



Platt Primary News



'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



It has been a very 'Christmassy' week in school this week. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children did amazingly well in their nativity performances this week! Congratulations to them and all the staff involved and our thanks again to the community effort with costumes. I always consider it a privilege that I get to see one of these every year and know how precious these memories are for you as parents/carers—they grow up too fast!

On Thursday we enjoyed a hearty Christmas lunch in the hall with some festive tunes playing as we ate. The children thoroughly enjoyed their meals and were grateful to the cook, Aleks, for her gift to each of them of a Christmas pencil.

We will be rounding off our Christmas week with the Christmas fayre today after school—we hope to see lots of you there. We still have our Christmas service in church next Friday morning to look forward to.

Whilst we have enjoyed Christmas events this week, learning has very much continued and will continue into next week. It is important to continue to attend school right up until the last day of term. We know at this time of year illness is an issue. It is worth checking this guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> to help you decide whether to bring your child in if they are unwell. A reminder as well that holidays cannot be authorised during term time.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

Mrs E Smith

Image Use Permission Reminder

Thank you to those of you who have returned your images permission slips. If you have not done so yet, please ensure your form is with us as soon as possible next week. We have an amazing video of the school we wish to put on the website!

Inventors' Class

In Design technology this term, we have been learning about seasonal ingredients in the UK and around the world. We were very excited to practice our washing, cutting and peeling skills. We practiced using a peeler and we learned how to chop safely. We tasted the fruits and vegetables; one of our favourites was the grapes.



In history, we created Roman shields and led 2 groups of 8 soldiers who formed part of a century in a march around the classroom and corridors. We also practiced the testudo, or tortoise, which is a shield configuration that Roman troops used to defend themselves from weapons during battle.



The Posada

This week the nativity figures of Mary and Joseph have been on their travels around each class. As they are brought to each class a reading and prayer is said. Posada is the Spanish word for 'inn'. It is worth looking up the origins of this celebration. In our modern day, the nativity figures are given a home for the night to symbolise giving room in hearts for Jesus. These figures have been travelling around the village of St Mary's Platt and will leave us on Monday to continue their travels.



Nativity

This week Year R and KS1 have performed their Christmas Nativity show 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' to their adults. The whole Key Stage did a marvellous job in retelling the story of the first Christmas. All of the children were brilliant at remembering their lines and the actions to all of the songs. Thank you to all of the support given in coming to watch the performances it meant so much to the children. Mr Hale and Mrs Smit worked very hard in making sure the show was memorable for everyone.



Achievement Award



Well done to this week's recipients for showing the value of forgiveness are:

Creators: Rolo
 Explorers: Abigail
 Astronauts: Kit
 Inventors: George
 Adventurers: Frankie
 Voyagers: Isabel
 Ambassadors: Simon

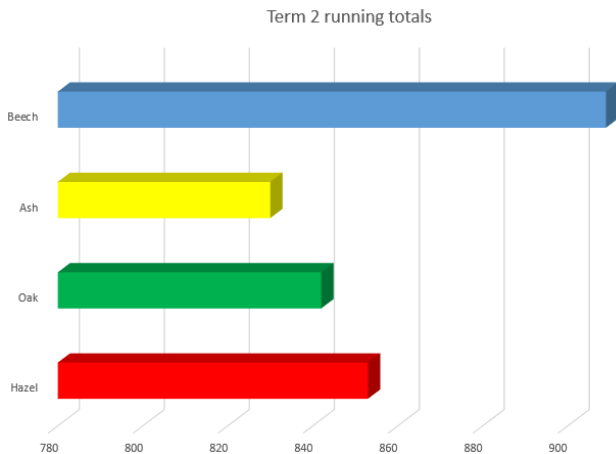
House Points

Beech just took the win this week with 149 points! Well done!

Hazel: 145

Ash:135

Oak: 132



This means Beech House are our overall winners for Term 2 and will enjoy a treat in school next week.

Musical Achievement

Congratulations to Costya for achieving a Distinction in his grade 2 piano exam.



Children in Need Fundraiser

Thank you for your contributions on Children in Need day—we raised **£144.19** for the charity.

Diary Dates

Please note that all events and dates listed below are accurate at the time of printing this newsletter, but, could be subject to change in the future.

Autumn Terms 1 and 2

- **Friday 8th December Christmas Fayre 3:15 –4:30pm**
- *18th December – 1st January School Holidays*

Spring Terms 3 and 4

- *Tuesday 2nd January INSET Day 4 – children not in school*
- Year 4 Forest School—**Fridays**
- Friday 2nd February Number Day
- Monday 5th February – school photos
- Tuesday 6th February Safer Internet Day
- Tuesday 6th February Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February Parents' Evening
- *12th – 16th February – Half Term*
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day
- Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March Year 6 Residential Trip
- Monday 25th March Whole School Open Afternoon from 2:45pm
- *29th March – 12th April School Holidays*

Summer Term 5

- Monday 15th April term 5 begins
- *Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday (Children not in school)*
- 13th – 16th May Year 6 SATs
- *27th – 31st May Half Term*

Church Services this academic year:

- Friday 15th December—Christmas—Key Stage 2
- Thursday 18th January—Epiphany—Year 2
- Wednesday 21st February—Lent—Year 1
- Friday 22nd March—Easter—Year 4
- Friday 7th June—Communion—Year R
- Monday 22nd July Leavers' Service—Y6

If you can support the school and volunteer to walk both to and from the church on these dates, please let your child's class teacher know.

For more dates for this academic year, please see the diary dates list that has been emailed to you or the school website.

Mrs Smith and the school team

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