



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

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

On Wednesday morning there was huge excitement as the children arrived at school seeing this year's first covering of snow. During break times, the children enjoyed the delights of the wintry weather conditions as they got to work building snowmen.

On Wednesday afternoon, the children in Yew Tree class enjoyed a Yoga session. They were introduced to techniques to support their overall well-being; breathing exercises, stretching and relaxing.

Thank you to the parents who attended last night's SAT's Meeting. We hope you found this to be informative. The details shared are now on the class page of our school website. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

Next week, there will be a Phonics workshop on Thursday afternoon at 3.45 pm. If your child is in EYFS or Key Stage One, they are currently being taught phonics through the 'Little Wandle' scheme. Teaching staff will provide an overview of how it is implemented and the impact on both reading and writing. All children in Year One will complete the phonics screening check in June. We will be offering advice on how best to support your child while building their confidence. A creche will be provided to allow parents to attend. If you have any further questions please contact the main office.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 25th January—Phonics workshop for parents EYFS/KS1 3.45pm

Tuesday 6th February—Tempest school photographs (individual portraits)

Spring Parents Evening Please see details below—

Y5 and 6 - Tuesday 5th March (3-6pm), Tuesday 12th March (3-5pm), Wednesday 13th (4-6pm)

All other year groups

Tuesday 12th March 4- 6 pm

Thursday 14th March 5-7 pm

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **91%**.

Across the school, **1 hour and 4 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

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

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

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).

Little Church

Little Church starts again for the new year on Sunday 21st January during 11am mass.

Lion Cubs

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

Snowy Wednesday



Cherry Class

Cherry class have settled back into school routine after Christmas very well. We have started new topics and have got new areas to explore in class. We are enjoying our new "deconstructed roleplay" area where we can design and create any world we like using cardboard boxes. (If you have any large boxes we can use, please send them in - the bigger the better!)

In English we have started a new book - The Lion Inside, and we have enjoyed learning about different animals and where they live.

In maths year 1 have been learning about numbers to 20 and solving different types of problems. Reception have been learning about repeating patterns and creating their own.

In Geography year 1 are learning about the countries in the UK and the capital cities. We have enjoyed looking at maps of London and learning about some of the famous buildings. Reception are learning about Frodsham and some of the familiar places that we know.

In Science, year 1 have been very interested in learning about our bodies, naming some important organs and bones. Reception have been learning about different animals and sorting them into groups.

In art we have been exploring colour by mixing paint and using different materials to create marks, including our fingers!

We had a lovely workshop all about CAFOD yesterday and we learned all about what CAFOD do to help people and how we all have special gifts.



Elm Class

This week Elm Class have been very busy. In Maths, we have been using coins to add up to an amount.

After reading *The Dragon Machine*, we have had dragons hiding all around our classroom! We have used the text to write diary entries using past and present tense.

In Personal Development we read a book called *The Great Big of Families*. This explored diversity and looked at families, celebrations, religions, home, transport and jobs and that the UK is a great place to live because it is so diverse.

**LO: To discuss new vocabulary.
To write sentences in the present tense.**

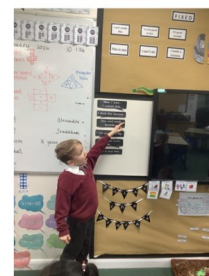


The main character in our book discovered hidden dragons.

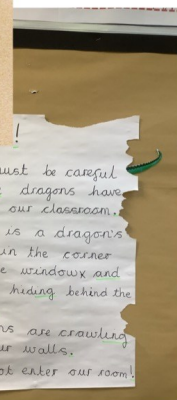
They were unseen, unnoticed and overlooked.



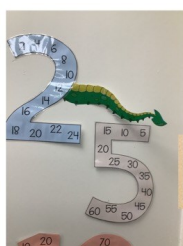
We discovered hidden dragons in our classroom.



We decided to write a poster, telling people what the dragons were doing.



You must be careful because dragons have invaded our classroom. There is a dragon's tail in the corner of the windows and it is hiding behind the blinds. Dragons are crawling up our walls. Do not enter our room!



We wrote in the present tense.

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Yew Class

It has been an extremely busy week in Yew Class! On Tuesday we had a fantastic play time in the snow we enjoyed working as a team to build some snowmen. We had a great time!

This week we started our new geography topic : 'Why are rainforests important to us?'. We discussed what we already know about rainforests and posed questions that we hope to answer throughout the topic. We then used maps and atlases to locate some the world's rainforests.

In art we have been experimenting using brushstrokes with acrylic paint. We talked about how different brushes can produce different brushstrokes. We painted in different directions and followed the contours of a shape.

On Wednesday we were extremely lucky to have a yoga session in the hall. We learned lots of stretches and poses and enjoyed the relaxing, calm atmosphere.

In science we have been learning about classifying animals according to their characteristics. We were introduced to classification keys and how they can be used to organise animals into groups using yes or no questions. To help us think of some questions we could ask about different animals, we first created our own key to help us classify liquorice allsorts sweets. We asked questions such as 'Is it pink?', 'Does it have stripes?'. We then thought about what questions we could use to classify the animal groups.



Cypress Class

Spring Term has got off to an excellent start with everyone working hard to achieve their full potential and demonstrating a great attitude to learning. This week, we have enjoyed reading our new English text called *The Selfish Giant*. After reading the blurb and looking at the first page, we created a descriptive poem focusing on using relative clauses. We identified good vocabulary and used this to enhance our poems.

Fractions have been the focus for both Year 5 and 6 in our maths lessons. Year 5 have been working on equivalent fractions whilst Year 6 have been exploring how to add mixed fractions. Using manipulatives within the lessons has really helped to us with understanding and achieving the objectives.

In this week's art lesson, we have been finding out about Fiona Rae and appraising her artwork. We discussed the different ideas and interpretations and enjoyed hearing other people's ideas and views about the abstract art. It has been a great week!



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards



Leaflets

Frodsham Library, Thursday 25 January, 4pm – Child and Baby First Aid

Essential first aid training for parents and guardians as well as those who work with children. Also includes how to recognise the signs of cardiac arrest, how and when to perform CPR and how to use a defibrillator on babies and children. The course will cover what to do with a baby or child that is choking and how to avoid choking hazards.

The training will be delivered by fully qualified and experienced trainer from Cookson First Aid. To book go to [Child and baby first aid at Frodsham Library event tickets from TicketSource](#)

For more information about the organisation go to <https://cooksonfirstaid.org/>.

Please note: you can bring your child(ren) but please add to the booking as one of the attendees. The session can run up to 90 minutes in length.

FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Non-competitive, Skill development and social club
Are you looking for a fun approach to introduce football to children aged 7 to 11? Then you've come to the right place! Everything about this club is wonderful from the friends you'll make to the FA licenced coaches and volunteers who run the training.
FUN! GET ACTIVE
MAKE FRIENDS

Quicksticks
Hockey starts here

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
You will want to find out where our next club is because we work in many different communities and schools. If the club is a school club your child must already attend the school to be eligible for the club, any community club we have on offer is open to all!
Scan the QR code or visit JCPEprimary.classforkids.co.uk to find specific information about each club. Including times, dates, locations and prices.

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS
Inter-School Competition Sports Team Training
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Mr Curran's Monday after school club is football this half term!

See all information and booking on this link;

<https://jcpeprimary.classforkids.io>

JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING PROGRAMME
January - February 2024

KINGSLEY TENNIS CLUB

Kingsley Tennis Club has a **NEW COACH!**
Jamie Oakes is LTA Level 3 Accredited.
He is also the hitting partner of the British professional tennis player Liam Broady!

Jamie's new junior tennis courses start on Saturday 13th January.
There is no requirement to be a member of Kingsley Tennis Club for the first half-term of sessions.
The sessions are pay as you go, so there is no obligation to take part in all 7 sessions.

JUNIORS

LTA Youth Orange/Green (Age 8-10) - Saturdays 1-2pm - £7 Per Session - Beginning 13th January For 7 Weeks
LTA Youth Yellow (Age 10+) - Saturdays 2-3pm - £7 Per Session - Beginning 13th January For 7 Weeks

To book onto any of the above courses go to www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/KingsleyTennisClub/Coaching
Pay as you go available on all courses
If you would like further information on any of the above courses please contact our coach Jamie Oakes
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