



Dates for your diary

Please see the 'Calendar' page on our website for a full list of upcoming events.

Friday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and last day of Autumn Term.

Tuesday 3rd January - Teacher Education Day - No pupils in.

Wednesday 4th January - First day of Spring term for pupils

Wednesday 4th January - School Council Trip to London

Wednesday 25th January - 4M Class Assembly

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance this year so far:

1. 2D (97.8%)
2. 5B (97.1%)
3. 5K (97.0%)

Notices

We would like to wish all of our pupils and parents, a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you enjoy your well-deserved Christmas break. The last few weeks of school have been packed full of lots of exciting activities, and we hope this newsletter gives you a brief idea of what we have been up to. For more photos and information, please see our website! We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Staffing

Miss Sinfield is leaving Swan Lane at the end of this week, and we would like to wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours. Mrs Vaqueiro will be taking over as class teacher in Year 1, and her class will now be known as 1V. Mr Batts will return to sharing his classroom teaching with Mr Tiller, and that class will now be known as 2B/T. We would also like to offer Mr Bowkett our congratulations and wish him the best of luck as he is getting married over the Christmas Holiday.

Cookbooks containing all of our Healthy Lunchbox recipes are now on sale for £1 from the school office. All of the proceeds will be used by the School Council to fund improvements the children would like to see made to the school. Congratulations to Kian O'Brien who won the front cover competition, and the 10 pupils who had their recipes published!

Charity Efforts

During the recent Children in Need fundraiser, we were so impressed with the fundraising efforts of our children. In addition to the donations for coming in non-school uniform, pupils from Year 5 also ran their own cake sale. As a school, we raised £518.68! The children decided that £65 of that total would be donated to 'Footsteps for Lewis', the charity for Lewis Langstone. We were also able to send more than 60 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child Appeal, and raised £458.95 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the children in their efforts to raise money for these charities.



Well done to our footballers who got our league campaign up and running. They suffered a narrow defeat to Badsey but won convincingly against Offenham!

Healthy Lunchbox Week



The week was a great success, with a range of activities trying to educate the children about the importance of a healthy lunchbox and how to create one. Thank you to all parents who prepared healthy lunches with their children; please continue to do so! We have put photographs of a selection of the lovely lunches on the school website; please check our gallery pages to see if you can spot yours!

Festive Fun

Although we have been working incredibly hard this term, we have not forgotten to find time to have some fun for Christmas. KS2 had a wonderful time on their annual trip to the pantomime at The Swan Theatre - it was especially fun to see Mr Johnson get picked on for the third year in a row! KS1 have been busy enjoying their party day and the visit from the Clive Chandler puppets, and the KS2 Round Robin was entertaining as always.



E-Safety Evening Advance Warning

Bredon Hill Academy are hosting an 'E-Safety Parents Evening' on Tuesday 31st January, to which parents of our school are welcome. We will send out further details in the New Year.

Year 5 Trip to Stratford

As Y5 have been studying the Tudors, we went on a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon to discover more! The theme of the trip was 'Rich Man, Poor Man.' The



staff at the Shakespeare Centre had set up a variety of intriguing activities. The children were asked to solve a puzzle - how did a swan, a wasp and a sheep save a poor Tudor's life, only for it to be taken by a rat? Throughout the course of the day, the pupils had to discover clues and figure out the answer. Other activities included writing with a quill, investigating Tudor money and seeing a genuine Elizabeth I signature in the vault. Afterwards we explored the Shakespeare's Birthplace Museum. The children were a credit to the school with their impeccable behaviour and their interest in all aspects of the trip. There is a full photo gallery on our website!

Brain Blaster Workshop

Children from Reception to Year 5 took part in a maths 'Brain Blaster' workshop.



Pupils worked together in small groups to complete a range of exciting and challenging activities.

Throughout every session the children displayed creative strategies to overcome the various puzzles and problems, and in the process showed great resilience and perseverance.

Well done all!

Mr. Kent

