





Issue 14: Friday 15th December 2023

Key Dates:
19th December
20 <sup>th</sup> December
4 <sup>th</sup> January

Santa Hat Walk & FOSA PJ & Xmas Movie Day Last day of Term Spring term – children return



Year 2 Christmas Production

# **'Twas the Night before Christmas**

Our Year 2 children and staff performed perfectly on the big stage for children and parents this week. It can be such a daunting experience, but everyone had learned their lines and put on a smashing show. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to all the staff.











Our Key Stage 2 children and staff have been practising traditional Christmas songs for a few weeks and it's been

**Key Stage 2 Carol Concert** 

traditional Christmas songs for a few weeks and it's been wonderful to hear them really enjoying getting into the spirit of Christmas! They performed in a whole school rehearsal before sharing with parents this afternoon. Thank you all so much for joining us. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. A huge thank you to Miss Radford for directing and to staff for supporting our children in such a fun-filled event.

#### Year 5 & 6 Music

Our upper Key-Stage 2 pupils have been working hard with our Music Teacher, Mrs Wheeler this term. On Thursday they performed their magical pieces to the whole school and to parents. They have made an unbelievable amount of progress in just one term! Well done all!



### **Christmas Panto**

Wow what an amazing couple of days we had. Our whole school trip to the Panto at Kings Lynn's Corn Exchange must be the highlight of the week! To see and hear the children all cheering, laughing and booing from the theatre stall was a real joy. Thank you to our staff and the FOSA team for helping to make it such a memorable experience for all. Thank you to Mrs Rhodes and to Miss Ellington for their hard work in organising it.

**Christmas Lunch**: Members of the Academy Committee and the Eastern Multi Academy Trust joined us yesterday for our whole school Christmas lunch. Children were served in two sittings, all of Key Stage 1 followed by Key Stage 2. Aspens provided a really delicious traditional Christmas meal, pulled crackers, shared jokes and sang Christmas songs, which children and staff thoroughly enjoyed.



Well done to all of our children and staff!

# Staff Spotlight: Mr Harper, Year 3 Class Teacher

Mr Harper is originally from Yorkshire but moved to the East of Yorkshire over twenty years ago. He lives in King's Lynn with his wife, daughter and cat! He has twenty years of teaching experience and has really enjoyed his time working with Year 3 and Miss Riches this term. He is really looking forward to joining the team in January.







Keep an eye out for this month's **Parish Council Community Magazine.** There is a wonderful Summary of our Term which celebrates just some of our highlights and everyone's continued hard work.



On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Children are to come to school in their warm pyjamas for FOSA's: PJ, Popcorn and a Christmas movie in the afternoon.

Before lunch they are all looking forward to taking a short walk through the village in their year groups to enjoy our Santa Hat Walk. Please remember your coats and gloves. If you do not have a Santa hat, you can purchase one from Pupil Asset Parent Portal for £1 and we will make sure your child gets it on the morning of the walk.

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.











# **Learning Highlights of the Week**

### **Reception: Enchanted Forest Class**

What a wonderful week, we have been to the panto (Oh yes we did!) We had our first Christmas dinner at school, and we have been busy writing wishes for others and making Christmas cards and other festive crafts.

# Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

We are now definitely in the Christmas spirit! We had a fabulous time at the pantomime and enjoyed our Christmas dinner on Thursday. In Maths we have continued looking at the features of 2D and 3D shapes. In English we have been innovating 'How to Trap a Dragon' instructions to so that we can try to trap our cheeky class elf!

# Year 2: Neverland Class

We are definitely feeling the Christmas spirit now! This week we have been very busy rehearsing and performing our Christmas performance of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas', recording a Christmas song for the radio, going to the Panto and having our Christmas lunch! On Thursday, we said goodbye to Miss Driver, who has been our student teacher this term, we wish her all the best in her next placement. We are all looking forward to more festive fun next week.

# Year 3: Narnia Class

We have been embracing all things Christmas this week! We have been busy rehearsing for our carol concert and have enjoyed a lot of art and craft activities such as card making, wreath making, calendar painting. We also produced some lovely Grinch-inspired art work. We have also enjoyed a pantomime and a Christmas lunch at school this week!

# Year 4: Wonderland Class

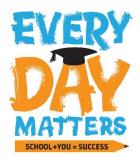
We are getting into the Christmas spirit this week. We all enjoyed the pantomime and managed to shout really loudly in all the right places! We have also been making sure our singing is fabulous for our concert on Friday. We have still been working – multiplying multiples of 10 and writing similes and metaphors.

### Year 5: Shire Class

We have had a great week in Year 5. We all thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime and showed some lovely behaviours representing the school. We were lucky enough to be able to watch some Christmas performances from KS1 as well! We also have had a lovely time writing some wishes for other people in our English.

### Year 6: Hogwarts Class

We are beginning to feel very Christmassy in Year 6. We have been busy practising our Christmas songs for the Carol Concert. We thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime and our Christmas lunch. And we have even begun to make some Christmas crafts ready to bring home for the festive season.



Attendance Everyday Matters Winning Class for week ending 15.12.23 Narnia Class – Year 3 94.85% Whole School: 90.57%

Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the <u>Academy Calendar</u> page of our website.



Autumn Term 2023		
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Hat Walk & FOSA PJ & Xmas Movie Day	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Staff Inset	
Spring Term 2024		
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts	
11 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited)	
12th January	Maths Subject Showcase	
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Cluster Football Competition	
19th January	Reading subject Showcase	
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Number Day – Mathematics Professions (parents invited)	
6th February	Safer Internet Day	
14 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSA Valentines Non-uniform Day (wear pink or red)	
17th – 23rd February	Half-Term	
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school	
28th February	National Science Day	
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn	
7th March	Maria Deale Devi	
	World Book Day	
14th March	Reception class Vision & hearing Tests	
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27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Assembly	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 28 <sup>th</sup> March –14 <sup>th</sup> April	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff Inset	
Summer Term		
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts	
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday	
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2, year 6 SATS Week	
17 <sup>th</sup> May	FOSA Colour Run	
25 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half-Term	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school	
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic check	
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Week	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA Year 6 Leavers Event	
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day	
11 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA End of Year Disco	
15 <sup>th</sup> — 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week	
15 <sup>th</sup> July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff Inset	

