



21st December 2018



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FOXES AND SQUIRRELS

The Nursery children have had a wonderful week enjoying Christmas activities, party games and even a visit from Father Christmas who brought the children some lovely presents to play with in school.

We would like to thank you for your support this term and also for your kind gifts and cards. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

We look forward to welcoming the children back on the 8th January. Many Thanks, The Nursery Team

RECEPTION

Well, Reception have had their first school trip and they were amazing! We had so much fun. Children listened to the story of 'Stick Man' before making their very own stick man to take home. They explored the forest school area including: the mud kitchen, dens, hammocks and balance beams. It was lovely to see them complete sensory challenges on our stick man walk, using mirrors to look at trees and using blindfolds to heighten their hearing, when listening to the birds and the wind. Well done, children!

We hope you all have an amazing Christmas. The children have worked so hard, we hope they have a well deserved break. We have sent home a little activity for children to complete, and we look forward to seeing the photographs of your Christmas when the children return in the New Year.

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Year 1

What a fantastic week! From carol singing at Astbury Lodge to arts and crafts afternoon. Thank you to the parents that came to support the Y1 classes on Thursday afternoon and join in with the Christmas activities. Thank you for your support this term! We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas.

Literacy — In Literacy this week, we finished off our unit of work on 'Nibbles the Book Monster'. We wrote a letter to Father Christmas, applying our mastery targets to our work. We assessed the Y1 common exception words. Please make sure you practise the common exception words regularly with your child.

Topic and Science — This week, we designed and made our snow globes. We also designed our own trap for Nibbles, thinking about the different equipment and materials that would be best.

Maths — In Maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge on subtraction. We have been subtracting using different methods such as using the part, part, whole model, using a number line and representing our number sentence pictorially.

Busy jobs — Spelling common exception words, Number bonds to 10, Writing a letter to Santa.

Year 2

The children have had a fantastic first term in Y2 and are ready for a well deserved rest.

Next term, we will be learning about the Victorians and what life was like in the past.

Thank you for all your help and support during the Autumn term. We hope you have a lovely, Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Y2 Team

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

Year 3

What a term it has been! Seaquarium trip, visits from zoo safari rangers, weekly library visits, the Christmas extravaganza, Marie Curie fundraising and singing at Astbury Lodge to name but a few things. A huge thank you to all parents and helpers who have supported the year 3 team this term to make these magic moments happen for our children.

We have many more experiences in the pipeline for the year 3 children! We can't wait to share them with you!

Have the most fantastic Christmas break with your children. See you all in 2019! Mrs Dutton, Miss Roberts, Miss Moore, Mrs Plowman and Mrs France

Year 4

This week, we have been finishing off our assessments. We have also edited and published our stories inspired by Anthony Browne's 'Gorilla' and have completed our Viking topic work!

On Wednesday, we performed our carol concert for the infants. It was so lovely to hear them singing along!

YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

Year 5

Y5 have had such a fantastic first term. All children have worked so hard and really deserve their break. We have had a lovely last week, sharing stories with Y1 children, doing lots of art work ready for next term and lots of Christmas activities!

Thank you for all of your support, and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

Year 6

This week, we had an exciting visit from a zoo ranger from Chester Zoo, who told us all about endangered animals and the illegal wildlife trade. We learnt about how habitat loss, pollution, poaching, the illegal pet trade and overpopulation all contribute to the endangerment of animals.

We also enjoyed our trip to Astbury Lodge, where we sang beautifully to the residents there.

In Maths this week, we revised percentages with the Y6 teachers' shopping lists and worked out how much money they saved when they bought their Christmas presents. We also looked at Christmas coordinates, creating bells, reindeer and snowmen!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Y6 children, and their parents and carers, for their hard work and support this term. We truly appreciate it.

Have a well-deserved break, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone ☺!

SPONSORED READ/LISTEN



The final total raised from our sponsored read/listen was £1658.15p. A big thank you to Usborne books who match funded £994.89 to school, which means we have £2653 to spend on new books for the children. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK 1 ON THE LUNCH MENU.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Victoria Carr and all at Woodlands would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Tuesday 8th January 2019**

SPRING TERM EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Thank you to all children who applied for places on the Spring Term Extra Curricular Clubs. Children will have brought home slips confirming whether they have a place or not by the end of this week. Please note that Spring term clubs begin the week of the 14th January. All Spring term clubs are now full.

SPRING TERM SPORTS CLUBS

Those who have applied for a place will automatically get one, children will only come home with a slip if the club is oversubscribed. Street dance begins the 9th January and other sports start the week beginning the 14th January 2019.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who donated to our reverse advent calendar. Your donations will be delivered to Chester Aid for the homeless today.

ASTBURY LODGE VISIT

A big thank you to those parents/carers who came along to help supervise our whole school visit to Astbury Lodge on Tuesday. We would also like to thank Mrs Griffiths (Parent) and Port Grocery based at Trinity Church for their kind donations of fresh flowers and Christmas plants, which we donated to the residents at Astbury Lodge.

The children had a wonderful time singing Christmas Carols and their behaviour was fantastic. Please see below email to Mrs Kennedy.

Dear Mrs Kennedy,

Just a little thank you to you and Ms Carr for a wonderful afternoon on Tuesday, it couldn't have been more perfect! I hope all the children enjoyed it, we certainly did. Have you been able to submit anything to the paper? I will look out for it over Christmas.

Thank you so much for all your support since September. We have thoroughly enjoy your Monday afternoon visits, the children just brighten up the residents day.

Please find attached a xmas card for the children.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year,

Best wishes Kerry

Reminders

- Monday 7th January, Inset Day
- Tuesday 8th January, School reopens
- Tuesday 8th January, Class 14 Swimming
- Thursday 10th January, Y6 (30 children) tree planting at Elm Grove

CHOIR—SAVE THE DATE

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



Cheshire West & Chester Council
Starting Primary School in September 2019

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 and are you a Cheshire West and Chester resident?

YES – from 1 September 2018 you must apply for a school place.

You can apply from 1 September 2018:

- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions (last year 98.6% of parents/carers applied online), or
- by telephoning the Authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2019-20' booklet.

In addition you can view a copy of the booklet:

- in all Cheshire West and Chester primary schools
- online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions.

Closing date for reception applications 15 January 2019

Visit www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions

Cheshire West and Chester



Dear Woodlands School

Thank you for coming to sing to us on Tuesday and for all your Monday afternoon visits!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

From the staff and residents at Astbury Lodge.