



 We care
  We are brave
  We celebrate individuality
  We leave no one behind

A Message from Mrs Kee

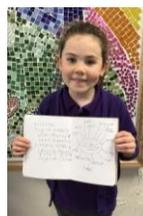
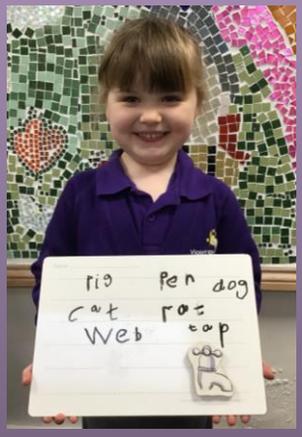
We started the week with 'odd socks' day. The children wore their odd socks to celebrate individuality and what makes each of us unique. The children also watched videos, sang songs and shared their experiences of kindness. They talked about kind and unkind words and actions and how they make them feel. We also talked about trusted adults they can speak to if they are upset or worried about anything.

It has been such a pleasure to hear about and celebrate achievements at home. Mrs Williams's writing display board has started to fill up and several children have proudly brought certificates, trophies and work they have completed at home to show me. Well done!

Year 2 have enjoyed the mobile Planetarium visit to school today. Inside the inflatable dome, they experienced 360 degrees projections, which means the whole of the inside of the dome becomes filled with incredible images and videos. They were able to become immersed in the rockets, planets and shooting stars moving all around them! The children showed our value 'We are brave' as they cautiously stepped into the dome and were thrilled with what they saw once the show had begun. All of the Year 2 children were praised by the visit lead, who was so impressed with their behaviour and concentration. Thank you for being ambassadors for our school, following the rules and reaching for the stars – quite literally on this occasion!

It was also Children in Need day today and there are lots of photos in the Newsletter for you to see what the children have been up to whilst raising money for Children in Need – Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Remember to be kind this weekend – pass the kindness on, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

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| Whole School (this week) | 93.94% |
| Reception | 95.15% |
| Year 1 | 92.43% |
| Year 2 | 94.18% |



Congratulations to **Kestrels**

for being the class with the highest attendance this week yet again! Well done on your fantastic attendance this week.

Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.



Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week!





Christmas Performance Dates

Please find below dates and times for Christmas Performances that will take place at the start of next month. In Reception and Year 1 each class will perform once for parents to attend. Each child can have a maximum of two members of their family to come to school to watch the performance and parents are asked to wear a face covering.

Tuesday 7th December - Reception

9.15am – Foxes

10.15am – Badgers

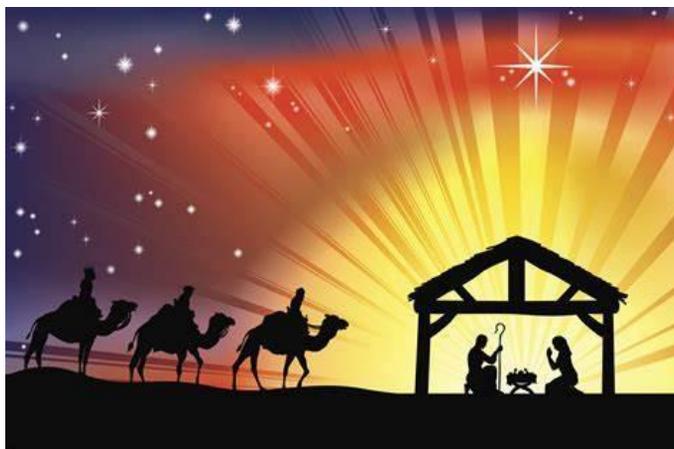
2pm – Squirrels

Wednesday 8th December – Year 1

9.15am – Ladybirds

10.15am – Busy Bees

2pm - Dragonflies



Year 2 children will perform Christmas Carols and readings to retell the Christmas Story in St Peter's Church on Monday 13th December at 10:00am with Reception and Year 1 joining in with the carols. Due to the size of the venue all parents are invited to this but again we ask that each child has no more than two members of their family to come and watch and that parents wear a face covering. We will be walking the children down to the church leaving school at 9.20am. If any parents are able to help walk the children down, please meet us outside the main green gates on the day.

Winter Grit Bin

Our local Parish Council have kindly organised a grit bin to help us through the cold winter months ahead! They are currently looking for any volunteers to help with gritting on upcoming snowy or icy days. If you are able to offer any help please contact the school office! We know they will be very grateful for any assistance.





Children in Need

We had a great day today raising money for Children in Need. The children enjoyed coming to school in their special Children in Need day outfits and enjoyed 'Pudsey' themed activities as well as a special spotty iced cake at lunchtime!

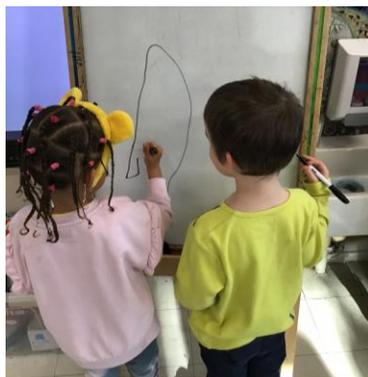




Children in Need

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated already, if you haven't yet donated £1 to Children in Need for today's non uniform day, please can you do so via this link (this is through ParentPay but is slightly different to normal as it is a donation to a charity)

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4778>





Speak out, Stay safe

Which grown-ups might
be good to talk to...



With the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy, the Speak out Stay safe programme covers topics like bullying and abuse - without using any scary words or adult language. Our assembly and work in school will help children to identify a trusted adult they can talk to if they're ever worried about themselves or a friend.

Flu Immunisations - Reminder

The Flu Immunisation Team will soon be coming to Violet Way for our whole school children's nasal spray flu immunisations on **Wednesday 1st December**. In advance of this, they require parents to fill out a consent form.

Here is the link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> **Your school code is SS136762.**

The deadline for completing the form will be **9:00am on 29th November 2021.**

This vaccination is delivered by a nasal spray and recommended to help protect your child against flu. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 still in circulation, it is important to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care. This vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. For further information please click on the following links:

www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

PTA

Just a reminder that our PTA have asked for any donations of Christmas wrapping paper and tape. If you have any spare that you can donate, please bring it to the office to be passed on. Thank you for your help.

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a Christmas Fair this year. The PTA are hoping to have a large event in school for Easter. The PTA are organising a Christmas colouring competition and Reindeer food making at a small cost with all proceeds going into school fund. Details will be sent out on a letter with the colouring sheets next week.





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 5 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Thursday 7 April

Inset day: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term ends: Wednesday 20 July

Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 8th April

Monday 6th June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20th June

What's Coming Up?

Speak Out Stay Safe (NSPCC) – Y1, Y2 – week commencing 22nd November

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Reception Christmas performances

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Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day (plus a very special visitor!) - Thursday 9th

December– Wear your Christmas jumper (or a red, green, or sparkly jumper for example). Pay £1.00 to support Save the Children

Christmas Carol Concert - at St Peter's Church – week commencing 13th December

End of Term – Friday 17th December

INSET – Tuesday 4th January

Children return for Spring Term - Wednesday 5th January

