



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

You will see from the images that during this final full week in school, it has been a very busy but enjoyable one. The week began with our **'Carols by Candlelight'**, presented by our Key Stage Two pupils. This was a meaningful retelling of the First Christmas with Bible readings and Christmas carols.

Our Christmas Dinner was again another enjoyable occasion. As you can see lots of happy faces! Our grateful appreciation to the Kitchen staff for a delicious meal. Also, to Midday's and teaching staff for all their time in making this an extra special occasion for the children.

Celebrations continued on Thursday with the Christmas parties. The children enjoyed the afternoon with party food and party games.

Tonight, I along with Mrs Fairman, are looking forward to joining the choir for a Christmas carol service at St Luke's Parish Church at 6.30 pm.

I am sure the weekend ahead will be equally as busy with your family preparations and celebrations.

I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Safeguarding

If somebody other than the usual parent/carer is collecting your child then their information must be logged on our contact form—please contact the school office to do this.

When adding a new contact we will ask you as parent/carer to create a parental password. Please provide the contact also with the password, they must report to reception at pick up time to confirm to office staff that they have the correct password. We will then advise the class teacher and they may then proceed to the collection point.

Little Church

Come and Join us for Little Church during 11am mass on Sunday where there will be some fun activities while discussing this week's Gospel.

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **96.1%**. Across the school, **12 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
	Year 4	Reception
	Year 6	Year 1
		Year 2
		Year 3
		Year 5

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98% attendance means 4 school days missed
- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed
- 5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Upcoming event



ZUMBATHON MAKE EVERY MOVE COUNT
CHARITY EVENT

With Rachel, Mandy & Clare

Proceeds to **Stick n Step** Plus a donation to FOSL

Friday 9th February 2024
St Lukes School Hall, Frodsham, 5.30-7pm

Tickets £10 each
(pay on the night, no need to pre book)

There will be a raffle, tickets being sold at the event, winners drawn at the end of the evening!

Supporting children with cerebral palsy www.sticknstep.org

Lion Cubs

The Lion Cubs enjoyed playing and exploring this week! Come and join us again next week - last week before Christmas.

Piano recitals

Well done to everyone who performed their piano recitals this week, we are very proud of you



Christmas Celebrations

The children have had a lovely festive time this week



Lost property

If anybody has lost a black woolly hat and gloves please come to the office

Cherry Class

This week Cherry class have been writing about the story of the birth of Jesus and we have used the photographs of ourselves from the Nativity play.

In maths we have been making Christmas shape pictures and patterns.

In history we have been talking about whether we would like to be a pupil at school 100 years ago and why.

In Science, reception have been exploring items that float and sink and making predictions.

We have been feeling Christmassy and have enjoyed our Christmas Dinner and party games!



Elm Class

Elm class have had a fabulous week. In 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' we re told the Christmas story, using our play and the Christmas Journey trip to help us.

In Maths, we have moved onto our next unit shape and been looking at how to draw 2D shapes accurately using a ruler.

In Geography, we located the 7 continents on a map and challenged ourselves to find countries in those continents.

In History, we have compared modern day and Victorian health care, thinking about the similarities and differences.

This week we have also enjoyed our Christmas dinner and had an amazing Christmas party!



Yew Class

Yew class has been extremely busy this week. In maths we have been learning our multiplication tables. Year 3 have looked at the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Meanwhile, Year 4 have been learning our 6, 9 and 7 times tables. In DT this week we have been working towards our final piece. We have been using cardboard boxes and tubes and nets of 3D shapes to construct a castle. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Christmas dinner in the hall and on Thursday we had our Christmas party. We ate our party food in the classroom and played a quiz before going into the hall to play some party games. It was so much fun!



Cypress Class

Our final full week of the Autumn Term has been wonderful! We had a very musical day on Monday starting with the Year 5 violin concert in the morning. The children played as an ensemble in front of their family members and it was wonderful to see the progress they have made in such a short space of time - we can't wait for the next concert! Monday evening was the Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight concert and we were excited to spread some Christmas cheer by retelling the story of Christmas and singing carols together.

On Tuesday, Year 6 were invited to Helsby High to watch their performance of 'School of Rock' and we really enjoyed the show.

Alongside Christmas celebrations (Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Parties), we have continued with learning about the circulatory system in science, explored factors and multiples in maths and created our own information reports in English. It has been a busy week and busy half term but we have all enjoyed our first full term together at Cypress Tree Class and can't wait to continue learning when we return in January.

