

# Mears Ashby School News

## Friday 30th November 2018

### 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."**

#### **A Busy Term 2**

We have all had a great start to the second half of term and it has been a busy and exciting one for all classes and year groups.

#### **Elms**

Elms have been busy learning about the Arctic this half term. They went on a lovely village walk to discover the features of Mears Ashby and compare them to the Arctic.

#### **Sycamores**

Pupils have been learning about Inuit culture and have enjoyed building igloos out of recyclable materials and marshmallows.

#### **Oaks**

This term Oaks have been learning all about the Southern Hemisphere. They have been on an exciting trip to the Sea Life centre in Birmingham to learn all about conservation and the wildlife that can be found in the southern hemisphere. They have also been finding out about musical instruments that come from Africa and made their own out of junk!

We have also got a very busy and enjoyable end to the term with all our Christmas performances, parties and pantomime trip to see Aladdin at the Lighthouse Theatre on Monday 17th December.

#### **Celebration Assembly - Wednesday 5th December 9.30am**

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

#### **EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance -**

Our Elms and Sycamores children will perform at the school for parents to enjoy at 2pm on Tuesday 11th December and they will also perform it again on Wednesday 12th December at 9.30am.

#### **KS2 Carol Concert**

Years 4,5 and 6 will be performing their Carol Concert at 9.30am on Monday 10th December in the church and again at 5.30pm on Tuesday 11th December also at the church.

#### **Children In Need**

Thank you to you all for your generous donations for the BBC Children In Need Appeal. From our Mufti Day, held on Friday 16th November, we raised a total of £72.00 and £16 from our Pudsey colouring competition. Therefore we raised a total of £88. Well done everyone.

#### **Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumper Day**

Class Christmas parties will be held on Friday 14th 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 into school on this day.

#### **ABM Christmas Lunch**

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

#### **Chocolate Bingo -**

Thank you for all your orders for hot dogs and confirming your attendance. Thank you also for all your chocolate donations for prizes. We look forward to a fun night of fundraising.

#### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you for all your donations to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. On Friday 9th November a special assembly was held and a two minute silence was observed in the playground. Some of children's poppies were also displayed on the fence of the Peace Garden.

#### **Colder Weather**

Now that the temperature has dropped, we would ask all children to attend school with a coat as well as hats, gloves and scarves.

#### **Cake Stalls**

Thank you for your continued support with the cake stalls.

Recent cake stalls have raised the following:

Year 2 - £26.00, Year 1 - £20.00 Reception - £27.50, Reception - £10.00 and Year 5 - £19.50.

The last cake sale of this year will be hosted by Year 3 on 7th December and the first one in 2019 will be on 11th January hosted by Year 2.

#### **ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER**

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

CLASS	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
ELMS	461	1	0	484	97.5
SYCAMORES	860	16	0	884	98.2
OAKS	1297	27	0	1324	98
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2608</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2692</b>	<b>98</b>

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#### **Dates for the Diary:**

**Celebration Assembly - Wednesday 5th December - 9.15 am in the School Hall.**

**Chocolate Bingo - Thursday 6th December at 5.30pm.**

**KS2 Christmas Carol Service - Monday 10th December at 9.30am and 5.30pm on Tuesday 11th December at the church  
KS1 & Year 3 Nativity (in school) - Tuesday 11th at 2pm & Wednesday 12th December at 9.30am.**

**Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties - Friday 14th December.**

**Whole School - Pantomime Trip - Monday 17th December  
Christmas Church Service - Tuesday 18th December 9.30am**

**Christmas Lunch (ABM) - Wednesday 19th December**

**Last day of term - Wednesday 19th December**

**Training Days - 3rd & 4th January 2018**

**Start of New Term - Monday, 7th January.**

**November Birthdays**

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