



NEWSLETTER

17: December 2023

Welcome back to the new term! I do hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break, although I have heard that many families had a lot of illness. I spent a few days working at home with Covid myself last week, trying not to spread the joy! Please do make sure your children come with warm coats and hats while the weather is so cold, as they will be outside in all weathers.

CAN YOU HELP US?



Mrs Rees has had 2 basketball hoops delivered and needs some help to fix them together. Would anyone please have the tools and time to put them together for us? We have 4 more being delivered next month too!

Autumn Term Attendance

Class	Attendance
Year R	93.1 %
Year 1	92.5 %
Year 2	95.01 %
Year 3	94.3 %
Year 4	94.99 %
Year 5	96.81 %
Year 6	93.03 %
School	94.2%

Congratulations to our Year 5 class who had the best attendance in the Autumn Term!

Let's see if we can get the whole school to 96% this term!



Cake Sales will be resuming on Fridays. Watch out for your class turn! Donations of cakes or biscuits, home-made or shop bought, are all welcome. All funds raised will go into the class fund

for the class selling and can be used to enhance their education in a variety of ways.

Year 3 School Trip



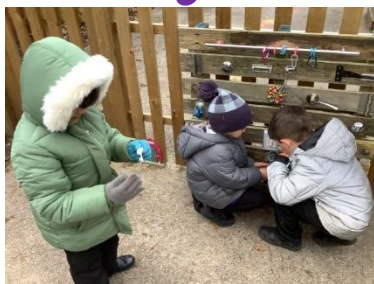
On Friday 5th January, the Y3 children went to Butser Ancient Farm and were 'hooked' into their new learning about Romans, while recalling their prior learning about the Stone Age. The children had first-hand experience



exploring the Roman villa and took part in a range of activities including stone wall building, an archaeological dig, playing an ancient board game called 'Bear' and making Roman jewellery such as rings, ear cuffs and bracelets. Despite the cold

weather, they all had fantastic time, sharing laughter, ideas and practising their team work skills. Thank you to all the parent helpers who came along to enable this memorable learning experience.

Early Years Fun!



Our Reception children have been having enormous fun playing with the new equipment which Mrs Garrett spent time making over the Christmas break.



Thank you Mrs Garrett for working so hard to make us so many new toys to explore and enjoy!



ELF SUCCESS!

We were delighted to receive the following feedback from a parent:

I wanted to write to tell you about an experience I had with Cleo over Christmas. She had

bought my partner and I a gift from Elfridges before Christmas. It came wrapped (good move) and her own label (she was so proud) and she happily placed it below our tree, as soon as she got home. She stayed very coy and wouldn't tell us what she had brought, but insisted she had not forgotten. Then, on Christmas day she was hopping from foot to foot as she passed me the gift. I have never seen her beam with such joy about giving a gift. She looked so full of pride and joy from this selfless act. The gifts felt well thought through and I wondered if someone had talked with her about what she might like. I got a mug with tea-like tea a lot. It was one of my favourite Christmas memories. As a mum that tends to sort out the gifts for everyone, I don't get many surprises myself on Christmas day - this was just such a pleasure for me. I wanted to let the PTA (and anyone else who gave up their time) know how much we really appreciated that moment - thank you.

The Shreeves /Holt household.

It is this sort of feedback that I'm sure makes it worth all the hours of organising that our PTA do for these events. Well done and **thank you to them all!**

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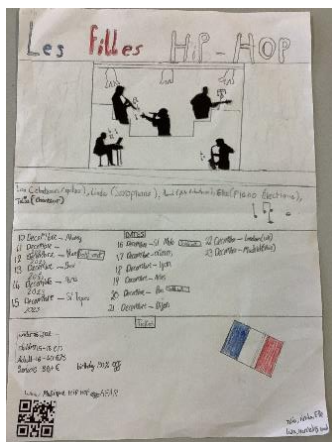
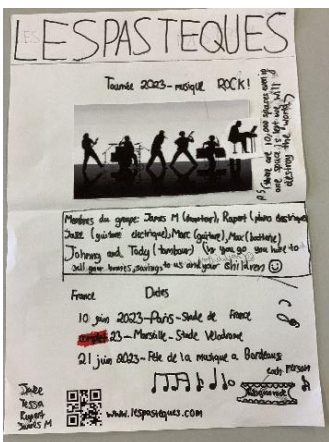


Once again our children have made us proud with their achievements outside of school! Amelia, Chloe and Isobel achieved Explore Apparatus 1 awards in gymnastics and Ava was awarded her Explore Core Skills 1 award. The girls all attend Aspire Gymnastics. Amelia also undertook her first Musical Theatre exam, receiving a certificate and medal. Our congratulations also go to Elliot, who won a judo trophy in his judo camp! It is lovely to see the children all engaging in such great activities. Well done to them all!



Bravo Year 5!

In the Autumn term, Year 5 have been studying “la musique” in French. They learnt the names of instruments, genres of music and prices of instruments in a shop. They used all their knowledge to create a poster to promote their French bands, touring around France! Bravo Year 5!

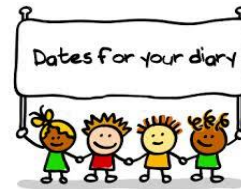


New Caterers

Our new caterers – **Cleverchefs** – have been an enormous hit with the children! Don't forget to come and meet them and see for yourselves at **3.15pm on Tuesday 16th January**. See you there!

Holidays during term time

A reminder that holidays during term time **cannot** be authorised and you will receive a fine. It is not fair to ask your children to lie on your behalf, so please don't put them in that situation! Be honest! They are going to tell us if they are at Butlins or on holiday and they should be allowed and encouraged to be honest.



New and changed dates will be given in bold

2024

- Tues 16th Jan: Meet the new caterers 3.15pm
- Friday 19th Jan: Year 5 Class Assembly
- Mon 29th Jan: NSPCC SOSS Assemblies
- Friday 2nd Feb: NSPCC Number Day – coin of their own
- Friday 2nd Feb: Year 1 Class Assembly
- Mon 5th Feb: NSPCC SOSS Workshops Y2, Y5, Y6
- Tues 6th Feb: Online Safety Day
- Friday 9th Feb: Year R Class Assembly
- Friday 9th Feb: Break up for half term
- Monday 19th Feb: Children return to school
- Tues 20th Feb: Parents' Consultation – Years 2 to 6**
- Wed 21st Feb: Parents' Consultation – Year R and Y1**
- Wed 22nd Feb: Parents' Consultation – all classes**
- Fri 1st March: Y2 'Nightwalk' 5 – 8pm
- w/b 4th March: Book Week
- Wed 6th March: Bounce for Books event
- Thurs 7th March: World Book Day – dress as character
- Fri 15th March: PTA Mufti for Chocolate Eggs
- Mon 25th March: Class photographs
- Wed 27th March: Easter Fun Day with Easter tea
- Thurs 28th March: Wear a hat day (Brain tumour research)
- Thurs 28th March: Break up for Easter Holidays 1.15pm
- Mon 15th April: Children return to school
- Wed 17th April: Year 3 trip to Milestones Museum**
- Mon 6th May: May Bank Holiday
- w/b 13th May: Year 6 SATs Testing week
- 13th to 15th May: Y5 Residential to Runways End
- Friday 24th May: Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd June: INSET Day
- Tues 4th June: Children return to school
- Fri 7th June: Y3 Residential Sleepover
- Wed 19th June: Y6 to Winchester Cathedral Y6 Leavers' Service
- 8th-9th July: Y4 Residential Bushcraft Experience
- w/b 15th July: Y6 Residential Week
- Tues 23rd July: Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm