



### Message from Headteacher

The last few days have been so poignant; it started on Friday and Monday, when myself and Mrs Dennis delivered Christmas cards to people in our community (see the back page for details). A huge thank you to Mrs Dennis who organised this in school and with the various organisations visited. Those receiving the cards were genuinely overjoyed and our school made a real difference at a time of year that can be difficult for some.

Next we started the Christmas performance season. The nativity plays are one of the most hotly anticipated events in the school calendar. Wednesday saw Early Years perform the Higgledy Piggledy Nativity and Friday was KS1 and the Landlord's Cat. The costumes were amazing and the cuteness was off the charts, but most importantly the children eagerly practiced, stood up to speak and sing in front of an audience, learning interpersonal skills and building confidence. WELL DONE CHILDREN.

Special thanks to our staff for all their extra work in preparation. We look forward to the KS2 concert on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am and 2pm.

### What's on next week

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

- KS2 Football 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Y5 & 6 KS2 Christmas Concert 9.30am
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- Y3 & 4 KS2 Christmas Concert 2pm
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:

- Violin & Keyboard Lessons
- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- EYFS & KS1 Festive Film Night – Arthur Christmas till 5.10pm

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:

- Drum Lessons
- KS1 Team Games 3.20-4.30pm
- Year 3 Late Birds

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:

- KS2 Extreme Sports 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds
- Last day of term

**School reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**



## Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 have been writing postcards to send to our link school in Kenya. We have drawn pictures of our school and written messages to welcome the children in Africa to their newly built school.

In maths, Year 2 have started data handling and Year 1 have begun completing addition and subtraction calculations to 20.

This week we have also performed our fantastic nativity, The Landlord's Cat. The children's costumes were fantastic so thank you for your support in providing these as well as helping the children to learn their lines. We are really proud of the children and how well they performed in front of their audiences!

## Years 3 & 4

It's certainly been a busy time in Years 3 & 4 this week. We have been lucky enough to watch the rehearsals for both the Key Stage 1 and Early Years nativity plays, which we thoroughly enjoyed. It was lovely seeing the children getting into the Christmas mood.

Our Viking visitor last Friday was a real treat. The children were enthralled to see a huge range of Viking equipment and learned lots of new facts and information about that period in history. They found it fascinating how the Viking showed them how to light a fire in the wind outside and loved acting out Viking stories whilst dressed up as characters!

We look forward to wearing our Christmas jumpers next Wednesday as we enjoy a Christmas dinner.

## Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week investigated contaminated water from Alchemy Island, managing to separate water, salt, sand and stones. They have also delivered Christmas cards to a variety of places and put a lot of work into rehearsing the KS2 Christmas Service. We have certainly enjoyed watching brilliant Christmas performances by both EYFS and KS1.

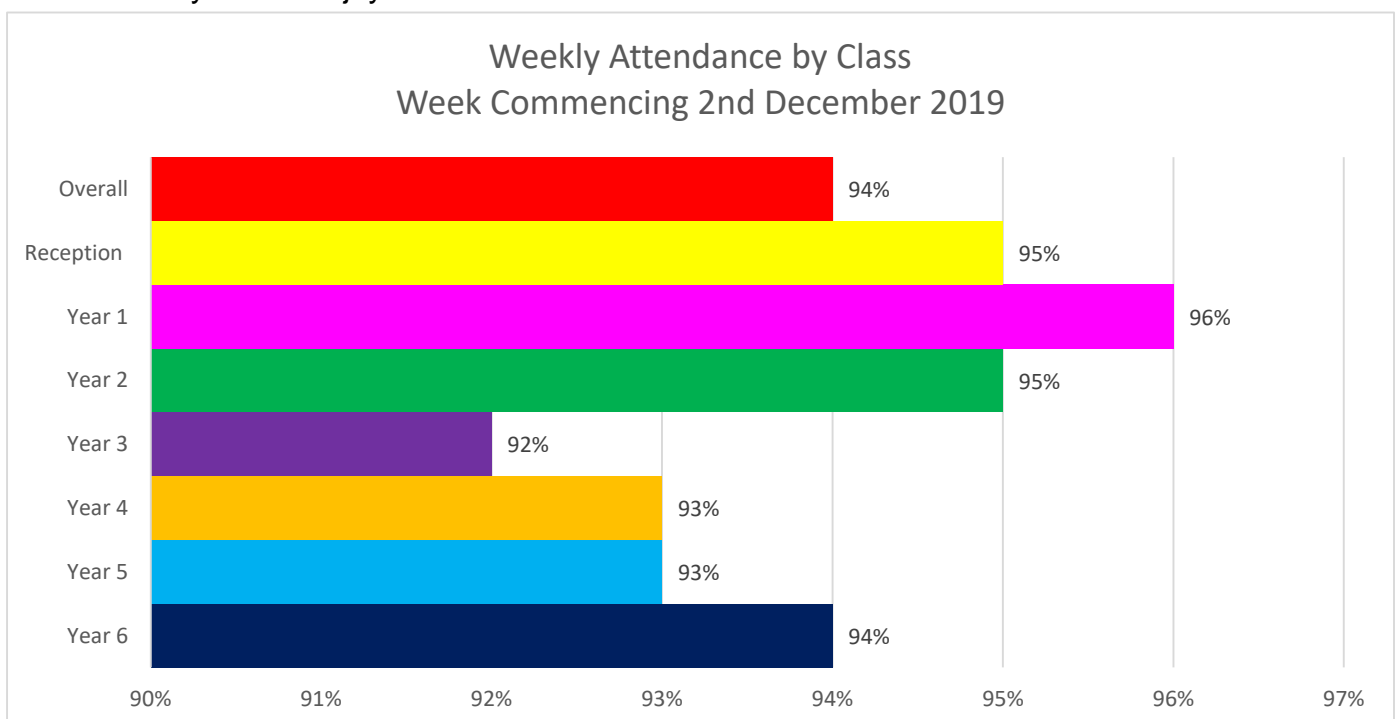
## Year 5 Reading Workshop

The Year 5 reading workshop took place on Tuesday this week and was well attended. Parents and carers saw how the teaching of reading involved reading play scripts, paired reading, searching for polysyllabic words and looking for ways to read/spell unknown or new words by placing words into syllables during our half an hour session.





We look forward to any parental feedback. If a feedback form has not reached home to those adults who attended, please let us know and we can forward one to you.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend and we hope you enjoyed the session alongside your child.

Mrs Chapman and Mrs Cadman.



House point totals  
Week Commencing: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

	<b>228</b>		<b>154</b>
	<b>146</b>		<b>235</b>



Poppy Appeal – thank you for your support



Message from the Governing Body

Dear children and school families,  
The Governing Body would like to thank staff and parents for their support and hard work this term, plus congratulate all the children on their achievements. We warmly wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the year ahead.  
Iona Chisholm  
Chair of LGB



## Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for

48  
HOURS

after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

25

different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment




Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods

For up to date information visit: [www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk](http://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk)



## CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

Last week, all the children in Years 1-6 learnt about different charities for the elderly that serve Lichfield, every child made a card. Nikita, Ellie Jay and Joseph delivered the cards made by Year 3 and 4 to Age UK and to Christmas lunch together on Friday last week. Eva, Taylor and Henry delivered cards from Year 5 and 6 to Beechfields nursing home and Samuel Johnson hospital. Layla, Millie, Nancy, Jackson, Noah, Martha, Satoshi and Freddie delivered cards to a dance class for the elderly and the Year 1 and 2 cards will be handed out by carers and nurses who work for live at home charity. One lady said she would treasure her card forever! The staff at the Samuel Johnson hospital said how amazed they were to see the smile on their patients faces.

