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Christmas is coming! Get festive!

This week's merry headlines: Beastly Boudicca, Vile Victorians, Carolling Choir and Fantastic Footballers Hopefully Obliterate Opposition...

Yesterday, Year 3 acted out a perfect play with drama, flair and battling nations! It told the story of Queen Boudicca of the Celts and her fight for freedom from Emperor Claudius and the Roman Empire. It had a tragic end for the Celts as Boudicca was defeated and the rest, as they say, is history.

Year 5 produced an absolutely stunning performance on Wednesday. It was based on the story 'Street Child' which is about a boy called Jim Jarvis. The play was full of dance and drama. Who would have guessed Dr Barnardo's (a charity for children) is still running to this day!

The SVAT choir has been practising their songs in order for their big Christmas concert. We wish them well as they perform at various locations next week!

Lastly, coming up next week is another chance for our football team to expand on their three wins so far this season. On Monday they will be at Leasowes taking on other Halesowen school teams. Hopefully, the Olives can challenge for the title this year!

Reported by your local news reporters Connor Barron and Ibrahim Akhtar.

An absolute highlight of this week, and indeed this term, were the performances from Oak, Birch, Pine and Pear classes. Each class shared their learning through drama, dance and music and the results were fantastic. Thank you to all the adults who came along to support their children; we had a packed audience for all the performances.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended this week's phonics workshop for Reception parents. We hope that it was informative as we continue to work in partnership to support your children in learning to read through phonics.

Thank you to all the children who participated in our Mufti day today in support of the Christmas Fayre next Friday. We hope to see you there!

We are aware that some families are parking their vehicles on our car park before the start of school; please can we strongly request that you only do this in exceptional circumstances. If you do use the car park, you must park sensibly (please do not mount the curb or block the crossing) and you must not move your vehicle whilst the gates are closed as this risks the safety of other children and their families. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

In other news, Ms Amna Ali was successfully elected to the vacant position on the local governing board and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her at the next meeting. We were very fortunate to have such a strong field of candidates and we thank Mrs Walmsley and Mr Mehta for the interest that they showed in supporting the school.

Miss Poole has been successful in gaining a promotion at another primary school. Sadly, she will be leaving us at the end of this term and we wish her well in her future career.

As a school we continually want to improve how we engage with parents and as part of that we want to ensure that we are available to address any concerns that you may have. There are certain times of the day where it is very difficult for the classteacher to meet with parents, in particular before school, as this is when they are setting up the learning for the rest of the day. In most cases you will be able to speak to the classteacher at the end of the school day. If you feel that you will need a longer appointment, please contact the school office who will be able to arrange this for you.

One last reminder: orders for Christmas Dinner must be received by Wednesday 5th December at the latest. We will not be able to process any orders after this date. We are all very much looking forward to enjoying our lunch with the children.

ATTENDANCE:

OVERALL: 96.1%

Reception/KS1: Holly 99.0%

KS2: Oak 97.9%

STAR OF THE WEEK

BEECH	Malik Nawaz
WILLOW	Raheel Tanveer
HOLLY	Oliver Hinton
HAZEL	Oscar Bennett
HAWTHORN	Grace Drinkwater
APPLE	Madeleine Brewer
OAK	Faith Sentore
BIRCH	Eva Geoffrey
MAGNOLIA	Cruz-Ali Osman
ASH	Summah Cooper
PINE	Zayd Afzal
PEAR	Taha Ali
MAPLE	Sian Whyte
CHERRY	Archie Byfield

Lunch Time Box Meal

Lunch time box meal on Thursday 20th December.

The children will have a choice of:

Chicken Nuggets or
Pizza and Chips
and a selection of cakes

If your child's box meal has a sticker on then they will receive a prize.

Scholastic Book Fair

Book Fair arrives in school next week!

Every item will be **HALF PRICE**.

It will be open on the following days:

Friday 7th December 'Christmas Fayre'

Monday 10th December 3:15-3:40pm

Tuesday 11th December 3:15-3:40pm

Wednesday 12th December 3:15-3:40pm

Christmas Fayre

Olive Hill Christmas fayre is on Friday 7th December.

If you would like a stall at the Christmas fayre please pick up a form from the school office.
Stalls cost £10 per table.

Individual Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their bronze awards

Oliver Haines Amelie-Grace Schofield Olivia Edmunds Joah Samuels
Jaime-Rose Coleman Summah Cooper Aleeza Anwer Zarah Khan
Malak Yassin Ella Greer Malikah Mohyuddin Kyron Addenbrooke
Jordan Coley Carly Plant Miriam-Andreea Farcas Elyas Karimi
Sulmana Mubashar

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their silver awards

Fahmida Begum Zahra Bashir Ummayah Pasha Dalal Yafai
Maisha Begum



This week's letters

LKS2 Christmas Performance Tickets

UKS2 Christmas Performance Tickets

Reception Learning Exhibit

Changes to Maple Class

Winter Uniform

REMINDER

For all parents of nursery children due to start school in September 2019, the closing date to fill the form out online is 15th January 2019.

Road Safety Week Competition

Congratulations to Lisa (Cherry), Aaron (Magnolia) and Chrissie (Birch) who won prizes in our in-school Road Safety week competition. All entries received have now been submitted to the national competition - good luck!