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Newsletter
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'With God, all things are possible.' Matthew 19:26

Let's find out what our children have been enjoying and discovering in their learning over the last couple of weeks.

A message from Mrs Carciero

It has been another busy fortnight at little Sutton with more plays and even Santa came to visit! We were all very excited! Everyone has worked really hard this half term whether it's in maths, PE or in DT making some fabulous Christmas cards.

I think we all deserve a rest and a chance to have some fun with family and friends. On behalf of all of the staff, we would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you all keep well and we will see you on return Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Owl Class:

What a first term it's been for our Little Owls. We may be a class of little people, but we have BIG ideas and have already achieved so much. In our final weeks of term, a big highlight has been performing our very first Nativity to all our families. Everyone thought we were amazing...and they're right! We were so good, Mrs Carciero asked us to sing and sign 'It Was on a Starry Night' to lots of visitors to school. There has been lots more to celebrate too. We are now readers! We've been taking reading books home and winning petals for reading to our parents. We made all the flowers grow in our reading garden and welcomed our first 'secret reader' of the year. We're becoming writers too and have been busy helping Santa in the Elf Workshop - writing letters and lists to help him prepare. On Tuesday, we came to school in our pyjamas for a Christmas movie day with hot chocolate and popcorn. This was our chosen reward for filling our team jar with marbles. Every marble was won for going above and beyond the school's rules. We've shown wonderful acts of kindness, resilience, ambition and creativity to fill the jar and have already proved ourselves to be an amazing team. We are excited for what next term will bring but are ready to have a break and celebrate Christmas.

Merry Christmas from Owl Class.



Red Kite Class:

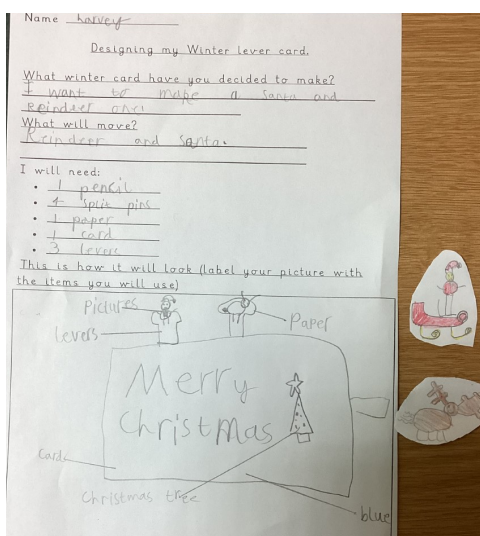
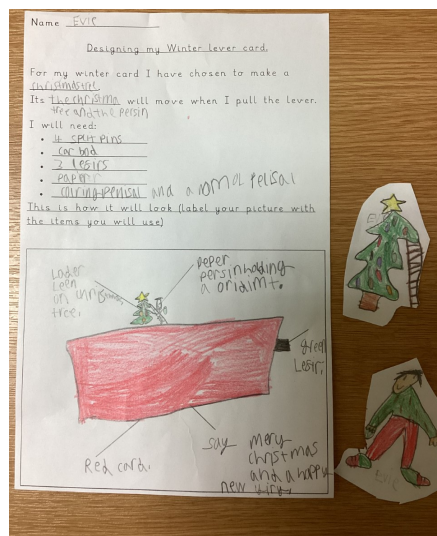
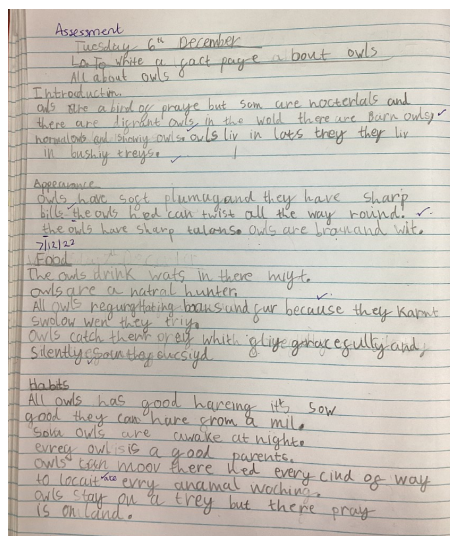
Year 1 pupils have had a very busy and festive end to the term! We had a great time last week at our Nativity performance and we hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you so much for all your support helping children learn their lines and providing costumes. We have enjoyed colouring baubles as well as making snowflakes and paper chains to decorate our classroom. We had an exciting Design and Technology day earlier this week where all of the children made a Christmas tree decoration. In addition to all this, some of our learning has been Christmas themed too! In maths, we have been making shape patterns to decorate Christmas trees. In English, we have been using adjectives to describe the Christmas presents that Nibbles has munched his way through and in science, we have been discovering which materials best protect hollow Christmas chocolates.



Well done Red Kites, we hope you have a very restful and happy Christmas – you certainly deserve it!

Merlin Class

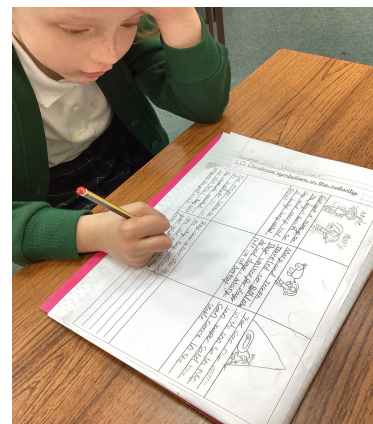
Merlin Class have had a very busy couple of weeks. I am so proud of their Nativity performance. They did so well remembering their lines, knowing when to come on stage and learning all the songs! A big thank you to parents for supplying the lovely costumes and I hope you enjoyed it! In class, we have been busy writing an information page about owls using features such as subheadings, facts, adverbs and list sentences. There were some fantastic pieces of writing—well done!



In maths and reading lessons, we have been completing some assessments where the children worked very hard. In art, we have been focusing on line and colour, where we will be producing some Christmas light pictures and in DT, we are making Christmas cards with levers. Please can you make sure over the Christmas period, you continue to read every day and record on *Boom Reader*. I hope you have a fantastic Christmas break and thank you for all your support this term. Merry Christmas!

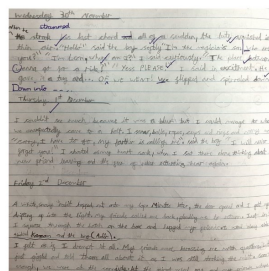
Osprey Class:

Osprey class have been busy little elves in the run up to Christmas! We had fantastic fun completing our D&T projects, where we made our own pneumatic toys. The children designed, created and evaluated their designs and had a great time testing them out. We also made our own class Advent wreath, where we wrote down the different ways we will be preparing to celebrate Christmas. We enjoyed an exciting RE lesson last week where we retold the Nativity story by creating our own storyboards. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing amounts using a range of methods. We are really excited to be creating our own story books this week in English, and also to finish our class guided reading novel - The Ice Palace. Somehow we are also squeezing in our Christingle performance too! We are looking forward to seeing you there if you are able to join us. Merry Christmas everyone!

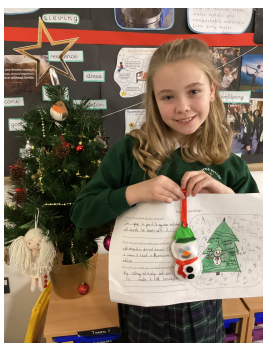


Kestrel Class:

Busy, as ever, Kestrels have been investigating area in maths over the last couple of weeks and exploring rectilinear shapes. We've now moved on to multiplication and have been focussing on our 3, 6 and 7 times tables. In English, we have finally finished writing our diaries about our adventures in 'The Place Between.' It's taken us a long time to complete, but after lots of editing and thinking about vocabulary choices, as well as possessive apostrophes, we're all really proud of the results of our hard work. It's definitely been worth it. In science, we've been investigating how to alter the pitch of musical instruments and looking at the difference long and short vibrations make. In history sessions, we've been polishing off our performance of 'The Viking Song' with added actions and movements too. We've even tried singing in two parts, keeping a steady pulse throughout. We really are becoming quite musical. As part of our D.T. work, we're designing book covers for our reading books and learning about different ways materials can be joined together. After all that, Christmas is almost here and we're starting to get in that Christmas mood decorating the classroom, making cards and singing carols. We've been putting maximum effort into practising for our Christmas 'Christingle Service' today. Everyone has done so well to learn lines and speak loudly enough to be heard all the way at the back of St. Paul's Church. We've put in a lot of hard work and we are so proud of the performance we've produced. We hope you enjoy it. Happy Christmas!



Buzzard Class:



Year 5 has had a busy and exciting end to the half term. At the start of December the children did an amazing Christingle performance at St. Paul's church which got us all in the Christmas spirit and feeling festive. Well done children! Thank you to the families that attended and I hope you enjoyed the service. Last week, we welcomed Professor Wilson from Chemistry with Cabbage into our classroom. The children participated in lots of experiments throughout the day. The children learned how to make an indicator to test substances to see if they are acidic, neutral or alkali. We have also completed a D&T day; the class made some lovely decorations to hang on our Christmas trees. Thank you for your support this half term. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year!

Peregrine Class:

Well, the Peregrines are really in the festive spirit now. We had a wonderful service at St Paul's Church last week, attended by the High Sheriff. Thank you all for attending and we hope it put you all in the festive mood.

In class, we have been working hard completing our topics on WWII in history lessons; *Our Bodies* in science and tiger conservation in English. We have begun our SATs preparation, by completing mock SATs papers during assessment week.

After Christmas, we will be continuing our preparations with after-school booster clubs and in class revision sessions; these sessions will be held on a Tuesday and all pupils are expected to attend.

I hope you and your families all have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas break, ready for a special year for the children in 2023.

Merry Christmas! 🎅



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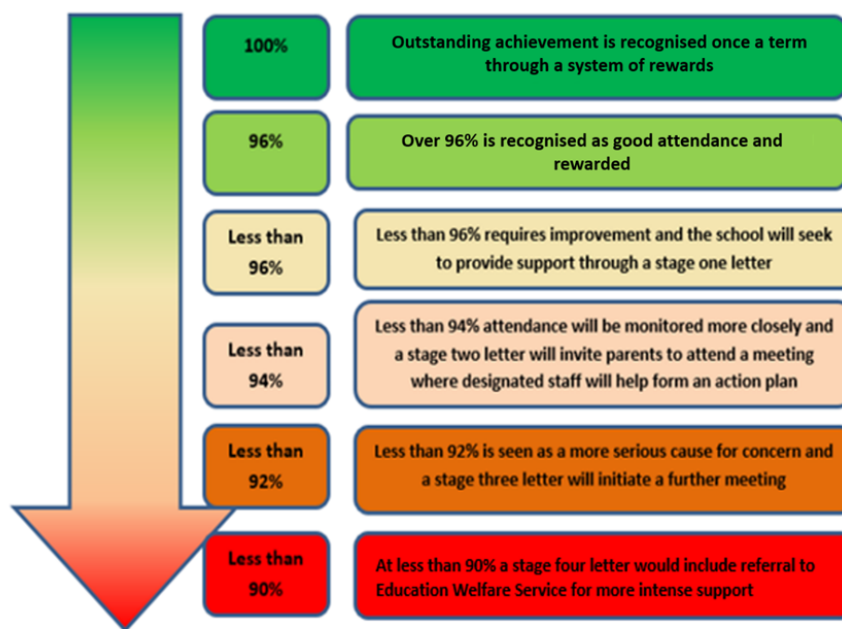
COMING UP

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
December	15/12 16/12	Christmas lunch and parties Close for Christmas break
January	03/01/22 04/01/22 09/01/22 10/01/22 12/01/22	INSET School reopens to children Enrichment clubs start Phonics workshop for parents - 9am Phonics workshop for parents - 3:15pm

MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- Please can we ask that all of our families park considerably during school drop off and pick up. Please remember that school is located in a residential area.
- School closes for the Christmas break on Friday 16th December and will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

ATTENDANCE



In line with our new policy, the table above sets out the attendance targets and at what stage parents/carers will be contacted about their child's attendance.

Punctuality expectations

- Good attendance is incredibly important. Regular and punctual attendance is a legal requirement.
- Our gates will open at 8:50am and this is the start of our school day.
- Our gates will close at 9:00am and all pupils are expected to be in their classrooms at this time.
- Any pupil who arrives after 9:00 am but before 9:15am will receive a late mark.
- The morning register will close at 9:15am and any pupil who arrives after 9:15am will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

WATER SAFETY



Whilst everyone heads off to enjoy the Christmas break, please make sure you keep yourselves and others safe.

The snow and ice can be great fun, but they can bring some serious dangers along with them.

[Find out more information on how to stay safe this winter by clicking this link.](#)

- Always tell an adult where you are going
- Never venture out onto any frozen water as it may not be very strong
- If a friend gets into difficulty throw something to them, don't try and rescue them
- Call 999 and ask for the fire service – phones need to be charged and the call is free
- If you fall into water, lie on your back and try and float by making a star shape

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Over the Christmas period, St Paul's Church have a variety of Advent and Christmas services and events. Whether it will be your first time at church or you have been before, they look forward to welcoming you! To find out more information, visit their [website](#).

