



December Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks, we have been really pleased with the response from our lovely children as we have had lots of events and, unfortunately, some staff illness. Mrs Shanks sends her Christmas wishes but has been unwell so not able to come into school over the last two weeks. We are willing her back to full health ready for next term, but I will keep you updated. However, on the whole, the children have carried on with their learning as normal, as our fantastic staff are so flexible to support where needed. We have had some staff trained in further supporting our children's well-being and behaviour management too. Our trips out to sporting events, forest school, the church, and our Panto have been highlights.

Mrs Fancourt will be continuing with us into the new year—she has quickly become a well-respected member of the team and helping our children to achieve even more. We are delighted she will be staying a little longer!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our super staff team who have worked tirelessly this term, and to thank you our parent body for your support. The very positive responses we are getting from you now are testament to how we have grown the relationship between school and home. We hope to continue to expand on this. Many thanks also go to our FOSA team, who have supported some super events; pocket money stalls, carol service and Christingle services, buses for the Panto trip amongst others. A great time was had by all as well as lots of festive fund raising.

Our Church Services and Nativity in school show how well our children can achieve and how well they work together. We have had comments from people on trips and in school saying how polite and keen our children are and we remain very proud of that. Our school values are certainly showing!

On this last day of our Autumn term, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and enjoy the festive season and try to fit in some rest.

Kind regards,

Mrs Huntington

Lunches

Please remember to order school lunches ready for returning on Thursday 4th Jan

Upcoming dates

Thurs 4th Jan	Back to school
W/C 8th Jan	After School Clubs and Booster Clubs start
W/C 12th Feb	Parent consultations this week—dates to be confirmed
Friday 16th Feb	Omnes Games Speed stacking at Lynnsport —selected children only
W/C 19th Feb	Half Term holiday
Wed 28th Feb	Sports morning— a fun morning with a visit from a top athlete, more details to follow
Mon 4th March	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew, Shipdham
Wed 6th March	Dance Festival—selected children only
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day

Reminders:

PE—All children with long hair must have it tied up on PE days, for safety whilst taking part in activities. Earrings must also be removed.

Jewellery—Jewellery should not be worn to school. Only stud earrings should be worn, no hoops.

Uniform—Full school uniform is important, especially for PE days. Please make sure children have their PE top on, with their team colour, as well as suitable clothing for activities. We have noticed a lot of children wearing all variety of colours and styles, and it would be nice for all children to look smart and be appropriately dressed.

School uniform for PE consists of:

- Plimsolls for indoor/ trainers for outdoor
- black/navy shorts or trousers
- academy polo shirt in team colour

Help with uniform is available—please contact the school office.



This month's spotlight is on Lapwings Class:

What we've been up to in December....

In December we've been very busy doing lots of jobs including Christmas performances, song/Christingle practise, meeting Mrs Clause, Christmas lunch, maths, art, English, reading and writing letters to cheeky elves!

We are so proud of ourselves for the fantastic performances we've put on, so much hard work and effort has gone into them, and we were so lucky and excited to be able to see so many of our friends and families in the audience during each performance, we hope you enjoyed watching as much as we enjoyed performing.



Lapwings Class continued:



We've worked incredibly hard throughout December, finally finishing our work on place value and learning all about 2-D and 3-D shapes... We think our favourite part has been drawing on the tables, using place value to partition numbers into different sections! We've enjoyed all sorts of activities building, experimenting, and patterning using shapes. We've also been very lucky to have some extra craft time thanks to FOSA in December, we made decorations for the Christmas trees at Southery Church, lanterns for the Christingle service, cards for our friends and family and more!

We've had a great time learning about animals and their habitats in science and have enjoyed getting out and about to explore some of these habitats for ourselves. Did you know our garden area is home to over 20 animals, plants and bugs?!



Our artwork has been fantastic this half term and we've absolutely loved it! We have created seascapes inspired by the artwork of Claude Monet and David Hockney, using different brushstrokes and types of media to create some impressive looking waves and storms! We're so proud of ourselves... Take a look at Leon's big grin to see just how proud we are!