

Newsletter

December 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic term! It's always a busy one, so have a read through our newsletter to see what everyone has been up to.

We hope the holiday season is happy and healthy for you and your families.

We'll see you back in January!

Oak Class

This half term has been another busy one! The children have really enjoyed their DT work – practising their sewing skills before they stitched two pieces of felt together to make a mini-socking to hang on their trees. Decorating them was fun too – using fabric paint and lots of sequins. We hope that you enjoyed the nativity. Year 2s worked hard to develop the script and Year 1s led the story telling taking the main parts.

Happy Christmas everyone!



Birch Class

Birch Class have had another busy half term. In history, they enjoyed learning Vikings and in Science they learnt about changes in materials.

In RE we learnt about the Islam idea of Tawhid and in Literacy they have written biographies and myths.

DT was very exciting and the class made some amazing marble runs. Overall, it has been another great half term and the children should all be proud of their achievements.

Chestnut Class

This half term in Chestnut, we have been continuing with our daily maths, reading and spellings. In Literacy, we have written diary entries from the Tortoise (of the Tortoise and the Hare fame!) and we have also looked at and learnt about non-chronological reports. In Geography, we have learnt about Greece as a holiday destination, focusing on climates, time zones and tourism. We've also made tasty toasties with a side salad in DT. Photographs of these are on our class page so please do take a look!

Sports and Teams

We have taken part in two competitions this half term. Firstly, the mixed football team won two matches and lost two matches in their tournament. They played very well against some very confident teams. Secondly, two teams competed in the dodgeball tournament. The 'A' team won three matches and lost 1 match. The 'B' team won two matches and lost two matches. Both teams competed well and several of them won values awards for their fair play. We have also had an ice hockey enrichment day across the school and Premier Sports and Liam have continued to provide active lunchtime activities.

Ash Class

We have had a great second half of term in Ash Class. The children have continued to make excellent progress and have enjoyed learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Polar Regions and Christmas. The grotto in the role play area has, as always, been a particular hit! It has been pleasure and a privilege to teach the children in Ash class this year, as it has **all** of the children I have taught over the last 17 years at Creting. I wish them and their families every success and happiness in the future. I will miss you all. Happy Christmas everyone. LF

Wed Jan 3 rd	PD Day
Thurs Jan 4 th	Back to school
Fri Jan 12 th	Swimming Starts for Year 4 & 5 (until 22.3)
Tues Jan 30 th	Enrichment P.E – Disco
Tues Feb 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Fri Feb 16 th	End of Term
Mon Feb 19 th – Fri Feb 23 rd	Half term
Mon Feb 26 th	Back to School
Thurs Mar 7 th	World Book Day
Mon Mar 11 th	Parents Evening Week
Fri Mar 15 th	Enrichment P.E – Orienteering
Tues Mar 19 th	Values Morning
Wed Mar 20 th	Wonderful Wednesday
Tues Mar 26 th	DHS liaison morning
Thurs Mar 28 th	Church Service
Thurs Mar 28 th	End of Term
Mon Apr 1 st – Fri Apr 12 th	Easter holidays
Mon May 27 th – Fri May 31 st	Half Term
Fri July 19 th	END OF TERM.

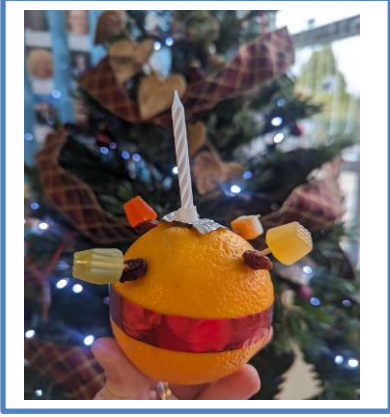


12 days of Christmas – Food Bank

Thank you so much to everyone who donated items to the food bank this year. We are always so amazed at the generosity of our community and know this will benefit so many families this Christmas.

PSA

What an incredible Christmas Fayre that was! Thank you so much to everyone who came, and to those who donated as well. The army of volunteers came together and helped make it such a fun event. Father Christmas was here too and loved meeting so many children, each receiving a book! Totals are being added up and we will let you know how much was raised asap! Have a lovely break, and see you in the New Year!



Reading at home

Please never underestimate the enormous difference you can make to your child's education and self-esteem by reading with them every day.

Every half term children who have read with an adult at home 4 times a week or more, receive a certificate. Last term this was the lowest it has been in Chestnut and Year 5 specifically. We would always love to see more certificates handed out, celebrating this achievement!

Recorders

The after school recorder group have worked really hard to learn to play some Christmas music and entertained their families at a concert in their last session. Well done everyone! Enjoy playing jingle bells during the holidays!

Parking

Once again we have to remind parents, carers and the wider community about parking during drop off and pick up. We have had several instances recently where the parking has been dangerous and affects the safety of our children crossing the road. It can often occur when parents are picking up and not leaving once they have collected their children, meaning there are less safe spaces to park. Our junior road safety officers have been out monitoring the situation. Please be mindful where you are parking!



Attendance & Lates from 01/09/23 – 15/12/23

Ash	97.15%
Oak	97.46%
Chestnut	96.26%
Birch	95.82%
Ash	15 lates
Oak	26 lates
Chestnut	6 lates
Birch	36 lates

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

BACK TO SCHOOL THURSDAY JANUARY 4TH