



Platt Primary News



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

Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot quite believe that it is already the end of the autumn term and Christmas is upon us! This means we are now a third of the way through the academic year. We have rounded off our Christmas celebrations today with our service in church. The children did a wonderful job with their readings and prayers. All sang beautifully including our school choir and we were treated to Jingle Bells on the recorders by members of Adventurers class.

Beech House enjoyed their treat of chocolate milk and biscuits in the hall and a game of musical statues. Well done to them. I wonder which team will get the most house points overall next term?

Following the consultation on the Behaviour Blueprint, the full policy is now written and has been approved by the governing body. We will be implementing this fully with the children from January and have already started practising our 'signal to stop' and 'wonderful walking'. A safe school environment is our highest priority and the Behaviour policy plays a crucial role in this. Please do take a look—it can be found on our school website.

The new year holds lots in store for us so do keep reading the newsletter to keep up to date.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas—enjoy, rest and have fun! Thank you for your continued support of our lovely school. I look forward to seeing everyone back on January 3rd 2024!

Mrs E Smith

**"A merry heart does good like medicine."
Proverbs 17:22**

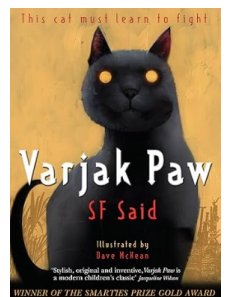
Choir

On Tuesday afternoon, choir popped over to the Memorial hall to sing for the Ladies of Platt at their Christmas Afternoon Tea. They sang beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform.



Adventurers

The Adventurers have really enjoyed reading Varjak Paw. We wrote a piece nominating the cat from the story for an award. The children have really wanted to do a piece of English writing on the Chrome Books. So they typed up their work and applied their newly learnt computing skills to copy and paste images into their work. We printed them off and stuck them in our books. We also included brackets for parenthesis which has been our learning this week.



Farewell

This week we have said goodbye to Ms Joshi who has taught at Platt for over 8 years. We thank her for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the very best for her future.

Online Safety at Christmas

As children will be spending time at home and possibly getting technology devices as gifts, it is worth taking a moment or two to consider the latest advice around keeping children safe online. Attached to the ParentMail are fliers from Kent Police to help you support your children in this area.

Water leak

Sadly, I have no detail to give you at the moment. Please know that as soon as I do, you will be informed.



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

- *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:

- 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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