



Weekly News

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents,

A huge well done and thank you to our extraordinary PTA, led by Mrs Dewar, for organising a phenomenal Christmas Fair. The day was filled with music, food, a visit from Santa and his reindeer! Thank you to everyone who attended and made the day particularly special.

Thank you to all those who supported Year 2 at the Ashley Centre last Friday. £349.87 was raised in aid of the Epsom Medical Equipment Fund whilst they were singing.

At the end of last week Year 2 had a fantastic sports afternoon at Parkside School where they played a range of sports from rugby and cricket – good fun had by all!

Our Christmas fundraising appeal this year is for The Children's Trust, the children have been invited to be helpful elves at home to raise money, which will culminate in The Great Elf Run next week! Thank you to those children who have been reporting back to us with all the helpful jobs they have been doing. Children have been walking dogs, sorting out shoe cupboards, cycling up the road one hundred times, litter picking, helping to recycle at home, setting the table, cleaning out the guinea pigs hutch, tidying their bedroom, waking up earlier for the school run, dressing themselves and making their beds amongst other things!

We have been blown away by Bella and her family this week as they are planning to climb Mt Snowdon (Yy Wyddfa) the week before Christmas. After hearing about our Charity efforts to raise money for The Children's Trust, Bella has decided she would like to do it as a sponsored hike. This is a fabulous gesture for such a little elf!

Many of you will have met Ms Huggett and Mrs Wheatley our new teachers, who joined us at half term. As from January they will be taking up their main roles, Ms Huggett will be working in Nursery as a full-time teacher alongside Mrs Fisher. Mrs Wheatley will be working across the Early Years in Mars class at the beginning of the week and in Nursery at the end of the week. Mrs Taperell will be returning to her part-time position as Mars class teacher.

We are looking forward to the Christmas festivities next week – the children have been working extremely hard to create a wonderful Nativity extravaganza. There will be a retiring collection at the end of the performance in support of The Children's Trust, please do bring along a cash contribution.

Well done to Estrella W for being named our lunchtime superstar this week for always being so complimentary about your lunches to the kitchen staff. Well done Estrella !

Top of the leader board this week is **Kemp** House with a superb total of **421** House points. Congratulations to **Kemp** house.

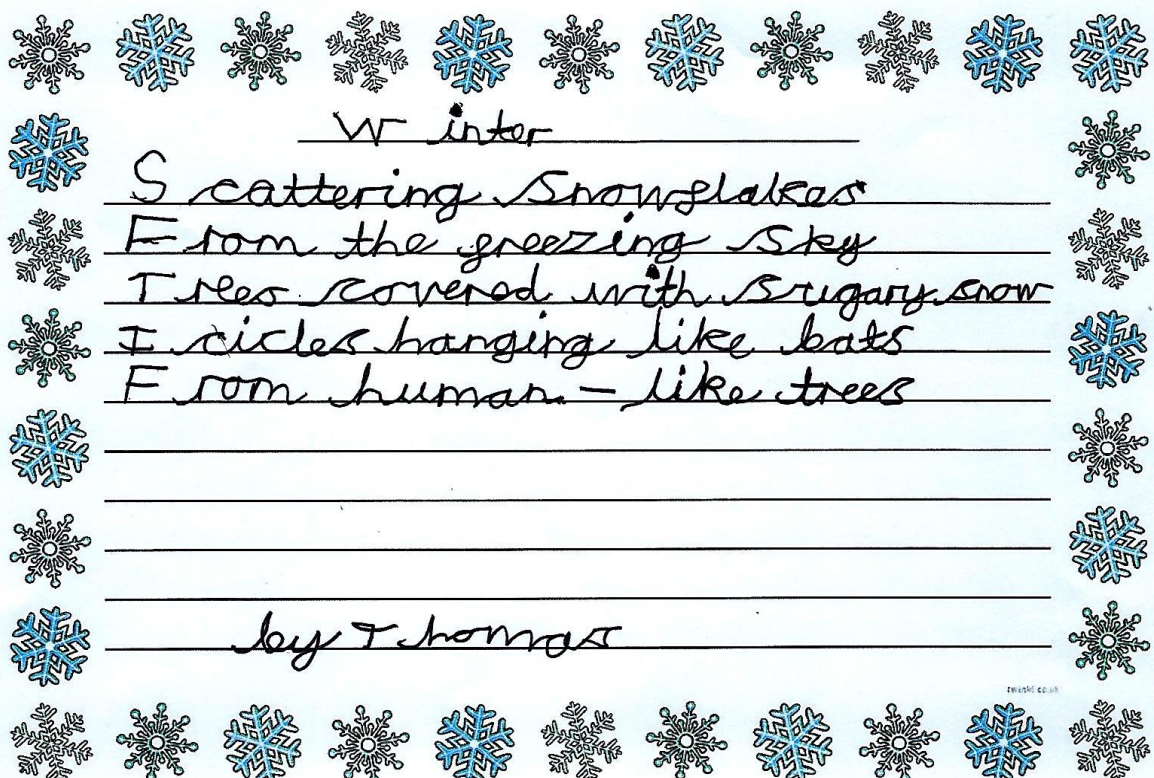
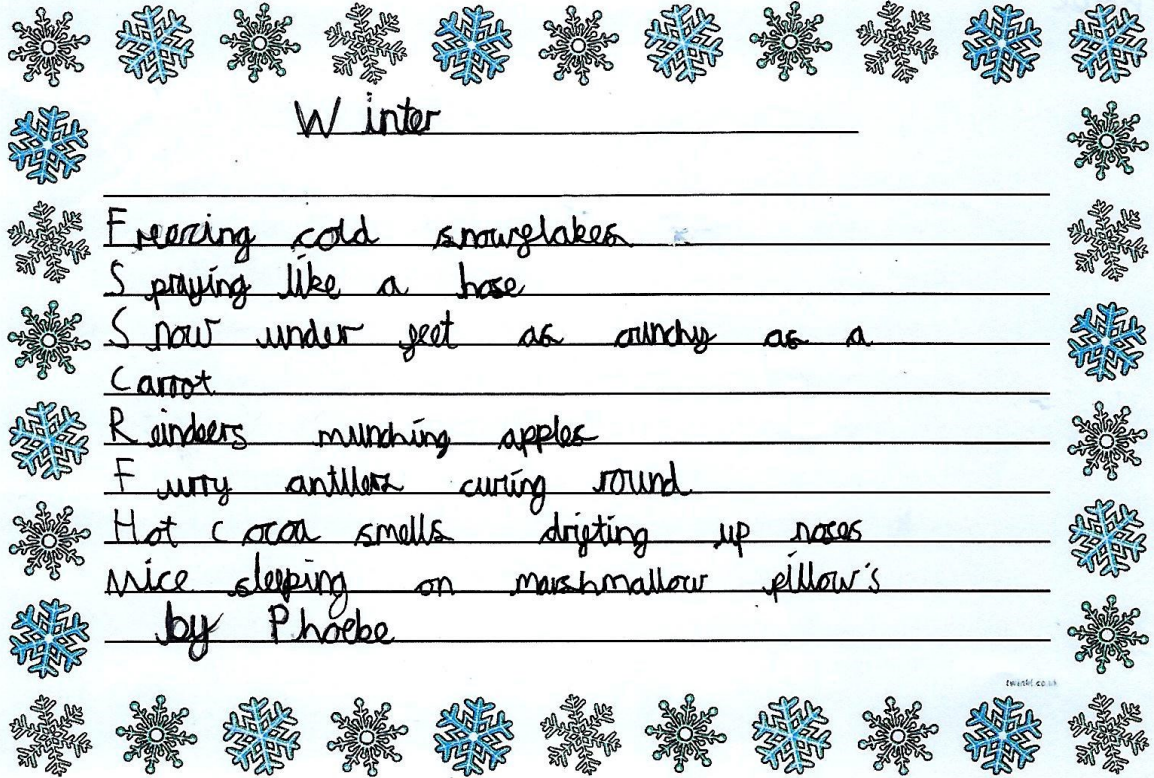
Best wishes,

Mrs Grehan

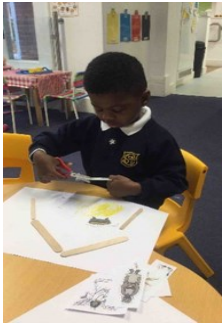
Work of the week

By Venus Class, Phoebe B and Thomas B

The children were encouraged to craft descriptive sentences about winter. They tried to think about similes, metaphors, alliteration and personification. These we then edited into poetry.

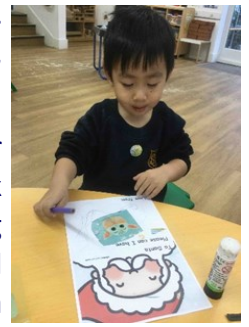


Nursery and Pre-Reception News



Preparations for Christmas have well and truly started this week in Nursery. We have been very busy getting ready for our Christmas performance, which we hope you are as excited as we are to see next week!

In Blue room, we have been getting creative and making masks for our costumes using lots of different types of materials to create them, they look amazing! Our kitchen has smelt fantastic, as we have been baking gingerbread people. We then got to decorate them after they had cooled and as always, we enjoyed them during snack time, they went down a treat!



As part of our learning this week, we read the story of The Nativity and discussed why we celebrate Christmas, and what different things we all do at this time of year. In Yellow room the children made some beautiful nativity scene pictures and got to dress up as characters from the Nativity in our role play area. We also practiced lots of singing and dancing in preparation for our Christmas performance. In our Green room this week, we have been writing our Christmas lists for Father Christmas, we got to look through catalogues and



choose the toys we would like to receive. This was great for our fine motor skills as we got our finger muscles working by cutting out the pictures and writing our names so that Father Christmas would know who the letters are from. Fantastic work everybody.

Outdoors in our garden this week we have noticed that it has felt colder! This has meant that we have had lots of opportunities to practise putting on and taking off our coats, everyone is getting so good at this. Keep up the amazing work, you are all super stars!



Reception News

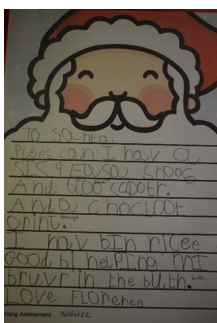
Ho! Ho! Ho! Yes we have started to think about Christmas in Reception this week! We have been very busy practising our school play, making repeated pattern paper chains for our classroom, writing letters to Santa and learning all about the Christmas story too.

We are very impressed with our 'Camels', 'Sheep' and 'Shepherds' in Reception. They have learnt their lines brilliantly and are performing them with a loud, clear voice too. The singing is astounding as is their dancing moves. We cannot wait to show you all next week!

We were super clever this week and became designers. We created a repeated pattern on paper then followed it to make our paper chain which are now decorating our classroom.

We have read 'The Christmas Story' to the children and talked about why and how some people celebrate Christmas.

This week we have been thinking about what we would like to receive from Santa (if we are good). We wrote letters to him and made sure we said 'please' and 'thankyou'. We are very wide ranging with our present ideas. We have asked for Lego, Star Wars spaceships, mermaids and even 'size 9 Elsa shoes!' We talked about the good and naughty list and have decided that we defiantly don't want to be on the naughty list and receive coal or potatoes! We think that Reception children will **all** be on the **good list** as they are AMAZING!



The Foundation Team

Unwell Children

Can we remind parents that if your child is unwell and you have had to administer medication, such as Calpol, they should not be sent into school.

We would also like to remind you if a child is sent home from school due to sickness or diarrhoea they will not be allowed to return to school for 48 hours. In these circumstances, parents are **not** expected to telephone school each morning.

Monday 5th December

Year 2 Singing at Linden House Care home

Please make sure your child has their coat as they will be singing in the gardens.



Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December
Christmas Production of The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All.



Spotty Box Awards for success outside school:

Faith – Bronze taking part in gymnastics competition / Silver for her beam routine / Gold for her vault routine

Mikayeel – Swimming certificate 5 metres

Chloe – Tournament medal from the World Kuk Sool Association

Tadeo – Certificate from Headstart for his attendance and contribution during the activities

Florence – Swimming certificate Stage 3

