

Platt Primary News



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

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Spring Term is well underway with lots of new learning going on across the school. If you want to know what your child is learning about this term, please remember to view their year group's long term overview on our school website. Our website will be changing during this term. In March we will have a new website up and running and hope that you will find this a useful source of information. We take a lot of pride in our school and our website will reflect this moving forward.

Our new Behaviour Policy system is also underway. We held three assemblies about it with the children in the first week back and the blueprint and pupil guide poster from the policy are up around the school. The policy is on our website. There is a parent section on the blueprint and by choosing to send your child to Platt, we would like parents/carers to uphold this section please as well as the policy in full. It all comes back to working together for the good of the children and their education.

Parents and carers will:

1. Be respectful – calm, polite, listen
2. Be supportive – work with the school, ensure children attend school, uphold and follow school policies

We have also begun our 'Best Seats in the House' today at lunchtime. Two children from each class were selected for showing 'above and beyond' behaviour and sat at a special table at lunch with myself.

In Worship this week, we have looked at the Gospel (Good News) through people that Jesus met in the 4 gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

I wonder what good news you can be thankful for in the world this week?

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Emma Smith

Creators Class

Reception class have been enjoying reading their new topic book *The Gigantic Turnip* by Aleksei Tolstoy and Niamh Sharkey.

We read the first part of the story, using actions to help us remember the story sequence. The children then made predictions about what would happen next. They wrote these in their writing book. We then read the rest of the story and acted it out in the hall.

Alongside this, we have been learning about how vegetables grow. In PSHE, we learnt about staying safe in the kitchen. We then made vegetable soup. It was delicious!

In Art, we used objects and fruit and vegetables to make portraits in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo.



Best Seats in the House at Lunch:

Creators: George and Nyah

Explorers: Tommy and Charlotte

Astronauts: Sofia and Ben

Inventors: Tommy and Charlie

Adventurers: Renee and Elizabeth

Voyagers: Grace and Jessica

Ambassadors: Seb and Daniel





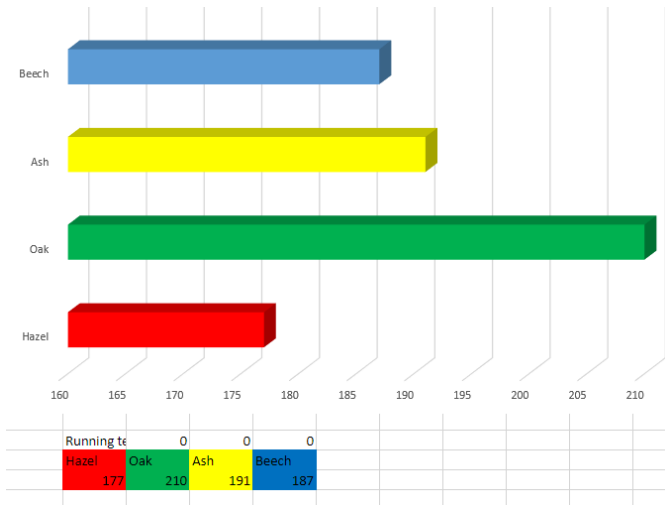
Achievement Award



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

- Creators: Ewan C
- Explorers: Jake W
- Astronauts: Emma
- Inventors: Ellis
- Adventurers: Robin
- Voyagers: Scarlett
- Ambassadors: Sasha

House Points



Congratulations to Oak on the first weekly win this term.

Attendance:

From **8 January**, Government is launching a national campaign to remind parents and carers of the importance of school attendance. The campaign strapline is "**moments matter, attendance counts**".

Attendance: the top facts to know

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.

Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.

Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.



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.

Spring Terms 3 and 4

- Tuesday 2nd January *INSET Day 4 – children not in school*
- Year 4 Forest School—Fridays
- Friday 19th January—**Choir to Young Voices at the O2—no choir in the morning**
- 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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