

# Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022



*'Excellence in a Caring Community'*

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have an artist in school. He worked with a range of children from EYFS - Y6. They worked creatively to produce work in order to update one of our display boards in school, linked to the Just One Tree project. Nick, the artist, was blown away by the artistic skills and talents of the children he worked with.



Miss Monins held a SEND coffee morning for parents on Wednesday. Information was shared about school's approach to support as well as giving those attending an opportunity to network and share experiences. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us. There will be another session running in the Spring term.

Mrs Heaney has been dressed as an Elf all day today spreading Christmas cheer as well as raising awareness and money for the Alzheimer's Society, a charity close to her heart. She has organised a few fun activities for the children in Golden Time this afternoon - colouring sheets, quizzes' and a few Christmas cracker jokes!



Well done to everyone in Dahl team who are this term's winning team!

Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Scarlett W  
Elm Class - Miley-May A  
Ash Class - Charlie R  
Beech Class - Mila C  
Fir Class - Isla W  
Cherry Class - Jesse R  
Poplar Class - Laurence M  
Rowan Class - Isabelle J  
Cedar Class - Clementine J  
Holly Class - Frankie J-D  
Sycamore Class - Frankie M  
Willow Class - Ivy D  
Birch Class - Olivia F  
Maple Class - Caiden M

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Sycamore 100%  
Second: Elm 99%  
Third: Fir and Cedar 98%

Whole school attendance: 96%



We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

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### Christmas Celebrations

Find below an overview of the Christmas celebrations we have going on in December.

- 12th Dec - 9.30am EYFS Christmas performance for parents/carers
- 12th Dec - 2pm KS1 Christmas performance for parents/carers
- 13th Dec - 9.30am KS1 Christmas performance for parents/carers
- 13th Dec - 2pm LKS2 Christmas performance for parents/carers
- 13th Dec - 5pm UKS2 Christmas performance for parents/carers
- 14th Dec - 2pm UKS2 Christmas performance for parents/carers
- 14th Dec - 5pm LKS2 Christmas performance for parents/carers



Tickets have all been allocated and parents/carers will only be permitted entrance with a ticket.

Christmas Jumper day (non-uniform, no donations required) and Christmas lunch will both be on Wednesday 7th December.

Class Christmas parties will be on 15th December. There will be a visit from Father Christmas during the afternoon. This will be a non-uniform day as the Christmas discos are after school: EYFS/KS1 3-4.15pm and KS2 4.30-6pm.

### Character Word Pledges

Just a reminder to everyone, it is nearly time for us to total up which level of reward everyone has achieved in their Character Pledges this half term. The pledges for this half term are about generosity and we will need a little input from parents in order to share all the wonderful things the children have been doing at home. Please get in touch with your child's class teacher via the class email in order to share with them the ways they have achieved each level of the pledge. As a reminder, here are the pledges for this half term.

#### EYFS/KS1

Kindness and Generosity - Autumn 2	
Bronze	Use good manners and be helpful to other.
Silver	Volunteer to help a teacher in class or to prepare a lesson
Gold	Help someone who is upset and could use a friend.

#### KS2

Kindness and Generosity - Autumn 2	
Bronze	Help out a family member in doing chores around the house.
Silver	Volunteer your spare time to help a worthy cause (such as a litter pick)
Gold	Get sponsored for an activity that a charity will benefit from.

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### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

We have recently published our school's Mental Health and Wellbeing policy on the school website which has been agreed by Governors. The policy aims to outline how, as a school, we promote positive mental health in all staff and pupils, increase understanding and awareness of common mental health issues as well as provide support to pupils suffering mental ill-health as well as their peers and parents. The policy is available on the Mental Health and Wellbeing page which is within school information.

*Mrs E Williams*