

A message from your Headteacher: Mrs Atherton

The Christmas holidays are finally upon us and after a very busy term, I think we are all ready for it, particularly after the three amazing Christmas productions, a lovely Church performance, a disco and a house team quiz of the year...Not to mention a visit from Santa and our school Elf on the shelf. We have enjoyed getting to know new friends and the children who joined us in Little Acorns and Seedling class (September) are now old hands. I know that everyone will continue to welcome our new nursery pupils who will be joining us after the Christmas break and we also welcome back Mrs Wood in Oak class.

Thank you to staff, parents, children, PTFA and governors for everything.

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and continue to work together as a community school to help each other have potential to learn for life. In the New Year we would love to have some more volunteer readers. Please contact the school if you can spare 1 hour a week.

All that remains to say is that I wish you all and your family a very merry Christmas and a restful break.

Timetable Changes

Please refer to the letter sent on Tuesday 10th December regarding the changes to the timetable for the spring term. We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Wood who will be teaching Oak class!

Ensure you are aware of the days that your child needs to come into school wearing their P.E kit and that it is the correct kit as per our uniform policy. All children should be taking part in P.E weekly as it is part of the school curriculum.

Please also ensure ALL your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled. We have a lot of lost property and children looking for unnamed items. Children coming into school wearing their P.E kit should help with this.

Headteacher Awards/Dojo Champions

The following children have received a Headteacher award this week:



Sapling: Daniel W, Eddie, Sebastian S and Caleb and **Oak** class George J.

Our Dojo champions for this term are: Lucas, Evelyn, Harry Bas, Lyra, Daniel W, Lydia, Stanley, Alice Cor, Lola and Frank.



Huge well done to you all, we are all very proud!

Spring Term

As we enter the spring term there will be lots of different events happening. Not all dates are confirmed as of yet, however, below is a list of the events you can expect:

- Parents evenings
- PTFA meetings
- Class assemblies
- Young voices
- Inspire dance show
- Easter hat parade
- Easter church service (TBC)
- Comic Relief
- World Book Day
- 7th March marks 25 years since the Millennium so we will be opening our time capsule!



Attendance

Your child will come home today with their attendance summary for the autumn term. Well done to all those children who have achieved our target of 96.5% and above, it really does make a huge difference to their education! As a whole school collectively we achieved 96.28%!

On the summary please note, authorised absences are ones that are linked to illness or medical appointments. Unauthorised absences are those linked to holidays or where no valid explanation has been given.

The colour coded table attached to the summary details where your child sits within the attendance bandings for both the Biddulph Trust (local schools) and the DfE.

Attendance
Matters



House Team Quiz

The children have all taken part in a quiz this morning. They were split into their house teams and the leader board ended as follows:

1st – Green

2nd – Yellow

3rd – Red

4th – Blue

Well done to all 😊



Shakes on the Rocks

Huge thank you to Shakes on the Rocks who bought Santa to see our children this week. They are supporting a tractor run on Saturday 21st December. The route is shown on Facebook should you wish to look out for them. They are fundraising for the aiM Charity, to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis.



Honesty **Respect** **Confidence** **Responsibility** **Independence** **Ambition**

Christmas Performances

I am sure you will all agree, this week's Christmas performances by Little Acorns, Seedlings and Sapling class were just amazing! It was so heart-warming to watch the children perform. It can be daunting to perform in front of an audience at such a young age but all the children's **#confidence** shone through and they did a fantastic job!

Church Service

Another well done for the beautiful performance at the Church on Thursday. The children's behaviour was impeccable! **#respect**

The Gallery

The pictures below show just some of the things the children have been doing on the run up to the Christmas break.



Little Acorns and Seedlings went on a walk to the village post box to post Christmas and winter cards to their loved ones. You can see from the smiles on their faces that they enjoyed their outing.

There are also pictures from the school disco. Big shout out to Mat for always willingly DJ'ing for us!



Goodbye and Good Luck

We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and good luck to 2 of our wonderful pupils. Sebastian in Seedling class and Tilly in Oak class. Today is their last day at Moor First School and they are venturing to pastures new. We will miss them being part of our Moor First family but would like to thank them for all the lovely memories of their time with us.

We can't wait to hear all about your new schools.



Picture Gallery

