

A Message from Mrs Kee

Christmas has been in full swing this week with our EYFS nativities and Year 1 Christmas sing-a-long performances. Thank you to parents for supporting the children and for adhering to our risk assessment, following our rules and procedures.

The PTA colouring competition winners were announced and the children made their reindeer food. Thanks to the PTA for organising this fundraising opportunity and to parents for your support.

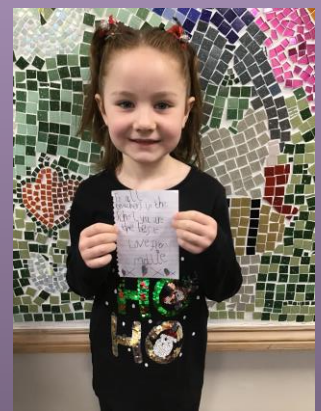
As well as the Christmas performances, we had a festive and fun-filled day on Thursday for our Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day. The food was delicious – thank you to our wonderful catering team. We want to thank Santa for visiting us too. He caused a rush of excitement, and the children were just thrilled to see him! He stayed for the morning, visited the children in the dining hall as they ate their Christmas lunch and checked to see if children were being naughty or nice – of course they were all on their best behaviour for Santa! The children have also been continuing to make their Christmas decorations as part of their Forest School sessions. I am sure they will hang them proudly at home.

We are delighted that children are continuing to come and show us writing they have been doing at home. Thank you for sharing – well done for achieving your writing award! We have seen some lovely letters to Santa.

Next week is the last week in school before the Christmas holiday and we are looking forward to some more Christmas-themed activities, including the Carol Concert of Monday for Year 1 and Year 2. Year 2 play a lead role in this and we are looking forward to seeing them shine!

Kestrels have done it again – best attendance 6 weeks in a row – Well done! Woodpeckers and Ladybirds are not far behind though!

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole School (this week)	95.43%
Reception	93.34%
Year 1	95.33%
Year 2	97.43%

Congratulations to
Kestrels

for being the class with
the highest attendance for the **6th
week running!** Followed very
closely by Woodpeckers &
Ladybirds! Well done
on your fantastic attendance this
week yet again.

**Make sure your child
attends school every day so that
they get the most from
their education.**



Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award
winners this week!





Christmas Carol Concert

The Christmas Carol Concert at St. Peter's church is on Monday. We have contacted Reception parents to let them know that it will now only be Y1 and Y2 attending, and Reception children will not be going. Please can any parents attending wear face coverings and complete an LFT before the event. Please do NOT attend if you have symptoms or a positive LFT result. Please make sure children are wearing warm coats as we are walking to the church and the weather is cold.

The plan is below:

- Leave school at 9.20am via the green gates – Parents that are walking with us, please wait outside the green gates and meet us there
- Parents can walk down with own child
- Parents can sit in the pews on left or right hand side not with the children.
- Parents can support with the walk back up to school and children will say goodbye and leave parents at the green gates to come back into school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Raise lots for Dottie

Dottie, a beautiful baby girl, and sister to a child at Violet Way, lost her fight for life at just 3 years old. Dottie spent the last nine weeks of her life in hospital critically ill. She fought to the very end and losing her makes the world for her family a much darker place. You can help by donating to the gofund me page that has been set up to help her family focus on healing as a family and not have to worry about costs of the funeral. They want to give her the most beautiful and bright send off possible, to reflect her attitude to life. Please click on the link to donate whatever you can:



<https://gofund.me/2cd8c6ea>

Class reading competition!

During the Spring term we will be starting a new COMPETITION! The class with the most reading logs filled in will win a special new book for their class to enjoy. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Remember to fill in your weekly reading logs! You will find the link on Marvellous Me. Which class will be the first to win a book for their class?





Step into Christmas.....



Merry
Christmas!



“Ho, Ho, Ho!”





Step into Christmas.....





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 5 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Thursday 7 April

Inset day: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term ends: Wednesday 20 July

Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 8th April

Monday 6th June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20th June

What's Coming Up?

Christmas Carol Concert - at St Peter's Church – 13th December

End of Term – Friday 17th December

INSET – Tuesday 4th January

Children return for Spring Term - Wednesday 5th January

Reception visits to Wing Wah – Week commencing 31st January

Children's Mental Health Week – Week commencing 7th February

Safer Internet day - Tuesday 8th February

Parent online safety workshop – Tuesday 8th February at 2:15pm

World book day – Thursday 3rd March

World book dress up assembly - Friday 4th March

