

Newsletter

December 2022



Oak Class

Everyone in Oak Class has continued to work hard this term! They are working really hard reading and writing each day, practising and applying their literacy skills. They are also working hard in daily maths lessons and really getting better at explaining their reasoning about numbers. The children have enjoyed all of their topics, especially learning about 'The Great Fire of London' and they excelled in their sewing – making baubles which we are sure will take pride of place on your Christmas trees. The term ended with the class working with the children in Ash to share their version of 'The Nativity' at our Christmas service. Well done everyone!

Ash Class

The children in Ash class have continued to make good progress with their reading, writing and maths and are becoming increasingly independent. They are very excited about Christmas and have had fun playing in Santa's grotto in the classroom. This half term we have looked at life in the Polar regions and, as I write, we are getting ready for the Nativity Play. We have enjoyed having Miss Moore (PGCE Student) working with us and look forward to working with her further next term. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. LF

Chestnut Class

In Chestnut class, we started the half term off by learning more about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children travelled back in time to explore these different ages and to use their history skills to find out more about what life would have been like. In DT, we made vegan wraps with tofu and vegetables - there were lots of happy faces after and lots of children wrote in their evaluations that they enjoyed them. We are finishing the term up by looking in depth at the Nativity story and recapping some of the maths skills we have learnt.

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderfully busy term we have had! The build up to Christmas is always a fun one with lots of in school and out of school events and plans. As always the class pages on the website are regularly updated with photos of what the children have been up to.

Enjoy the festivities and we will see you back to school in January!

Ash & Oak Class Nativity

Well done to all our Ash and Oak Class children who did so well in our Nativity this year. Everyone was so brave for getting up in front of everyone and performing, not always an easy thing! Some photos have been added to the website.

Sports and Teams

The children have competed in two different events. In the mixed football, the team qualified through the first round and then competed in the area finals. They played very well in all of their matches and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. We then took two teams to the area dodgeball competition. Team A were undefeated and finished the tournament on the winners court. Team B played with great spirit but unfortunately failed to win a match. They did however win several awards for sportsmanship and honesty. Well done to everybody who has represented the school.

Birch Class

Birch Class have had another busy half term. They continued their work on World War II and visited the Martlesham Heath Aviation Museum to develop the learning further. They also designed and made vegetable and fruit turnovers in DT after learning about rationing. In ICT, the children designed their own maze games, in RE they learnt about how Christians find Wisdom in the Bible and they continued to learn how to play the clarinet. In maths they have been focusing on fractions and finally in Literacy they have written stories based on Goodnight Mr Tom and Newspaper articles based on the Coventry Blitz. The children have all worked extremely hard and should feel very proud of their progress.

Tues 3 rd Jan	P.D Day
Wed Jan 4 th	Back to School
Tues Jan 10 th	Enrichment P.E – Anti Bullying
Mon Feb 13 th - Fri Feb 17 th	Half Term
Friday Mar 17 th	Enrichment P.E - Trigolf
Mon Apr 3 rd – Fri Apr 14 th	Easter Holidays
Mon Apr 17 th	P.D Day
Mon May 1 st	May Bank Holiday
Thurs May 4 th	Cricket Day
Mon May 8 th	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tues May 9 th	Enrichment P.E - Bollywood / SATS week
Wed 10 th May – Fri 12 th May	Thorpe Woodlands for Year 3 & 4
Mon May 29 th – Fri Jun 2 nd	Half Term
Weds Jun 7 th	Class photos
Fri Jun 30 th	Enrichment P.E - Paralympics
Fri July 21 st	End of Term

Christmas Lunch & Parties

We managed to spread out the Christmas plans this year with the lunch on Wednesday and Class parties on Thursday. SO much excitement and joy buzzing round the school. The PSA have kindly gifted each child a present too which we hope will go under the tree!

The Christmas Fayre

What a fantastic afternoon! Thank you to everyone who donated, supported, came along, gave their time, effort, money and or items. We had so many people in school, which only enhanced the very Christmassy atmosphere. Early figures estimate that we made around £2000 which will be going towards getting electricity put in to the outdoor classroom. Many thanks as always to the PSA team who make all these events happen seamlessly.

Design Technology

This term there has been lots of fun and learning in our DT lessons across the school this term. Children in Oak have focused on construction and made fire engines with moving wheels and also joined fabric by sewing to make baubles to hang on their Christmas trees.

In KS2, both classes have focused on food this term, developing their skills to prepare and cook food and to understand basic food hygiene. Chestnut class have learnt about staple foods around the world and followed a recipe to make fajitas with a Mexican twist. Birch class have linked their learning to WW2 rationing and made savoury or sweet turnovers – they are all great pastry makers!

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.

Working together as parents and teachers combined, we're helping our children to become confident readers who are ready to access and enjoy and wealth and variety of reading opportunities.

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wednesday January 4th

Food Bank – 12 days of Christmas

We are always so blown away by the incredible generosity shown by everyone when it comes to the Christmas food bank collection. Even in these difficult times, our school community chooses to display kindness and love to others. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this appeal this year.

Attendance & Lates until w/e 09/12/22

Ash	97.37%
Oak	97.10%
Chestnut	94.99%
Birch	93.88%
Ash	1 late
Oak	6 lates
Chestnut	6 lates
Birch	2 lates

KS2 Recorder Club

The KS2 recorder club players have worked really hard this term and had lots of fun too! They ended the term by performing a range of music, including 'Jingle Bells' and 'Baby Shark,' to their families in a concert during their last session. Well done everyone and see you next term!