

# Newsletter

# Autumn term

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# 8th December 2023







We are very appreciative of the kind donations from parents, Mr Lake of AJL Mechanical Services, Mr Coombe and Adam from ProjectorLifting of our magnificent Christmas trees which are now proudly displayed in the school hall and reception. Thank you so much!!

Skylarks class confidently shared some of their learning from this term today in assembly with a song ordering planets by size linked to their astronomy topic in Science. They demonstrated how Romans used their shields in battle and how Boudicca led her Iceni tribe as well as sharing their fabulous artwork demonstrating the use of visual texture. Well done to all of you!

Several children from KS2 represented the school admirably in sports events this week; they all did very well and enjoyed the experiences.

The last couple of weeks have been really busy with Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day, performance rehearsals and end of term celebrations as well as continuing with our learning!

The children are currently working hard to learn their festive songs to share with you in our Christmas performances at the end of term; we are very much looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mrs Headland

## **Appointments**

For the new year, could I please ask that, whenever possible, you try to book routine dental appointments outside school hours. We understand that emergency appointments are unavoidable on occasions but we are finding that children popping in and out of lessons is quite disruptive. Thank you

### Latest News

As a school we are registered with Operation Encompass and Mrs Chesters-Lewis will contact any families who may have been referred through this system.

### **Attendance**

A big well done to Falcon class last week with 98.6% attendance and Falcon class again this week with 100%. The whole school attendance is 96.7% but we are aiming for 98%!



#### **Diary Dates**

3rd January—Inset Day—School is closed
3rd January—Open Day for September Preschool and Reception intake (Please ring to book your place) 4th January—Return to school 4th January—Coffee Morning 8.45am—10am 8th January—Coding Club Begins Yr1&2 10th January—Art Club Begins Yr3-6 (Further information to follow) 11th January—Coding Club Begins Yr3-6 26th January—Year 3 Cake Sale 29th January—Bikeability Level 2 7th February—Last Art Club 12th February—Last Coding Club Yr1&2 14th February-Valentine Disco (Further information to follow) 15th February—Last Coding Club Yr 3-6 16th February-Last Day of Term

26th February—Return to School

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If you have purchased tickets for our forthcoming Christmas concerts this year, please look out for your tickets coming home in your child's book bag



next week. Just as a reminder, the dates and times are as follows:-

Monday 18th December: Year 3-6 @ 9.30am Monday 18th December: Year R-2 @ 2pm Tuesday 19th December: Year R-2 @ 9.30am Tuesday 19th December: Year 3-6 @ 2pm

Doors will be opened at 9am and 1.30pm for you to purchase coffee, mince pies and raffle tickets.

### Christmas Tree Donations

We are extremely grateful to have received a donation from AJL Mechanical Services for our stunning 10ft tree proudly standing and decorated in our school hall and also to Projector Lifting Service Ltd for our beautiful tree on display in the school office.

Thank you so much for your support.

# Year 4 Cake Sale

As promised, we can now confirm the total raised by Eagles and Falcons from their recent cake sale was £179.40 which will go towards their class funds.

Well done Year 4 and thank you for all of the donations and kind support!

It will be the turn for Year 3 in January!

## Christmas Dinner

It was lovely to see so many children taking part in the festivities of our Christmas dinner day on Wednesday.





With special thanks to our catering supplier HCL we managed to munch our way through 332 turkey dinners.









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