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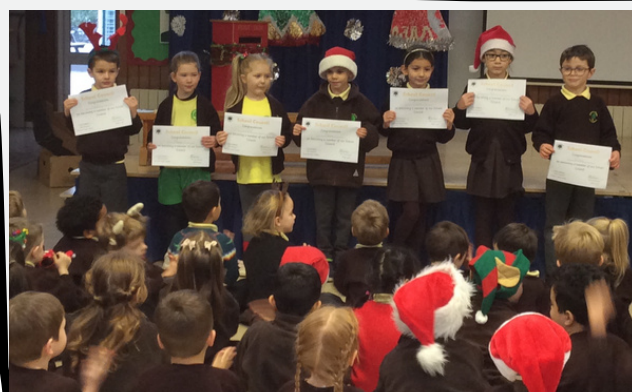
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What a week it's been. We started the week with a very special visitor - Santa! The children loved their visit. Santa even gifted the children with some reindeer food. The children really put on a show for our parents. We started with our wonderful year 1 children, complete with boomwhackers and singing in round. Then we had our exceptional Reception children who demonstrated their acting and singing skills, complete with three little pigs, stars, shepherds and angels - it was quite the rollercoaster! We finished our Christmas shows with our lovely year 2 children. WOW, what a show they put on for us all. It was closer to a Broadway production than a school play. Our year 2 parents would have had the pleasure of meeting Jon Hills (TAMAT CEO) who covered for me whilst I was poorly yesterday. He was amazed at the talents of our children and staff. Well done all.

A massive thank you to Louise who has chaired our PTA over the last few years. Louise has dedicated her own time to make sure the PTA has presence and purpose within our school - she has done the most amazing job. We would be lost without the PTA. Excitingly, Katherine will chair the PTA from the new year, we wish her well and know she will do a great job.

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to Miss Boyes (Yr 2 TA) who is leaving us to start a new chapter in her life, in the wonderful picturesque county of Somerset. I have recruited another experienced TA who will start with us towards the end of January.

I wish you all the most magical Christmas and prosperous new year. Mr O'Shea :)



OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

As part of our British values, we used democracy to determine which children would sit on our school council. The children nominated themselves and their class cast votes. I am pleased to announce, our new school councillors.

Well done to Luna, Rafe, Maggie, Louis, James, Sofia, Archie and Sophia. I know you will serve us all well.

A message from our Assistant Headteacher
Miss Saunders

The recommended book for the holidays is *Ernest Shackleton* - an icy tale of the intrepid adventurer's journey to the South Pole.



DIARY DATES

- Children return to school 4th January 2023 08:35 - 15:00

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This week we have...

The children have loved practicing their Christmas performance which has rounded off and consolidated our learning for this term. We are so proud of the children and how hard they have worked and practised.

The children have enjoyed some time outside with the snow - we even managed some mark making in the ice.

Our story this week has been *The Christmas Jolly Postman*. The children have loved listening to this, looking at all the pull outs in the book as well as relating the story back to their Christmas performance.

The Reception team would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over this term and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.



What a crazy week it has been in the lead up to Christmas this week. We started the week by having fun in the snow trying to make snowmen as we even had carrots for snack to use as noses! The snow linked wonderfully to our story of the week which was 'The Snowman'. The children were using their adjectives to describe how different snowmen had been dressed. We then performed our Christmas song show. Didn't the children do a fabulous job? We were so proud of them, especially using the new boomwhackers that we were donated this half term. It was a privilege being the first year group to use them. Both classes combined to have some phonic fun where they played a variety of phonic games to help us recap all the phonics we have learnt this half term. In maths we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes by naming them and finding them all around us. The week was rounded off with our Christmas Craft day where they were able to create a variety of Christmas decorations.

The Year 1 Team would like to thank you all for your support this term and we wish you all a very merry, safe and healthy Christmas break.

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We have had a very creative end to a wonderful term. The children have finished their clay mugs inspired by Clarice Cliff by painting their designs onto the face of the mug. They look fantastic! The children have also painted a beautiful winter scene onto a canvas which they cannot wait to bring home. The Year 2's have worked incredibly hard on their Christmas play performance which they rehearsed and performed in front of an audience fantastically. We were all incredibly proud of their efforts in learning their lines and singing their songs clearly. The children also really enjoyed the Christmas crafts morning.



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PTA news, events & clubs

NEXT PTA MEETING

THE NEXT PTA MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY AT 8 P.M. ON ZOOM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE AND ARE A GREAT WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT EVENTS WE HAVE COMING UP.

ANYTIME YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PTA IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED, EVEN IF IT'S JUST 10 MINUTES!

HERE ARE THE CALL DETAILS:

TOPIC: PTA MEETING

TIME: JAN 4, 2023 08:00 PM LONDON

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89340863290](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89340863290)

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JUMP INTO 2023

IN JANUARY WE WILL BE HOLDING A SPONSORED JUMP INTO 2023 EVENT.

WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE CHILDREN TO DO 23 THINGS TO GET THEM MOVING AND ACTIVE DURING JANUARY, AND FOR THEM TO GET SPONSORED FOR DOING SO. IT WOULD BE AMAZING IF EVERYONE COULD RAISE £23 EACH.

THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT ON NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS THAT WILL GIVE THE CHILDREN NEW GAMES AND ACTIVITIES TO PLAY.

THERE WILL BE PRIZES TOO!

MORE DETAILS AND SPONSORSHIP FORMS WILL BE COMING OUT NEXT TERM, BUT WE JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOU A HEADS UP THAT THIS WILL BE STARTING IN JANUARY.

I'M THRILLED THAT KATHERINE LEWIS WILL BE OUR PTA CHAIR FROM JANUARY. SHE'S BEEN A PART OF THE PTA FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS AND WILL DO A BRILLIANT JOB.

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS TERM.

CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm - 4.00pm	Yoga Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm		Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	

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Reading stars & PANTS

NSPCC Pantosaurus

Along with many schools across the country, at Crawley Ridge Infant School we use the NSPCC Pantosaurus rule to help to teach children about keeping themselves safe. With the help of the friendly Pantosaurus dinosaur, adults, both at school and at home, can teach children about how to stay safe from abuse.

At a level appropriate for their own age, all children learn about how the parts of their bodies which are covered by their underwear are private parts and are not for other people to see or touch and how important it is to talk to someone about anything which upsets or worries them.

Pantosaurus Song

Meet Pantosaurus - our pant-wearing Dino! He wants every child to stay safe and strong, just like him, and he's on a mission to share an important message.

<https://youtu.be/-IL07JOGU5o>

Please visit the following link for advice on how to answer questions from children on this subject.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>



READING STARS



New this term! When a child has read at home at least three times in the week and this is documented by an adult at home (reading record book signed three times) they will receive a golden star sticker. These will be stuck to the back of reading records. There is a competition to see which children at school will collect the most!! This will hopefully encourage children to ask and plead to read at home, which is the key to reading for pleasure.

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Reading - Oxford owl

Reading is the most important aspect of any school's curriculum. Reading inspires children, improves vocabulary and speaking, helps with writing and is a genuine life skill that opens the doors for your child's future.

All children will have a book issued to them. This will be in their bookbag. These books will be at your child's reading level. Books should be readable and not too challenging – children should be able to read them successfully. This improves the chances of children developing a love and passion for books. If they are too challenging, research shows reading then becomes a chore and is not as enjoyable for young readers. Children must also be able to comprehend/understand the book they have read.

Children in Reception will start their phonics lessons next week. For now, they will be issued with a wordless book. Children learn how to hold and use a book; turning the pages and talking about the images they see. Parents can ask questions such as:

- What can you see in the picture?
- What number is on the page?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What is your favourite picture - why?
- What part of the story would you change - why?

In addition to children's books in book bags, our school also has an online eLibrary. This allows teachers to allocate groups of books to children. These can be read at home on a laptop, iPad, tablet or mobile device. At school, we will monitor which children are using the eLibrary and prizes will be awarded to those participating consistently.

I cannot encourage and emphasise enough how important it is to read at home with and to your child. We will be running phonics workshops for parents this term to help empower you all to continue supporting your children at home.

Your child's login details are attached inside their reading record book/reading diary.

A full guide has been sent to all parents - please check your ParentMail



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