



December 2019 Newsletter - Head Teacher's Message

We have had a wonderful month of December with all the festivities in school. I would like to thank Miss Gull for organising all the carol singing in the community, church and in school. Through this pupils have raised over £400 for The Haven charity. I have been impressed with our reception classes who have taken part in their first nativity performance displaying much confidence. We have had a number of sporting fixtures in which our pupils have truly excelled. Upper Key Stage 2 have had their aspirations raised by visiting the science labs of The University of Oxford, a fantastic experience for all. I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and Happy New Year, look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Events
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
	Theatre Trip for Y1-6 children (Late collection)
Wednesday 8 th January	Weekly Christian Prayer meetings begin from 8.25am
Friday 10 th January	Monthly Sikhi Class
Tuesday 14 th January	Parents of children with Special Educational Needs Coffee morning 9.00am-10.00am (invitation only)
Friday 10 th January	Weekly Muslim meetings begin from 8.25am
Wednesday 22 nd January	Chinese New Year Special Celebrational Meal
Monday 27 th January	Humility (Y2) trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall to watch the Primary Youth Proms
Wednesday 29 th January	Compassion 1 and Compassion 2 (Y3) music concert for parents at 2.45pm in the school hall
Friday 7 th February	Monthly Sikhi Class
Friday 14 th February	Last day of half term, clubs as normal

Attendance for the month of December (Target 97%)

Class	Truth 1 (Reception)	Truth 2 (Reception)	Service 1 (Year 1)	Service 2 (Year 1)	Humility 1 (Year 2)	Humility 2 (Year 2)
Attendance	86.1%	92.4%	91.1%	96.3%	92%	91%
Punctuality	99.3%	99.9%	99.7%	99.7%	99.1%	99.3%

Class	Compassion 1 (Yr 3)	Compassion 2 (Yr 3)	Forgiveness 1 (Yr 4)	Forgiveness 2 (Yr 4)	Contentment (Yr 5)	Optimism (Year 6)
Attendance	96%	97%	91.2%	97.3%	95.4%	95.1%
Punctuality	99.2%	99.4%	98.9%	99.9%	99.2%	99.4%

This Month's Class Attendance Award

Week 1: Forgiveness 2 98.7%

Week 2: Forgiveness 2 98.7%

Week 3: Contentment 1 99.3%

Bronze 100% Attendance Award for the Autumn Term

Along side the weekly class attendance awards that the children achieve during the term, we also celebrate 100% attendance, those children who achieve this receive a certificate and special gift. This term they will achieve the Bronze award, Spring term the same children could achieve the Silver award and for those who have 100% at the end of the year achieve a Gold award. We understand children may fall ill during the year, therefore those that may have missed out this term, can still achieve a Bronze award next term providing they have 100% attendance.

All the children who were awarded have been named below:-

Forename	Reg
Harrison	Truth 1
Victor	
Harsh	
Francis	
Castiel	Truth 2
Gavin	
Eduard	
Gurmanjot	

Forename	Reg
Abhayjeet	Service 1
Ranbir	
Joshua	
Didar	
Harbaanee	
Gurjot	
Jayden	Service 2
Jasmine	
Marshal	
Ekam	
Karamveer	
Salvin	
Marshal	
Testimony	
Abhijot	
Kellon	

Forename	Reg
Raluca	Humility 1
Raset	
Daniel	
Nilofar	
Aaron	
Harnoor	
Jasdeep	
Mehakpreet	
Taj	
Danu	
Manreet	Humility 2
Sianna	
Tanveer	
Rikara	
Emrit	
Yuvraj	
Tanaka	
Jeevika	
Anai	
Keerat	

Forename	Reg
Rajveer	Contentment 1
Sanjit	
Benjamin	
Harkiran	
Jasmine	
Harvinder Singh	
Harleen	
Karandeep	
Aaliyah	

Forename	Reg
Isha	Forgiveness 1
Jaidip	
Gurleen	
Frazier	
Jovan	
Mia	
Sabrina	Forgiveness 2
Sabrina	
Zakaria	
Amrik Singh	
Haarman	
Kamran	
Jujhar	
Amrit	
Remanpreet	
Bandna	
Ekhoeiyayi	
Amelia	
Amol	
Zenani	
Sehajpreet	

Forename	Reg
Max	Compassion 1
Renae	
Arya	
Ravreet	
Inderpreet	
Amanda	
Rihards	
Rajan	
Lazia	
Ranvir	Compassion 2
Noura	
Vidmante	
Annabel	
Gursahib	
Kurbaan	
Rajvir	
Prince	

Forename	Reg
Arwa	Optimism 1
Miri	
Pavan	
Sahib	
Gian	
Manjaap	

Truth 1 and Truth 2

Wow...we can hardly believe that it is Christmas already! What fun we have had on the lead up to this very exciting time. We have had a busy few weeks with our Nativity and Christmas crafts, all the children did a wonderful job in the play and we would like to thank everyone that joined us on this special occasion. We are looking forward to finishing the term off with a visit to the local church where our children will be singing some well-loved Christmas carols. We think that it is incredibly important that our youngsters experience a range of culturally diverse celebrations as part of our knowledge and understanding of the world.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your Christmas cards and wish you a very relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you back at School on Tuesday 7th January.

Service 1 and Service 2

What a fantastic and enjoyable end to the first term we have had! The children have shown determination and resilience this term in learning and applying lots of new skills towards their work.

We have had lots of events recently, we have spent some time investigating what Wolverhampton is like in our Geography lessons and we went to explore the local area. The children have shown resilience when learning lots of new Christmas songs and their actions. The children have really enjoyed going out to Sainsburys and The Mander Centre to sing our carols to raise money for The Haven Charity. They have made Miss Price and Mrs Johal very proud with their Enthusiasm and Dedication towards learning them. A massive thank you to all of the parents who have helped us and walked with us on our trips. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and relaxing Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 7th January.

Humility 1 and Humility 2

What a fantastic end to the term we've had in Year 2. The children have shown a lot of Determination and Resilience throughout the last couple of weeks whilst we have been taking part in our end of term assessments. They really enjoyed finishing off reading our English book and creating their own scary, terrifying monsters to describe! Miss Holman and Miss Gull are really impressed with the dedication that the children are showing in attempting to learn their times tables. Thank you all for the support that you are giving them at home with this.

It has been an exciting few weeks with lots of trips and events happening. We had a fantastic time visiting all the fish in the Sealife Centre and the children really enjoyed this experience. The children have worked really hard to learn all of their Christmas carols ready for our Carol Concerts and trips. They really showed the value of service whilst being out carol singing for The Haven charity both at Sainsburys and The Mander Centre. A massive thank you to all of the parents who had accompanied us and walked with us on our trips as we really couldn't do it without your support! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a relaxing holiday!



During the festive period, it is important to reflect upon the sacrifices made by the Char Sahibzaade (four sons) of Guru Gobind Singh Ji who were martyred at young tender ages of 6, 9, 14 and 18 years. Their commitment to their faith is an example that we all can learn from. On the 26th December Sikhs across the World spend time to pray and remember their bravery and commitment for the greater good.

Compassion 1 and Compassion 2

It's been a busy end to the term in Year 3. The children have been busy with assessments and have demonstrated many of our Nishkam values in abundance, Diligence and Resilience certainly spring to mind!

We have continued to explore Charlotte's Web in English and have produced some fantastic writing. For our final week, we are performing the famous poem, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'.

The children have continued to work exceptionally hard in Maths, where we have further developed our multiplication skills. Mrs Bains and Mr Landers have been really pleased to see the progress you have made in this area of your learning.

We enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Shropshire hills, where we learnt all about rivers. The children were very well behaved and enjoyed the idyllic, if not slightly wet and muddy, walk along the River Onny. We learnt about where a river starts, why it changes speed and where it ends. We were also lucky enough to spend time in the exhibition about the Woolly Mammoths, which linked to our Stone Age topic in Autumn 1.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you all a lovely Christmas and New Year.



Forgiveness

What a wonderful end to the term we've had in Year 4. The children have worked extremely hard and showed excellent values of Determination and Resilience especially during assessment week. We are currently reading the "Lost Happy Endings" and a lot of work is to follow, to further develop their skills in writing. In Maths children have worked extremely hard in the latest topic of Multiplication and Division. Mrs Chahal and Miss Dawar are really impressed with the dedication that the children are showing in all areas of learning.

It's been an exciting few weeks with lots of trips and events happening. We had a fantastic time visiting Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre and the children really enjoyed this experience. The focus was linked in to their Geography topic this term of All around the World.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents and adults for their continuous dedication this term. Success would not have been achieved without your support. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and good health for the New Year!



Contentment

Year 5 have been very busy this month. Children have taken part in their end of term assessments and have worked extremely hard. In Geography we have been focussing on Biomes and have created our own "Biomes in a Bag" to replicate the rainforest climate. We have also been creating our own Poison Dart Frog beanbags in Design and Technology lessons.



We were also very lucky to visit Oxford University's Chemistry Teaching Laboratory to take part in a science experiment event. The children took part in an investigation called "Sugar Rainbow" which involved creating liquids with different densities. All of the children enjoyed the day and were excellent ambassadors for the school.



Optimism

Year 6 have had a good month. Most children have persevered and showed determination all month. They have sat their mock SATs in English and Maths; most children have made wonderful progress. It was lovely to see how those who applied themselves all term and did their revision and homework made wonderful progress.

Year 6 were fortunate to visit Oxford University this December, organised by Mrs Sangha, we were really privileged to participate in their labs and take part in cool investigations such as the "Sugar Rainbow!" We were also lucky to witness experiments by the Oxford University lecturers and students.

Overall, I would like our Year 6 students to have a lovely break and relax before they come back in Spring to work hard! Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Faith Section

This month children across the school have been learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas. Christmas is celebrated to remember the birth of Jesus Christ, the son of God. The word Christmas is a combination of the two words 'Christ' and 'Mass' or better known as the mass of Christ.

On Thursday 19th December the whole school visited St. Chads Church, where service was led by Reverend Ray, he showed the children how they were getting ready to celebrate Christmas, with the ceremonial lighting of candles, children lead the singing of Christmas carols and were engaged when the Reverend told them a story of 'Mother Christmas' which derives from Russia. The children showed their values of Peacefulness and Respect throughout their visit.



Children in Service (Y1) and Humility (Y2) have been spreading the spirit of Christmas by raising money for charity through their charity carol singing. They sang in the Mander centre and in Sainsbury and even in their school assembly raising a whopping £401.23 for the charity. Well Done to all!



Children in Reception had their nativity play earlier on in the month, where they told the story of the coming of baby Jesus onto earth. They sang songs and performed very well. Thank you to all the parents for their support and well done to all the children.



Friends of Nishkam – Christmas Events

A very warm welcome to our new parents who have recently joined the Friends of Nishkam. This term has indeed been a busy one for the group! It has been lovely to see the children work alongside the Friends of Nishkam, showering their selfless service in bringing joy and laughter to children and our families.



Our Christmas Fayre was a great success so thank you to all who made it possible. The countless visits to the shops, the wrapping and countless meetings was all worth it. The parents who form the Friends of Nishkam show our Nishkam Virtues of Selflessness, Reliability and Commitment. A great success, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to our Year 6 children who also helped out on the day.



Breakfast with Santa was also a success, the children enjoyed a wholesome breakfast feast with Santa. They had time to tell him their wishes and even time for a story, before returning to class to tell their friends about their magical experience.



A special thank you to the Friends of Nishkam, our families and communities for their donations and our team of volunteers and staff who supported the events!

Sporting Celebrations

A huge well done to the children who have competed in sports fixtures this term. Firstly, we had selected children from Year 5 and Year 6 to take part in a Boccia tournament at Westcroft Primary School. We did brilliantly, not only did our Year 5 team win a silver medal, but we also received an award for demonstrating excellent values. The children should be very proud.



Our 'A' team footballers played their first match of the year, travelling to Grove Primary School. The team demonstrating super teamwork, Resilience and Determination which led to a 5-2 victory.



Internet Safety

The Community Police Officer Trudie held an Internet Safety workshop with parents earlier on this month. She returned to hold various workshops with our children as per below:

Year 4 – Stranger in real life and Internet Safety

Year 3 – Stranger in real life and Internet Safety

Year 5/6 – Internet Safety

Thank you for her time and efforts. Some further tips are below:

Our eSafety Top Tips!

1 People you don't know are strangers. They're not always who they say they are.

A cartoon illustration of a person wearing a brown hoodie and blue pants, walking away from the viewer.

2 Be nice to people like you would on the playground.

A cartoon illustration of a boy and a girl holding hands. The boy is wearing a blue shirt and shorts, and the girl is wearing a blue shirt and a grey skirt.

3 Keep your personal information private.

A cartoon illustration of a blue computer monitor with a smiling face and arms, standing next to a smartphone with a smiling face and arms.

4 If you ever get that 'uh oh' feeling, tell a grown-up you trust.

A cartoon illustration of a man in a white shirt and tie and a woman in a blue dress, both with their arms raised.

ParentPay

The free clubs lists have been displayed in the display boards (back playground and by Year 6 board) we were able to give everyone who applied at least one free club. The paid clubs are still available and we ask parents to place their booking, as clubs can be cancelled if we do not receive enough numbers. We are happy to extend this time to Wednesday 1st January 20, so please log on and make your selection.

We also had some excellent end of term extracurricular clubs sharing of learning and performances, thank you to all the parents who supported their children in their continuous learning and well done to the children. The after-school clubs involved were Tabla, Sitar and Drama



Thank you for a fantastic term, we wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!