

# Mears Ashby School News

## Friday 29th November 2019

### Values Education



**Our value is: Happiness: Proverbs 16:20: He that handles a matter wisely shall find good; and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he."**

As the nights are closing in we are celebrating advent in school in the run up to the festive period. We will be lighting our advent candle every day and reminding children of the Christmas story and the real reason behind our celebrations—the birth of Jesus. It is a busy time, so please keep an eye on the diary dates. We will be switching our parent communications to ParentMail shortly, which is a more efficient system. Finally, thank you for your responses to our 'Reading for pleasure' survey.

*Mrs Crofts*

#### Elms

Elms are now preparing for the Nativity. We have been singing our hearts out and working hard to learn our lines, dances and songs. We cannot wait for you to see us perform.

#### Sycamores

Sycamores have been discovering the dangerous and exciting world of volcanoes. We have discovered how volcanoes are formed and why they erupt. We have loved investigating what happened when Mount Vesuvius erupted and destroyed Pompeii many years ago.

#### Oaks

What's your pulse rate? Do you know your blood type? Well soon Oaks will be experts in this field, as our topic for this term is "Blood Heart". We began by whisking ourselves to the 'Mears Ashby Research Hospital' where we clipped on our doctor id and went into the laboratory to study the heart and the consistency of blood. Pulse rates were taken, (if we could find a pulse!) and exercise taken to observe if the rate changed. We have also benefitted from a visit by 'A-Life' who explained the importance of a healthy lifestyle. A fantastic introduction to our topic.

#### Celebration Assembly - Friday 20th December 2pm

Parents/carers will be invited via text to attend the school's special assembly to celebrate all the achievements of pupils to end these first two terms.

#### ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

**please note the expected attendance is 96%**

CLASS	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
ELMS	283	35	0	320	88.4
SYCAMORES	864	42	8	920	94.6
OAKS	1239	36	10	1320	96.4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2386</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2560</b>	<b>94.8</b>

November Birthdays  
Bethanie, Shaun & Olive

#### Christingle Service

The whole school will be taking part in the Christingle service at the church on Wednesday 18th December at 2pm. All parents and family members are welcome to join us.

#### EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance -

Our Elms and Sycamores children will perform at the school for parents to enjoy at 2.30pm on Monday 9th December and they will also perform it again on Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am.

#### Children In Need

Thank you to you all for your generous donations for the BBC Children In Need Appeal. From wearing our pyjamas in school on Friday 15th November, we raised a total of £85.00 in the end, which is fantastic amount. Well done everyone.

#### Ice Skating at Beckworth Emporium

We will be taking the whole school ice skating on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th December at Beckworth Emporium. We are so lucky to have such a lovely venue just around the corner from the school to go to. It should be a lot of fun everyone.

#### Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumper Day

Class Christmas parties will be held on Friday 13th December and food lists will be available nearer the time for parents to sign up to for the chosen food to be brought in nearer the time of the party day. Your child is also invited to wear their festive knitwear/top into school on this day.

#### ABM Christmas Lunch

A Christmas style lunch can be ordered via ParentPay online for your child to enjoy on Thursday 19th December. Please pre-book through your child's online meal account by **11th December**. Thank you.

**Please note there will be no jacket potatoes or sandwiches available on this day.**

#### Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all your donations to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. On Monday 11th November a special assembly led by Rev Katrina was held and a two minute silence was observed in the school hall.

#### Dates for the Diary:

Spelling Bee - Monday 2nd December  
Ice Skating @Beckworth Emporium - Wednesday 4th December at 2pm –3pm  
FOMAS—Christmas Disco 4th December —5pm-7pm  
KS1 & Year 3 Nativity (in school) - Monday 9th at 2.30pm & Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am  
Flu vaccination - Whole School—11th December (AM)  
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties - Friday 13th December.  
Whole School - Pantomime Trip - Tuesday 17th December  
Christingle Service - Wednesday 18th December at 2pm  
Christmas Lunch (ABM) - Thursday 19th December  
Family Reading—9am -9.30am—Friday 20th December.  
Celebration Assembly—Friday 20th December –2pm  
Last day of term - Friday 20th December (No After School Club)  
Training Days - 3rd & 6th January 2020  
Start of New Term - Tuesday, 7th January 2020  
Bikeability Level 1 course - Friday 10th January 2020  
Bikeability Level 1 & 2 Course - Monday 13th - Thursday 16th January 2020.