



DECEMBER



AJA News – 01.12.23

A message from Mr Dunn

I hope that you are all keeping well and warm during this freezing weather. In my assemblies I often talk to the boys and girls about not playing on their computer games or watching TV 24/7. I encourage them to try to join a club, find a hobby or get involved with sports. I have been so pleased that so many boys and girls have brought into school fantastic artwork that they have done, sport achievements and things that they have done or learnt through a new hobby. This is fantastic! We have so many talented children in our school. It is great that they are being supported by you to reach their full potential!

A message from Mrs Bower

We have reached December and it is time to start thinking about Christmas! You may have seen on the Important Dates column over the past few weeks that we have some exciting things planned for Christmas.



Firstly, Year 3 children will be performing to Year 3 parents on the evening of Monday 18th December from 6.30pm – 7.15pm. We would like all Year 3 children to come back to school for 6.15pm in their school uniform/Christmas jumpers ready for their Christmas carol performance on the stage in the assembly hall. We will be in touch next week explaining how you can book your free ticket for this event to reserve a seat.



Secondly, our Christmas Fair is on Thursday 14th December from 3.30pm – 5pm. The children will exit the school as usual, and the fair will open at 3.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you back into school for some mince pies, carols, Christmas games and Christmas stalls... and of course... Santa! It is also Christmas dinner day on Thursday 14th – what an exciting day!



On Thursday 21st December, the whole school will be visiting the local church for Christmas carols and finally on the last day of term all pupils will be receiving a surprise Christmas present! (I'll keep that secret for now!)

Have a lovely weekend! More information to follow about Christmas events soon...

Important Dates

Tuesday 5th December

Rock Steady concert to parents of pupils who have Rock Steady lessons 2.45pm

Wednesday 6th December

Parent workshop on homework
Creating a new homework policy together ready for Spring term
2.30pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas dinner

Friday 15th December

Gymnastics club performance to their parents 4.15pm

Monday 18th December

Year 3 Christmas Carols
After school performance to Year 3 parents
6.30pm – 7.15pm

Thursday 21st December

Whole school visit to local church for carols

Friday 26th January

Y5 visit to the Space Centre

Attendance

This week's attendance

95.55%

Highest class attendance

100% Persistent Pythons

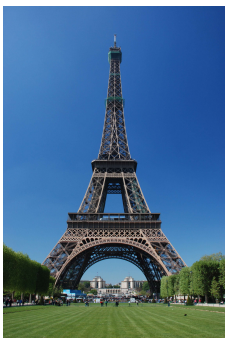
What's been happening this week?

Year 3



We are super proud of our Year 3 children this week and today. The behaviour and learning attitude on our trip were excellent and they have learnt a lot! The artwork they did was amazing too - cave paintings and hand stencils look fabulous. This week, the children have been learning about how fossils are made, databases and we learnt a story in French! Next week we have assessment week, the children (or parents) do not need to worry or stress, it will be very low key, and the children will not be under any pressure. We are excited to see how they do! Have a great weekend, wrap up warm and see you all on Monday!

Year 4



Year 4 have had a great week despite the cold weather! We took a trip to the fabulous city of France this week, walking through the (Google Earth) streets of Paris, where we visited the Eiffel Tower, had a snoop inside of La Louvre, and took a cruise down the river Sienne on a luxury narrowboat cruise! We have been focusing on decimals in maths and applying our skills to money and measurement. In science, we are investigating which materials make good electrical conductors and insulators. PE was a highlight this week, with a Friday afternoon archery session as part of our enriched curriculum. Thank you to year 4 for all your hard work this week. The Year 4 Team.

Year 5



As we start the month of December, Year 5 have maintained their focus and continued to keep up their high standards. In English, we have started looking at how to write a diary entry. Next week, we will be writing a diary entry as Romeo. To help us with this, we have been reviewing conjunctions, and learning about modal verbs. Ask your child to give you an example! In maths, we have been converting between mm, cm, m and km. We had a great time on Thursday using our knowledge to answer word problems. Some really tricky ones! They're on the blog if you fancy a challenge! In our science lessons, we've been investigating why day and night happens, and why shadows behave the way that they do. Great fun with torches! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6



It's been a productive week in year six, where the pupils have shown extraordinary amounts of resilience ahead of their practice SATs next week! In maths, we have been practising our fraction methods by solving reasoning and problem-solving questions. Newspaper reports have been the focus within English, with our end goal being to create a newspaper report around Anne Frank. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed studying Rose Blanche and they particularly enjoyed the illustrations within this story. Next week will provide some challenge for our pupils with it being a SAT practice test week so we encourage the children to make sure they have a good night's sleep so they are well-prepared! Have a lovely weekend!