



## Autumn Term Newsletter No.11

Year 1 have been having fun this week. As part of their English lessons they have been learning about writing instructions. They have been making pizza faces and writing the instructions for someone else to follow—and then they got to eat their creations. We think they look fantastic.



St Margaret's girls' football team played Priory on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at home. We won the kick-off and then about five minutes in Brooke assisted Honey who scored an amazing goal. Priory had a few chances but weren't successful due to some very good goal keeping by Annabelle. The amazing defenders cleared the ball up the field several times which led to more shots at goal. We made lots of tackles and finally Emma assisted Honey with her second goal of the match. What a great team effort! Brooke was awarded player of the match. By Honey (Captain), Brooke (Vice-Captain)



### Home School Agreement

The Governing Body have made some amendments to the Home School agreement. This is being circulated to all families today and we would encourage you to read the covering letter and the new Agreement and send us a signed copy back. Home and School need to work together and have a mutual respect in order to best support the children. We will always listen to any concerns you have and appreciate you raising any concerns you have respectfully and appropriately, too.

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



- Beech — Liam has worked so hard with his writing. He works independently and perseveres!
- Pine — Sofia has been putting her hand up much more and engaging in all our discussions.
- Apple — Maya is curious with her learning and makes a fantastic Curious Sheep in our Nativity!
- Oak — Josh D has shown an amazing attitude to learning, treating his friends with wonderful respect.
- Birch — Charlie D has a positive growth mindset and great enthusiasm for learning this week
- Rowan — Kally has had a great first term in our school. His behaviour is impeccable and his progress has been great!
- Cherry — Rufus has settled so well into our school life and is showing a great determination to succeed.
- Maple — Edward applied his maths skills in a French lesson! Fantastic Work!
- Holly — Jude has a great approach in maths and English lessons. Always full of enthusiasm!
- Willow — James E has been incredibly aspirational in Art, showing fantastic attention to detail.
- Hawthorn — Jayden always shares his excellent ideas in class. Thank you!
- Hazel — Max demonstrates excellent reasoning and an aspirational attitude in maths.

### Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 26th November—Willow Class swimming lessons

Tuesday 27th November—Flu Immunisation Day for those who have opted in (Reception to Y5)

Wednesday 28th November—Y5 Assembly for parents (2:25pm for a 2:30pm start in the hall)



Attendance Award  
Congratulations to  
Holly Class  
for winning the School  
Attendance Award with  
99.7% attendance.

They have won a non uniform day on  
Monday as this is the third time they have  
won the weekly attendance award!

The whole school achieved 96.2%  
attendance. Well done everyone!



**Christmas reminders for your diary....(in order of deadlines, not date of event.  
Please see separate letters sent home with additional information)**



**School Christmas Dinner Day** - Wednesday 19th December. The children are welcome to come in wearing a Christmas jumper or a Christmas hat or just decorate their uniform for some festive fun. If you wish to send a donation in we will send it off to Save the Children as part of their Christmas Jumper Day campaign. Please note that the final week of the term has a Christmas themed menu which differs from the usual Week 2 of the Menu we sent out. Copies of the Christmas week menu have been sent out with this newsletter and are available on our website in the Parents and Carers tab of our website in the School Meals section. **Please ensure that all slips are back by Monday 26th November.**

**Foundation Stage Pennywell Nativity Trip.** This is a lovely event for the children as they take part in a retelling of the Nativity with some of the animals from the farm. **Permission slips and payments need to be completed by Wednesday 28th November please.**

**KS1 Nativity 'Hey Ewe'.** Tickets for this performance at the Princess Theatre on the 6th November can now be bought on School Gateway for £1 a ticket. If you pay the correct amount for however many tickets you would like we will issue that many ticket to you. **Ticket sales close on Friday 30th November.**

**PTA Christmas Calendar Competition.** The children can enter a competition to decorate a calendar (£1 each, available to buy from class teachers) to win a £5 WH Smiths voucher. **Judging takes place on Tuesday 4th December** so please make sure you have returned your calendar before then. All calendars will be returned after judging so please ensure your child's name and class is clearly visible on the back of the calendar.

**KS2 Cinema Trip.** This is an optional trip for KS2 children to see The Grinch at a private viewing at Central Cinema. Information about the cinema will be sent home with your child. **The deadline is Tuesday 4th December** for making a payment of £4.58 on School Gateway should you wish your child to go.

**PTA Christmas Fair.** Friday 7th December after school. There are lots of fun events planned, an outside caterer, fantastic raffle prizes and a special Christmas trail for the children. We hope you can join us. All offers of help are gratefully accepted!

**KS2 Christmas Service at Upton Vale Baptist Church.** The service starts at 6pm on Tuesday 18th December and will be led by some of the Junior children with the rest of the Junior children making up the choir. Younger children are welcome to join you to enjoy this festive service.

*Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.*