



Autumn Term Newsletter No.13

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! What a great first week of December we have had and the festive fun is set to continue with Christmas Services, cinema trips and Christmas dinner yet to come!

Our KS1 children were a joy to see at the Princess Theatre with their confident delivery of their lines, their singing and signing of the songs and their enthusiastic dancing. We feel so lucky to have this opportunity for the children to be on a real stage and to be able to invite as many family members as possible to enjoy the magic of their Nativity. It is a very special memory for all the children!



Photos of the children in costume are available to buy from their class teacher if you missed your chance at the theatre the other day.

Our Reception children travelled to Pennywell Farm this week to take part in a live nativity using some of the animals from the farm and they got to meet a special person whilst they were there!



It was such an exciting day! Safe to say they all had a great time and were worn out with all the excitement! The bus journey home was quiet!



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Alexa contributed amazingly to our Christmas nativity. Thank you so much!

Pine — The whole class are stars for their effort and smiles at the Princess Theatre on Thursday!

Apple — George was brave enough to join everyone in the stage! Super effort, George!

Oak — Evie gave an excellent performance in the nativity and has been aspirational in maths!

Birch — Lacey A has tried especially hard with her spellings and got 15/15 in her spelling test!

Rowan — Natalia has an excellent work ethic and fantastic listening skills. Well done!

Cherry — Kelis has made amazing progress this term, especially in reading thanks to excellent effort.

Maple — Eleanor has worked incredibly hard on her writing and is close to achieving her pen licence!

Holly — Anusha is a model Y5 pupil always giving excellent effort to all she does.

Willow — Rufus has been sharing his ideas and contributing more to class discussions. Well done!

Hawthorn — Amari has had an amazing attitude and a super half term!

Hazel — Hannah B has worked consistently hard and made outstanding progress in reading.

Diary Date Reminders:

Wednesday 12th December—KS2 Cinema trip

Tuesday 18th December - KS2 Christmas Service Upton Vale Baptist Church 6pm start.

Wednesday 19th December—Christmas Dinner Day. Wear a festive jumper or decorate your school jumper. All donations for Save the Children.

Thursday 20th December—last day of school for the children



Attendance Award

Congratulations to
Maple Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
98% attendance.

The whole school achieved 94.4% attendance. Let's see if we can improve on this next week.

PTA Christmas Fair

WOW! What an amazing fair! Thank you to everyone who donated a raffle prize, donated bottles for the tombola or a present for Elfridges as these were hugely popular and made lots of profit. The Christmas Trail was really successful and there were many fabulous comments about how well organised it was. The raffle was drawn on Monday morning in school and you will be called to collect a prize if you are a winner.

The PTA members have put in a huge amount of work behind the scenes to make this fair so enjoyable for all and the school staff would like to thank them for all their hard work. It was definitely worth it as on the night more than £1,900 was counted! There will be some costs to factor in but this is a fantastic amount to raise.



The **calendar competition** was very popular too and Mr Hughes had a tough job to select just one winner in each of the categories! Here are the winning three! We ended up having two runners up in each category too as the standard of entries was amazing. A big well done to everyone who took part and hopefully someone will enjoy the calendar for all of 2019 too!

Christmas Service. We are looking forward to another festive treat when the KS2 children lead the service at Upton Vale Baptist Church next Tuesday evening. It is always a joy to listen to them telling the story of the first Christmas and singing and signing their songs.

Christmas Dinner Day. It would be lovely to see the children wearing a festive jumper if they have one but please do not go out and buy something especially for this day. You could always just add a bit of sparkle to their uniform or pop on a pair of elf ears! Any donations will be sent to Save the Children. As usual the Senior Leaders will be helping to serve the food to the children—they are always surprised to see us actually doing some work!!

Year 5 News

We love the William Morris inspired art that Willow class have been creating this week. Such beautiful patterns!



Running Leader. Please contact the school if you are interested in finding out more information about this voluntary role in our school. Details were emailed out last week about running a parent and carer running club around school drop off time. Following on from Beat the Street, we are hoping that we can get a running club set up in the New Year.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.