

Newsletter 10: 14th December 2018

Thought for the Day:

“Take pride not in love for yourselves
but in love for your fellow-creatures.
Glory not in love for your country,
but in love for all mankind.”
~ Bahá'u'lláh

Question of the Week:

Would living forever be boring?

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a very busy term for everyone in school with many exciting opportunities for learning. The children have worked hard and we have seen lots of work produced to high standards. School has been moderating some of the writing with some of our C8 colleagues. Children have enjoyed a wide range of sporting activities and clubs. We look forward to an exciting spring term and wish you all of our good wishes for 2019. Well done to Year 2 for their fantastic concert.

Nursery: Nursery have been to the Arctic this week and have focused on the story Snow Bears by Martin Waddell. We have learnt about arctic animals, ice and snow. In Maths we have practised saying number names in order and knowing that numerals tell you how many of something there are in a set. The children have been working on their songs for our Christmas Sing Along on Tuesday 18th December and hope to see you there.

Reception: In Reception we have been learning about Christmas. We have listened to the Nativity story and have found out how some people celebrate Christmas. We were amazed to find out that some people open presents on Christmas Eve, some on Christmas Day and some people open presents six days after Christmas. In Maths we have been learning about money, recognising coins and counting coins in our shop. In Phonics we have recapped our phase 3 sounds, learnt so far, and we have been blending sounds for reading and segmenting words for writing. We are looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas sing-a-long on Tuesday, as we have been practising our songs.

Year 1: Year 1 have been learning about Christmas and how it is celebrated in different countries around the world. The children had also been discussing how the countries have different climates and cultures. For Maths this week the children have been learning about ordinal numbers and using the correct vocabulary to describe the position. There will be a change in the PE timetable. 1TB will have indoor PE on Friday and outdoor PE on Tuesday. 1I will have indoor PE on Tuesday and outdoor PE on Monday. Please ensure your child brings home his/her PE kit to be washed over the holidays.

Year 2: In Maths we are now adding equal groups and we have introduced the X symbol for multiplication. In English we have been reading our book 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. We have used adjectives to describe the characters, and learnt about how to use alliteration to make our descriptions more interesting. In Science we have learnt about food chains and how animals can be herbivores, carnivores or omnivores. It is getting very close to the Nativity performance so we have been working very hard to practice our lines and make the show perfect! Please can all costumes be in for Monday – the show is on Friday 14th December at 9am. We hope to see you all there.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 is looking forward to share their non-fiction 'Under the Sea' book with the rest of the year group! In English, we have been working on our comprehension skills as well as planning and writing a poem about Winter. In Science, we have identified the names of the parts of the skeleton and its use in the body. In Geography we continue to look at map skills focusing on counties in the UK. We are all gearing up for a Year 3 basketball tournament which will be held on Friday (weather permitting!)

Year 4: This week, Year 4 really enjoyed watching the Snow Queen pantomime! It was well deserved; after all the hard work the children have been doing! In Maths and English we have been doing assessments in order to determine how well the children have got on with their learning and what more we need to do to support them. Please remind children to keep reading daily! In Topic, the children will be completing their Europe Fact files.

Year 5: Last week it was 5U's turn to present the school assembly which was all about 'Space.' We look forward to finding out what they have learnt about this fascinating topic on Friday. In Spanish, we are learning how to ask what age someone is and when is their birthday. In English, children are exploring new vocabulary and creating phrases to describe characters and settings in 'Beowulf' in preparation for writing their own chapter of the saga.

Year 6: This week in RE we have been writing balanced arguments about whether Christmas should be celebrated as a secular festival or purely sacred. In Maths we have been revising how to read and plot coordinates as well as reflection and translation. During Science we have been investigating how different types of exercise will raise the heart rate more than others, depending on the intensity. Finally, in English, we have been writing our own Viking Saga in the style of the author.

Notices:

Christmas Jumpers can be worn with uniform on Tuesday 18th for our Christmas Lunch at school.

Early Years Christmas Sing Along 2018

You are invited to attend the Christmas sing along in the Hall with Nursery and Reception on Tuesday 18th December at 9:05 and 2:30. Please bring your festive cheer.

A reminder that on Wednesday 19th December, school closes at 1:30pm.

Reminders:

Applications for places in Reception are open. Applications to be made on the Hounslow Council Website.

All medical appointments should be taken outside of school hours unless they are an emergency.

Parents please be reminded not to smoke at the Tiverton Road school gate.

Please remember children are not allowed to play on the school equipment after school. Once collected children are the parent's responsibility. Please keep an eye on your child, as we have recently had a child leave their parent and wander off.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 97%.

Congratulation to 1I, 1TB, 2B and 3F for 100% attendance.

Well done to all the 100% children this term.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

28 th Oct	Clocks change back	3 rd Dec	Photographs
8 th Nov	Parents Evening	7 th Dec	5U Class assembly Winter Disco – Year 3 – 6
9 th Nov	3S Class assembly	14 th Dec	Y2 Nativity 9am start
13 th Nov	Y5&6 Primary Sports Day	19 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term School closed from 1:30pm
16 th Nov	5C Class assembly	20 th Dec- 2 nd Jan '19	Christmas holidays
30 th Nov	5M Class assembly		

Spring Term begins on Thursday 3rd of January 2019

