

# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents & Carers,

A whole full term completed! Once again we couldn't be prouder of our children and their ability to just get on with whatever has been thrown at them!

Another lockdown this term has meant that more things were cancelled or changed, but maybe there's light at the end of the tunnel for next year?!

We hope you all have a wonderful break and you're able to enjoy the festivities even though it may look different to 'normal'.

## Plans for 2021...

We're hopeful that later in the new year will come a few more trips, events and visitors and we can slowly start getting back to some kind of 'normality'.

Unfortunately swimming won't be going ahead for Years 4 & 5 from January, but there are residential trips booked for both Birch and Chestnut class in the Summer term. So, that should be something to look forward to!

Obviously this could all change again, we will keep you all updated with any decisions made about plans for the rest of the year.

## Reading:

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 a wealth and variety of reading opportunities.

## Christmassy Jumper week!

A fab way to end the year, seeing everyone in their most festive outfits and own clothes. We have raised over £200 for Save the Children, thank you to everyone who donated.

## Our new Trees and Hedgerow

The trees from Woodland Trust have arrived and Mrs Fuller has been overseeing the planting across the field.

30 hedgerow saplings have gone in between the top and bottom fields, whilst the 30 tree saplings have been planted towards the end of the field. We're so proud of how the children have embraced getting these in the ground and continue to look out for them. We're all super excited to see how they all grow over the years. The seedbombs will go in the ground in January and hopefully we'll have a lovely bloom in the Spring.

## Father Christmas arrives in a helicopter!

Such a special day yesterday as we excitedly waited on the field for our surprise visitor to land! We have added some photos to the website, under the children's tab and gallery.

The squeals of joy were something we won't ever forget!

## Donations for Stowmarket Food Bank

An incredible effort from everyone this year with a huge donation of items going to the foodbank in Stowmarket.

Photos of the donations have been added onto our website. Thank you so much to everyone who brought in something to be donated.

## Sports & Clubs

This half term Liam and Ellis have been running a football skills competition set up by Premier Sport. As a school we could not be more grateful for the time and effort that Liam and Ellis put in every day with the children. From being on lunch duty, to taking P.E lessons every day, these two have been a steady and welcoming addition to the team for us here at school.

Will from Premier Sports came in at the beginning of December and held a virtual athletics event with Chestnut and Birch. Everyone collected points for the events, and below are the results! These will be compared to other local schools to see how well they performed.

Chestnut Class	Birch Class
1.Mason	1.Reg -
2.Alastair	2.Summer B
3. Oliver	3. Ella K

Gold medals go out to Reg in Year6, Hudson in Year 1 and the whole of Chestnut Class for their achievements!

### Birch Class – Clarinets.

Birch class were due to have an online concert this week on their clarinets, but due to them finishing the term early, this will hopefully be rolled over into the Spring term.

Their progression over the last couple of months is amazing, and we are all looking forward to seeing how well they do in the future.

### Weather:

Please ensure you have brought wellies into school for your child and that these are NAMED!

As previously advised you may want to send your child in with a bodywarmer, or vest on as the doors and windows still need to be kept ajar.

### Achievements:

Please continue to send in out of school & sport club achievements, as we do share these in our Whole School Zoom assemblies at the end of the week.

The Sports achievements will go up on our board in the hall.

Thursday December 17th	END OF TERM
Friday December 18th – Friday January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Holidays
Monday January 4 <sup>th</sup>	PD Day
<b>Tuesday January 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Monday February 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Monday February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school
Friday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM
Monday March 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PD Day – CANCELLED – CHILDREN NOW BACK IN SCHOOL</b>
Monday April 19 <sup>th</sup> – Friday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Residential to Oakerwood
Monday May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday
Monday May 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday May 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Residential to Hilltops – details to follow in the new year
Monday May 31 <sup>st</sup> – Friday June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Monday June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
Tuesday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM

We raised £95.68 for Children in Need in November...Thankyou!

Please make us aware if there are any changes to your child's health needs so we can update the necessary files and administer if needed.

Please inform the office, via email or phone call, if there is a change to who is collecting your child, BEFORE the end of the day.

### The PSA:

Thank you to everyone who brought in a sweet jar, and donated to the Christmas festivities week! The children loved making the baubles, and we hope they are all pride of place on your trees at home!

From this and the raffles held for the hampers and the helicopter ride, we have managed to raise over £400. Thank you for all your support in 2020. The next PSA meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All are welcome.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we will see you back at school on

**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>.**

