



★ Newsletter ★

22nd November 2024

The time really is flying by and we have now moved into the most exciting time of the year for your children! It was so lovely to see most of you this week at our parents' evenings – a lovely opportunity to meet some of you for the first time! Thank you so much for your kind comments. The children certainly should feel proud of themselves and they really enjoyed reading the lovely feedback that you wrote for them.

We have been as busy as ever just lately. The children really enjoyed the Children in Need non-uniform day last Friday – lots of Pudsey outfits, spots, stripes and sports kits were on show and all for a good cause.

Our Christmas cards to raise money for the PTFA are now complete and I think you will be pleased with your child's efforts – they all worked very hard to produce a wonderful, festive design. These will be available to view online.

On Tuesday, we were treated to an exciting assembly all about our teeth. Cazzie, the author of the book "The Rotters" shared a really important message about keeping our teeth clean and we all learnt about the bacteria in our mouth. It's a fantastic story and reminds us why we need to look after our teeth.

We have been really busy preparing for our forthcoming Nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action' This week, we have managed place the year 2 children so that they can get a sense of performing. Once costumes have been organised, there will be a dress rehearsal for Key Stage 2 so that our children can experience a live audience. School will be providing most of the costumes. We will contact you by letter if anything may be needed from home.

By now, you will have received initial information about our forthcoming overnight residential visit to Beaumanor Hall next March. We hope to be able to take all of our Year 2 children as the visit always proves to be a very valuable learning experience in so many ways.

Maths:

We are continuing to work on a range of activities involving place value problems, along with regular practice of mental recall. We have been comparing numbers, understanding tens and ones, and ordering them. I am so pleased with their understanding and their independent work.

English:

We are thoroughly enjoying our new story, *The Magic Porridge Pot*. The children have learned the story orally with actions and have drawn their story maps. From this, we have focused on setting descriptions, where we have learned about adjectives, the 'pile of three' sentence structure, and prepositions. The children have worked so hard on these. We have already planned our own versions of the story, set in a snowy woodland, which we will be writing next week.

Reading at home:

Please aim to read with your child (at this time of year, reading lines from the nativity script is a very valuable reading activity) at least three times a week and continue to sign it in their diary. I will continue to be check diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading.

Additional Information:

P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Wednesday sessions and an outdoor kit for Thursday.

Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity: Wednesday 11th December pm

Pantomime at Newark Theatre: Friday 13th December

Christmas Dinner– Tuesday 17th December.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher