

Attendance

As you'll be aware there are a lot of sickness and flu bugs going around at the moment. If your child is ill they need to stay off school for 48 hours after their last symptoms. Please do contact school either by phone or text informing us they are ill. If you send messages on Dojo the staff may not get these until the end of the day.



'Christmas Card Free Zone'

As we move closer to Christmas we are asking people **not to send individual Christmas cards in school but sign a giant card** (you'll find it in the school hall) and give a £1 donation to charity.

This year we are raising money for Just One Tree - every pound donated will plant a tree, helping combat climate change. We've collected £45 already.

Wellies

Part of our OPAL outdoor play involves the children using our space outside in all weathers. We now have 'Wellie Stores' to help with this. Our hope is that every child in school will have a pair of wellies in school they can change into at playtimes. (The wellies need their names written on the inside) Ideally every child should have wellies in school from the start of next term.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 13th December 2pm

Everyone's welcome to come along, we're asking for donations of any bottles, tombola and raffle prizes. Also, if anyone would like to donate cakes on the day that would be wonderful. If you are coming to the fayre - you can collect you child(ren) from class, attend the fayre then take them home. If you'd like your child to attend with someone else a friend or family member please make sure your child's class teacher knows beforehand.



Thank you for all the Food Bank Donations. Our Mini Vinnies took down around 30 bags of food and £57 donated into the loose change box.



Parent Governor Needed

Are you interested in becoming part of our governing body? The Governing Body work alongside the Head teacher and staff, to oversee school life and help develop our school. If you are interested or want more information please contact Miss Sands.

Jewellery

The only jewellery children should wear is a watch. **No earrings**, bracelets or necklaces.

Missing Uniform

Please ensure all your child's clothes are clearly marked with their names. Also if your child brings home another child's clothes please bring them back to school **immediately**. **Thank you**.

School Life



Purple Planet

First Steps have been lucky to work with Education Enterprise over this half term. Physical development has been linked to storytelling, maths and creative & imaginative thinking. The children have listened to a story, build a rocket, moved, worked out maths problems and met aliens.

Years 1 and 2 have worked really hard to put on their Christmas Performance. We all enjoyed watching them and listening to the lovely singing. Well done to all the children who had to step in when people weren't well!



Year 3

As part of our Stone Age to Bronze Age history topic, year 3 became osteo-archaeologists this half term. Michael from Durham University spent a full day with us and showed us how to use artefacts, including bones, to find out about prehistoric times. We have made replica Bronze Age pots too - using the same technique and materials as prehistoric people. We now feel like real experts when it comes to life in prehistoric Britain.

Year 4 enjoyed working together to produce a life-size Asher for their Advent Window. The window will be revealed on Thursday 19th December at 11am at Peekaboo.



Year 6 Earthkeepers

Our Eco-team have been working with OASES (outdoor and sustainability specialists) to encourage staff and pupils to conserve energy. They enjoyed creating a video with Rio to highlight the importance of climate change and to launch our Switch Off Fortnight campaign. As a school community we are trying to think about ways we can reduce our energy usage both in school and at home.



Diary dates

Be aware some dates may change throughout the term. We'll update them every newsletter and by text if needed.

Friday 13 th December	2pm Christmas Fayre (in school)
Monday 16 th December	Year 5 & 6 Party (£1 donation please)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 3 & 4 Party (£1 donation please)
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 1 & 2 Party (£1 donation please) First Steps Christmas Crafts
Thursday 19 th December	First Steps Christmas party (am) (£1 donation please) Carol Service at Church 6pm
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 6 th January 2020	School re-opens for Spring Term