



NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

No two weeks in a Primary School are the same. It is one of the many great things about working in this environment that you never get bored and every day brings new joys. There are occasionally challenges too.

This week has been no exception. Having a 'snow day' is a mixed blessing. The joy at waking up and seeing the fresh snow fills most of us with the same joy it does the children – my first reaction is to grab a handful of snow and throw it at the nearest person! At the same time life has to continue and keeping the school functioning as normally as possible is never easy in these situations. Children (and us as adults) thrive when they have a fixed routine and know what each day is likely to entail. Big changes to the routine can sometimes be tricky for us all.

However, the children this week have been fabulous despite the home learning day on Monday and have thoroughly enjoyed the different Christmas events that have taken place all week. The culmination of the weeks festivities was the delicious Christmas Dinner today with Christmas Jumper Day and the second of our singalongs. What a great way to end the week.

Thank you to all the parents too, your cooperation and understanding with all the last minute changes.

Next week we have the Christmas Disco's on Monday. Reception will have an hour with Micky B in the afternoon (no charge). The Year 1, 2 and 3 disco is from 4pm-5pm. Entrance and collection via school office. Year 4, 5 and 6 disco is from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Entrance and collection via the school office. Cost for both is £3.

Finally, don't forget as agreed by Mr Walsh last week, Tuesday is a non-uniform day to raise money for the defibrillator. Hopefully we will reach the £1000 target before Christmas.

My Christmas Wish – by Rosie in Year 6

When Christmas comes around,
And everyone is trying to sleep,
Santa knows it is time to deliver his treats,
He tucks up his reindeer,
Gentle and kind,
And gets everyone ready to fly the night sky.

Every single child hopes and prays,
That Santa will visit their house once again,
Tucked up and cosy,
Snuggled in bed,
I secretly process the thoughts in my head,



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I recall my friend's wishes for this and that,
I have never wished for any of that.

Oh, Santa do hear me,
All I wish for this year,
Is for all my family to be close and near,
Everyone sits around the table,
Laughing, joking and full of cheer,
Glasses clinking and crackers banging,
The fire place warms us all,
A house full of love and Christmas cheer!

Governor Election

We had one parent nomination for the Parent Governor role that closed on Monday. Stephanie Hakes, who has a child in Year 1 is therefore elected unopposed to be the new Parent Governor on the Local School Committee (LSC). She has been associated with the school for the last 7 years as her eldest child attended Larchwood She has also worked in primary education for a number of years. I've no doubt she will be an excellent addition to the LSC. Welcome.

Word of the Week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Author	Enormous	Exclude	Reject	Affect	Invest	External



Reading at Home

Well done those that read on the snow day. Please continue to read over the next few days and over Christmas.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 12th December to Friday 16th December (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RR	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (16%)	21 (81%)	97%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	8 (26%)	5 (17%)	17 (57%)	74%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	3 (10%)	22 (76%)	86%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	24 (93%)	93%
2BC	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	5 (21%)	17 (71%)	92%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	8 (29%)	17 (61%)	90%
3B	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	10 (37%)	11 (41%)	78%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (23%)	20 (77%)	100%
4B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (22%)	5 (19%)	15 (56%)	75%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
5D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	1 (4%)	7 (28%)	16 (64%)	92%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (18%)	1 (4%)	21 (78%)	82%
6C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	23 (92%)	96%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7 (26%)	20 (74%)	100%
Total							90%



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Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Miller in 4S – for demonstrating all of the school values.



Stars of the Week

RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B
Elijah	George	Rose	Freddie	Vania	Isobel	Skylar
3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6R	6C
Matty	Anne	Harry B	Lara	Holly	Maya	Poppy



Weekly Attendance

Quite a bit of illness this week. Well done RT for being so healthy!!

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 12th December

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	89.6%	99.2%	90.4%	88.3%	81.5%	95.0%	85.4%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	89.1%
Attendance	91.7%	91.5%	93.8%	84.6%	88.4%	79.3%	89.2%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
RT	2G	4S



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2022

Class	RR	RT	1A	1P	2BC	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	91.8%	94.4%	94.7%	94.6%	95.0%	96.7%	94.7%	
Class	3C	4B	4S	5D	5L	6C	6R	94.8%
Attendance	96.6%	95.4%	94.8%	93.7%	95.8%	94.9%	93.5%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2G	3C	5L



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