



Newsletter - Issue 12

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Dates for your Diary

4th December: Be Bright, Be Seen Road Safety Assembly
5th December: Basketball Competition at Oakwood High School 12pm–3pm
6th December: Christmas Fayre 2pm–4pm
7th December: POWER Cadets – Upper School Assembly
8th December: POWER Cadets – Lower School Assembly
12th December: Netball Competition at Oakwood 12–3pm
14th December: Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsals
15th December: Y4 Swimming Begins
15th December: 10am Y5/6 Christmas Concert
15th December: 2pm Y3/4 Christmas Concert
18th December: 10am Y3/4 Christmas Concert
18th December: 2pm Y5/6 Christmas Concert
19th December: Y3 Christmas Party
20th December: Christmas Dinner Day
20th December: Christmas Jumper Day
20th December: Y4 Christmas Party
21st December: Y3 Pupil of the Term Assembly 9:15am
21st December: Y4 Pupil of the Term Assembly 10:30am
21st December: Y5/Y6 Christmas Disco
22nd December: Y5 Pupil of the Term Assembly 9:15am
22nd December: Y6 Pupil of the Term Assembly 10:30am

Christmas in School

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and in the afternoon, the children are going to watch a movie in the hall. If you are attending the fayre and would like to look around the stalls with your child, you will be able to collect them from the hall from 2pm. Please note, for safety reasons, you will only be able to collect your own child.

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parents to help run some stalls at our Christmas Fayre on Wednesday. If you feel you could volunteer, we would really appreciate your help. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Mrs Hoyland.

Also, if you are interested in running your own stall, please speak to Mrs Hoyland on reception.

Wanted

Do you have any material such as old sheets or duvets at home that you no longer want? Year 5 and Year 6 would love to use them to help make costumes. Material in blue, white, brown, red and green would be ideal. If you have any at home, please send them to Mrs Doughty as soon as possible. Thank you.

Finally, we're looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Christmas concerts. Tickets are now on sale. Don't forget Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day is on Wednesday 20th December.

Club News

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 18TH DECEMBER.



Let's Celebrate

Attendance

Good attendance at school is vital to enable children to make as much progress as possible during the school year. We urge you not to take holidays during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable. We look to achieve at least 97% attendance across school each week and always recognise the good attendance of individual children throughout the year. Each week we also look at class attendances and our best attending classes take the certificate for the week, go in first for dinner on Friday and earn a smile each. During our eleventh week back we hit 96.9% across school – just below target. Well done to the 7 classes who had attendance above target.

3NO: 99.3%	3RE: 98.9%
4GO: 98.7%	4GT: 97.9%
3SW: 97.7%	6JB: 97.3%
6NE: 97%	5HS: 95.9%
6EL: 95.9%	5RE: 95.4%
4JF: 94.3%	5ND: 94.3%

Star Learners of the Week

Well done to the following children selected as star learners in their classes: Leo Gardiner, Willow Bagnall, Archie Craddock, Ben Parton, Mohammed Eesah Akhlaq, Grace Dearing, Grace Boulton, Raihan Asal and Conor Williams.

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Production Costume Information

If your child has a speaking or acting only part in the production of 'Creepy Crawly Christmas' they may have brought a letter home about the costume they need. Please read this carefully. If your child has a speaking or acting only part, but has not brought a letter home, school will be providing the costume.

If your child does not have a speaking or acting part, they still have a very important role to play in the choir. We would like all of the choir children to wear black trousers and a brightly coloured t-shirt (this needs to be bright, but must be plain without any logos).

Any costumes need to be brought into school on Monday 11th December 2017, in a carrier bag, with your child's name clearly written on the outside of the bag.

If you have any problems obtaining the relevant costume, or have any other questions about the performance, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Y3 News

This week in English, the children will be continuing to write their fantasy stories based on 'Meet Me by the Steelmen'. Once they have completed their first draft, they will be editing and improving their stories. They will do this by proposing changes to grammar and vocabulary to improve consistency, including the accurate use of pronouns in sentences, in order to produce their published, final copy.

In Maths, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of written methods for addition and subtraction. This will include learning the formal, columnar method for addition and subtraction (with 2 and 3 digit numbers). Moving on to reason and solve problems using these methods.

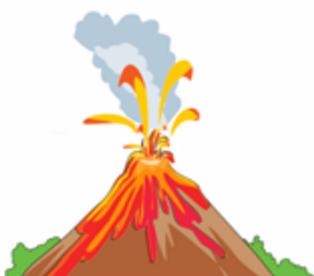
In Topic, they will continue to develop their computing skills through editing photographs and using Comic Life to create a Rotherham fact file. We are also very busy rehearsing for our Christmas production of 'Creepy Crawly Christmas' when we get the time. If your child has a speaking part, please help them to learn their lines. Also, please be thinking about getting their costume ready, which needs to be brought into school on Monday 11th December. Please see the separate year 3 and 4 notice for more information about costumes.

Y4 News

In Maths, we will be working on the objective 'read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C) and know that over time, the numeral system changed to include the concept of zero and place value'. We will bring in our topic learning and look at the history behind the number system.

In our English lessons, we will be focusing on diary entries. We will continue to look at the structure before moving onto planning our own diary recounts. We will be building up to our final piece of writing and ensuring that all the essential ingredients are included! In Spelling, we will be continuing to look at prefixes and suffixes. In addition, we will focus on long and short vowel sounds and complete some fun spelling activities to consolidate our learning.

In Topic lessons, we will finalise our instructions for creating a volcano before building our own. At the end of the week, we will be conducting a Science experiment on volcano explosions. Thanks for sending in newspaper, bottles and boxes – it is greatly appreciated!

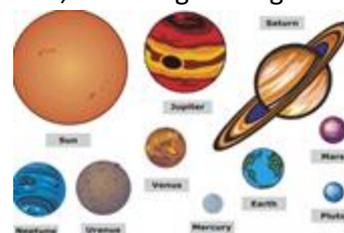


Year 5 News

This week in English we will continue to read The Jupiter Chronicles, the Secret of the Great Red Spot. We will continue to look at the genre of playscripts, linking to our work on the Christmas production. The children will continue to write their own playscript, based on a chapter of The Jupiter Chronicles.

In Maths, the children will add and subtract numbers with more than 4 digits mentally and using a formal written method, including negative numbers. They will continue to solve reasoning problems, explaining and justifying their methods throughout.

In Topic work this week, the children will continue to produce artwork based on the different planets, including sewing.



Year 5 and 6 Christmas Production Costume Information

If your child has a speaking or acting only part in the production of 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' they may have brought a letter home about the costume they need. Please read this carefully. If your child has a speaking or acting only part, but has not brought a letter home, school will be providing the costume.

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Sitwell Seven

The 'Value of the Week' is Risk Taking.

Children will learn the importance of identifying opportunities within the classroom and accepting failure graciously, rebounding after disappointments. In school, we will encourage children to share ideas even when they are not sure and ask them to meet new work and concepts as a challenge.

Risk Taking like other skills, needs to be learned and practised over time. When children learn how to take thoughtful risks, they also learn how to think independently. Children are constantly trying out new things and learning a great deal in the process. They love to move from adventure to adventure. They face the risk of mistakes and even of injuries, but that does not deter them.

To develop this value further at home, you can encourage them to try new things and as a family start a family adventure journal where your child records the adventurous things you have done together. You can also talk to your children about what it means to be afraid and how it is really great to try new things. When you notice they have taken a risk, point it out to them and see how their faces light up with just the notion that YOU noticed them being brave. Finally, try not to pass your fears onto them and encourage them to think independently.

Y6 News

Year 6 really enjoyed their private screening of Wonder on Friday. Their behaviour was impeccable and they showed superb cinema etiquette! The film was very thought-provoking and the children were able to demonstrate empathy. We will now be able to draw comparisons between the book and film version.

This week, amongst preparations for the Christmas Fayre and Christmas production rehearsals, children will be completing another set of practice SATs papers. This will include arithmetic, reasoning, grammar, punctuation and spelling and reading.

For the Christmas Fayre, Year 6 will be creating a pick 'n' mix shop. Each class will be creating different sweet treats and you will then be able to pick and choose your favourite items, just like in a real pick 'n' mix shop! 6NE will be making different flavoured fudge. 6JB will be making different flavoured chocolate truffles. 6EL will be making coconut ice. You will also be able to buy ready-prepared bags of sweets that could be given as gifts. Please come and support Year 6 by buying some of our delicious delicacies.

