

INKPEN WEEKLY NEWS

Message from Miss Buck

What a magical end to term we have had with so many different festive celebrations. However, with so much excitement, it is often easy to forget why Christmas is so special to us all. This is why I was so proud to hear the children in Red Kites share their thoughts about the Christmas Story with us during our carol concert last week. Hearing them talk about respect and tolerance made me so proud and grateful to be part of such a special school. This sentiment was repeated in assembly this week when I asked the children what the were most looking forward to over Christmas. I expected responses such as presents, Father Christmas and stockings however I was met with children telling me how excited they were to spend time with their families, see grandparents and to watch films together in their matching pyjamas. It is heart warming to know that our children look forward to these special moments as much as we do. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy making magical memories together. Merry Christmas everyone!

Key dates coming up

Monday 08.01.24 Start of Spring Term

Our dates card will be sent out at the beginning of next term with details of all of our upcoming events.



A few weeks ago, the children who have guitar lessons with Fernando asked if they could perform to their parents. We are all so proud of everything they have learnt this term.



I know that many of you joined the Festival of Light in Newbury and took the wonderful lanterns that the children made. I am so glad that the children got to be part of this and experience such a magical event.

Stars of the Week 15.12.23

Red Kite: Bobby

Pheasant: Francesca

Crocus/Silver Birch: Paige

Congratulations to our reading champions from last Friday:

Red Kite: Jasper

Pheasant: Benny

Crocus: Oscar



As it was the last assembly of the Autumn term, today we celebrated children for demonstrating the "Inkpen Values". We celebrated children for being kind, resilient, independent and having positive attitudes towards school life. Congratulations to **Belle, Maggie May, Tommy, Edmund, Ayla and Daniel** for earning these awards. I look forward to seeing you wearing your badges with pride next term.

As the term comes to a close, I am delighted to say that 15 children have achieved 100% attendance since September. They were awarded with a certificate in assembly today to celebrate this. Congratulations to **Freya, Logan, Nathaniel, Ethan, Reid, Ellie, Jack, Evie, Jack, Stephen, Tommy, Joseph, Jamie, Katie and Oscar**. Pheasant class were particularly proud to have received the most certificates. Well done!

Forest School has had a foodie theme for the last two weeks with children toasting crumpets last week and toasting pancakes and marshmallows this week. We were incredibly proud of everyone for tasting the crumpets—they certainly received mixed reviews! The marshmallows and pancakes however went down incredibly well. We also made Christmas wreaths using natural objects we found on the forest floor. The children enjoyed looking at the mistletoe that had been growing on an apple tree for the last 5 years. We hope you have found the perfect place to hang your mistletoe at home.



What a magical experience the Carol Concert was last week. It was a privilege to share this experience with you and I felt so incredibly proud of our wonderful village school. Thank you to every member of staff who made this possible and thank you to the children for making it such a special experience.



In DT this term, the children in Red Kites have learnt that a cam mechanism is a linkage system which converts rotary movement to linear movement. They explored a range of different examples of these in moving toys before designing and making their own. The finished pieces are of a very high quality and the children are incredibly proud of their work. The rest of the school were very impressed with the demonstration today in assembly.