information to compile leaflets to explain that impact, offer alternatives and encourage a plastic free lifestyle.

We are encouraging all Year 3 children to read, at least 3 times a week, at home. These reads don't have to be a school reading book. They can be a non fiction texts - menu, recipe, newspaper for example. We would really appreciate any reads being recorded in their home school books so children can be rewarded for their efforts. Many thanks.

Year 4

What a jam-packed week we have had! This week has been our assessment week. The children have worked so hard and should be very proud of themselves.

We have also managed to squeeze in plenty of other learning experiences. The children have been writing their own story inspired by 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne. We have also been discussing the Christmas story and the religious symbols of Christmas.

A HUGE thank you to all who attended our Christmas Concert on Wednesday. The children loved sharing their carols with you. They have worked so hard to learn lyrics and practise some extremely jazzy dance moves!

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Year 5

Y5 have had a challenging week this week, with all of their tests but we are so impressed by their attitude towards these. They worked so hard and showed high levels of maturity! Well done!

Next week, we will be looking forward to Christmas and visiting Astbury Lodge! Please make sure any outstanding reply slips are handed in ASAP.

We are looking forward to sharing a book with Y1 children on Monday!

Year 6

What a jam-packed week we have had in Y6!

Firstly, the Y6 team would like to say thank you to all of the Y6 students for working so hard during assessment week.

In Literacy, Y6 have been writing their final piece of extended writing all about the elusive and critically endangered tiger. The children have shown off the mastery targets they have been focusing on this term and it has been wonderful to see the improvements in their writing.

This week, each Y6 class had an exciting Science day, completing numerous Chemistry experiments and recording their results. They learned all about acids and alkalis, and discovered how to make a fire extinguisher!

Next week, Y6 will have another special visitor from Chester Zoo, who will be talking to them about animal endangerment. Additionally, they will be creating some beautiful Christmas crafts.

Just a reminder that we will be handing in our 'reverse Advent calendar' on Tuesday 18th December. Any non-perishable items such as tins of soup and beans would be an excellent addition.

FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER — CHILDREN SHOULD COME INTO SCHOOL IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM AS NORMAL. THEY WILL DO LOTS OF CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES WITH THEIR TEACHER IN CLASS AND THIS WILL REPLACE THE NORMAL CHRISTMAS TOY DAY. WE WILL FINISH AT 2.00PM

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK 3 ON THE LUNCH MENU.



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SHARE A BOOK DAY

On **Monday 17th December**, during the morning, all KS2 children will choose a story and visit classes on our infant site to read to. This will be a lovely opportunity for two classes of different age groups to get together and enjoy time reading stories and discussing what they have read. If your child has a suitable book at home that they would like to share, then please bring it into school on Monday morning. If not, your child can select a book from school.

Children are free to wear non-uniform on this day and possibly something festive!



Y1 – Y6 ASTBURY LODGE VISIT

Thank you to those parents/carers who have offered to help supervise our Astbury Lodge visit on Tuesday, **we would like to take you all up on this offer.** Can you please meet in the Junior reception at 1.15pm on Tuesday.

If you have not already returned your child's permission slip for our trip to Astbury Lodge, could you please do so on Monday at the latest.

PARKING

Please remember to be courteous to our neighbours and do not park dangerous or inconsiderately, this has caused particular problems in the Whitebeam Avenue/Randle Meadow area recently

Please ensure you do not park across residents driveways or on the grassed areas.

Can we also request that you **do not** block the school gates when dropping off or collecting your child. They should be kept clear at all times, in case of emergencies. Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY

Don't forget the cross country event at Bishop Wilson Primary School tomorrow, **Saturday 15th December.**

Races start at 9.00am. Please feel free to arrive at 8.30am. Children should have suitable warm clothing.

The field has been inspected and at the current time conditions are good.

At this time we plan to go ahead but we will check the conditions first thing and announce on Twitter (@schoolxc) by 8am if we have to cancel.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL

We have recently been reviewing our collection arrangements for children across school in line with our safeguarding policy. From January 2019 the following arrangements will be in place.

Nursery/ Reception/ Y1 / Y2 - Children must be collected by an adult named on the contact list supplied to school. Where parents give permission for an adult other than a named contact, they must advise the school prior to collection.

Y3/Y4/Y5 - Children must be collected by someone from the contact list or a familiar adult over the age of 16.

Y6 - As above. In addition, parents can write a letter to school to give permission for their child to walk home.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further then please come and speak to us.

HOLIDAY DATES 2018–2019

HOLIDAY PERIOD	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
	2018	
Christmas Holiday	Friday 21 December	Tuesday 8 January
	2019	
INSET day	Monday 7 January*	
Spring Half Term 2019	Friday 15 February	Monday 25 February
Easter Holiday 2019	Friday 29 March	Monday 15 April
Good Friday	Friday 19 April	
Easter Monday	Monday 22 April	Tuesday 23 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May	
INSET day	Friday 24 May*	
Summer Half Term 2019	Thursday 23 May	Monday 3 June
Summer Holiday 2019	Wednesday 24 July	

*INSET Days 2018/2019 — 7 January 2019, 24 May 2019 — **Disclaimer: Given dates may be subject to further alteration.**

Reminders

- Monday 17th December, Shared Reading, **NON UNIFORM DAY**
- Tuesday 18th December, Reception visit to Delamere Forest
- Tuesday 18th December, Y3 Library Visit
- Tuesday 18th December, Class 14 Swimming
- Tuesday 18th December, Y1—Y6 Singing at Astbury Lodge
- Thursday 20th December, Y1 Christmas Activity with Parents
- Friday 21st December, **SCHOOL CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK, 2.00PM**

SAVE THE DATE

31/1/2019 — All ages tea party at Hope Farm Library, parents invited— more info. to follow.

REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSING FOR THE CHRISTMAS BREAK AT 2.00PM ON FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER. WE REOPEN TO CHILDREN ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019