

Newsletter

December 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

Here we are at the end of 2021. What a year! We are so very proud of all the school have achieved. It's not always been the easiest journey, with home schooling, isolating and various bumps in the road, but we've made it!

Thank you for all your lovely cards and gifts for everyone.

Enjoy the break, and we'll see you all in January.

Oak Class

This half term, Oak class particularly enjoyed learning about Amelia Earhart which involved using different sources to find out about the past – flying in a balloon basket was great fun! This has linked to writing biographies in literacy sessions. In science, learning about Autumn and seasonal changes was a focus and the children enjoyed getting outdoors to photograph changes taking place. Walking around the village has helped the children to identify the features of villages and to compare living in towns and in the countryside. The children have really enjoyed their learning in art and DT – with lots of super painting and sewing of their amazing mini-Christmas stockings. Money has been a popular topic for year 2 children in maths and year 1s enjoyed trying to eat half of a biscuit as part of their fractions work!

Ash Class

This half term Ash class as well as concentrating on our phonics and numbers we have been busy learning about Bonfire night, Remembrance and Polar regions.

We have really enjoyed playing in the class grotto and are very excited about CHRISTMAS!

Chestnut Class

We've had another great half-term in Chestnut! The main topic has focused on DT where we have been learning about food hygiene, food groups and designing our own sandwiches. The children then made them this week with Miss Ashcroft and enjoyed using their cutting, chopping, spreading and eating skills. At the end they all evaluated their sandwiches too. The photographs are all on the school website. We have also enjoyed some fantastic games and dance sessions in PE, learnt how to use spreadsheets in computing and learnt about Islam in RE. It's been busy but fantastic. We hope you all have a wonderful break over the holidays.

Sports and Teams

A team of year 5's and 6's took part in the Gipping Valley football finals. They competed well against difficult opposition winning one match and drawing one match. Another team of year 5's and 6's took part in the Gipping Valley and Bury Dodgeball festival. The children represented the school very well and really enjoyed the experience. The team won 3 matches and drew one.

Ella in year 6 recently competed in the Suffolk finals of the cross country against children from across the county in years 6 and 7. It was a great achievement to reach this stage but unfortunately she did not manage to get through.

Finally, Oak Class and Chestnut Class took part in the Gipping Valley virtual football event. Their scores were recorded and will be compared to other local schools, results to follow.

Thank you to the sports leaders in year 5 and 6 for helping to organise this event.

We've all enjoyed a Diwali Dance day this week too, and have more Enrichment days booked in for the new year.

Birch Class

Birch Class have had a very busy half term. They enjoyed learning about the Vikings in History and learnt a lot about how they influenced life in Britain. They have also completed a DT project and made some amazing marble runs. Photographs of these can be seen on the class page of the school website. The class have also worked very hard in Literacy and have written some amazing myths and biographies.

Finally they have worked hard in PE producing some great dance pieces and developing their volleyball skills.

Tues Jan 4 th	PD Day
Weds Jan 5 th	Back to School
Weds Jan 12 th	Swimming starts for Yr 4 & 5 (every Weds)
Fri Feb 18 th	Enrichment Day - Kurling
Mon Feb 21 st – Fri Feb 25 th	Half Term
Mon Feb 28 th	Back to school
Mon March 28 th	Cricket Day for whole school
Tues Apr 5 th	Debenham Liaison Morning
Wed Apr 6 th	Enrichment Day – Dance
Fri Apr 8 th	PD Day
Mon Apr 11 th – Sun Apr 24 th	Easter Holidays
Mon Apr 25 th	Back to School
Mon May 2 nd	Bank Holiday
Fri May 27 th	Enrichment Day -Quidditch
Mon 30 th May – Fri 3 rd June	Half Term
Mon 6 th June	PD Day
Thurs July 21 st	END OF SCHOOL YEAR



Christmas Lunch & Parties

We had a brilliant day with Christmas Lunch and our Christmas parties all rolled in to one. From traditional party games, to films, all the classes have enjoyed a lovely day.

The children have all been gifted a present from the PSA which we hope will go under the tree!

Birch Class have been brilliant at sorting and handing out all the Christmas cards that have been written by everyone. We hope they're all being displayed at home.

PSA

The PSA have been busy behind the scenes, making plans for 2022 and hopefully being able to do some actual, in real life fundraising events! There's a date in the diary for a Summer Fayre, fingers crossed!

We have now sold over 150 of the 150th Celebration Tea Towels, a brilliant reminder of this special year and an excellent fundraiser too, thank you!

Thank you for supporting the Christmas Hamper Raffle, our winners are....

1st Ruby- May 2nd Charlie Cobley 3rd Adam Miller

Congratulations!

Design Technology this Term

Children in each class have been enjoying their DT learning this term! Birch class constructed some great marble runs which Oak class enjoyed exploring. Children in Birch were amazing talking to Oak class about their learning and organising them to take turns to test them – many great teachers for the future! Chestnut class have been making sandwiches – tasting ingredients, planning and making their sandwiches. Children in Oak will be bringing home some beautiful Christmas stockings that they have sewn and decorated. We hope that you enjoy them hanging on their Christmas trees.

Well done everyone!

Parking reminder

Thank you to those who are consciously making safe parking and driving decisions. We appreciate that you are putting the children's safety first. There is always more parking behind the village hall.

Back to school
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY
5TH

Stowmarket Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the food bank this year. When it was collected we were told there was over 100kg of items, which is an incredible amount! Your generosity will help lots of families this Christmas.

Nativity

Well done to both Ash and Oak class who did an amazing job of performing in their respective nativities this week.

With losing two days due to school closure last week, there was limited practice time, but they all worked so hard and performed like super stars!

Hopefully next year we can be back in the church again.