

21st December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful term we have had, here are a few highlights;



Nursery have been finding out about the start of winter. They have been reading and sharing stories about winter and noticing the changes taking place, like the colder weather and shorter days. They have also been acting out the story of the Nativity which led the children to perform 'A Story of Christmas' through actions and songs for their parents and families.

Reception have really enjoyed practicing for their Nativity, learning all the words and actions to the songs. They have been putting their craft skills to the test to create autumn pictures and collages using different materials and they hope to use these skills as we get ready for thinking about winter!



Y1 have really enjoyed learning about their space topic 'Moon Zoom'. They were really lucky to have a space planetarium come to school and they went inside to learn all about our solar system and then wrote brilliant recounts about the experience. They have read a book about a little alien called Beegu and described the alien and wrote their own stories about Beegu. The children have also been busy making lovely reindeer mugs for the Christmas Fair and practicing their Nativity. They loved performing it to their families!

Y2 have enjoyed their topic 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. They started the topic off with a messy afternoon where they investigated different mixtures such as jelly, corn flour, lotion and dough with their hands. They have read the stories 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and 'The Day the Crayons Came Home'. They made their own crayon letters and then wrote stories about the crayons.



Y3 have been reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They have loved finding out about all of the weird and wonderful chocolatey inventions within the factory! They have written some wonderful newspaper reports based on the many interesting events in the book. They also loved making cakes as part of their topic and even had a class bake off!

Y4 have had lots of fun learning all about the digestive system! They have been on a virtual journey through the body and have learnt lots about how their teeth work, how we digest food and all about poo! They have looked at multiplication factors and graphs in maths and they have written some very interesting information texts in English all about digestion.



Y5 started the half term with a week all about Remembrance, where they wrote poetry about life in the trenches and even had their own spoken word poetry night. They have been diving into their topic and learning all sorts of different things about space and our Solar System. They have also been loving their class novel, 'I am Number Four' and have been writing exciting narratives based on the characters from the novel. They have enjoyed preparing items for the Christmas Fair as part of Enterprise week.

Y6 have been very busy this half term! They visited the University of Sheffield for an interactive lecture and workshops all about 'The Life of Birds' as part of their Darwin's Delights topic and also visited Weston Park to look at historical and geographical artefacts. They have started their preparation for the KS2 SATs and the children have worked very hard writing adventure stories and information texts linked to their novel, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.



Well done everyone!

The Christmas Fair on 14th December was a great success! There were lots of stalls and each class sold items that they had made during Enterprise Week. **The classes made a combined net profit of £952.13 – well done everyone!** Thank you to everyone who came to the fair and supported us.



We would like to thank Friends of Woodseats for all their hard work in organising the Fair and the Christmas Raffle. We would also like to thank Father Christmas who took time out of his busy schedule to see us during the Christmas Fair and also visited each classroom today and brought presents for all the children.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who come into school to help with lots of different things including keeping our library tidy, reading with the children, baking and helping with school trips. It is very much appreciated by all the staff and pupils.

We are very pleased to let you know that from the recent **sponsored walk which Y1 to Y6 took part in**, our children raised the **amazing sum of £1,582.22**. Also, one of our parents did a much longer walk of **15 miles and raised the sum of £175.47**. We have purchased a new disabled bench and the rest will be put towards playground equipment.

Pupils and staff wore **Christmas jumpers** last Friday and from that, we raised £266.85 which we will be donating to the **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** appeal.



Nativity performances took place last week and this week in Nursery, Reception and KS1. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch, we had some lovely feedback from parents and families and the children really enjoyed practising and performing their plays.

We are very pleased to announce that **Mrs Firth had a beautiful baby girl** last month. Mum and baby are doing very well and looking forward to their first Christmas together.



We are very proud to let you know that we have been awarded the **SAPERE bronze Philosophy for Children School Award** for the outstanding commitment and progress we have made in P4C. SAPERE's awards celebrate a school's progress in establishing high quality P4C and this is a powerful approach to learning and teaching that boosts children's reasoning, social skills and overall attainment.

We would like remind all parents **not to park in the school car park at any time** as this is for staff use only. It is particularly dangerous during the times when parents are dropping off and picking up their children from school. Please could we also ask that you do not walk through the car park with your children but use the path around it. Please help us to keep all our children safe.



The school is here to help your children achieve high standards in their work and behaviour in a calm and safe environment. We cannot do this if staff, or others, suffer abusive behaviour from any parent or other adult, whether that be in person, on the telephone or via social media. Our staff expect to be treated at all times with respect and courtesy. Thank you.

School Holiday Dates

Christmas	Monday 24 th December 2018 - Friday 4 th January 2019
February Half Term	Monday 18 th February - Friday 22 nd February 2019
Easter	Monday 1 st April - Friday 12 th April 2019
Easter Weekend	Friday 19 th April - Monday 22 nd April 2019

More dates for your diary and lots of other information can be found on the school website:

www.woodseatsprimaryschool.org.uk

The **next newsletter is due on Friday 18th January**. This will be put onto the school website and emailed to all parents as we no longer send paper copies home. If you would still like a paper copy, please collect one from the School Office.



Finally...

Our last day at school is today, Friday 21st December 2018. We look forward to seeing you all when **school re-opens on Monday 7th January 2019**.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, we send you our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sinead Fox
Headteacher

