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This Half Term's Value: Thankfulness



### 'Phrases of Faith'

#### 'Always be Thankful' – 1 Thessalonians 5-16

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter! It is the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, and we know what that means.... It's Christmas! It is the month where the school rings with the sound of singing and Christmas music. Christmas trees pop up and lights are turned on. It is the month where we are especially thankful to our wonderful cleaners for hoovering up the glitter and sparkle from the carpets every evening and to our wonderful cook Claire for the Christmas feast which I know preparations are already well underway for! It is a busy month but nevertheless it is a month which I absolutely LOVE!

Our wonderful PTA are also busy organising Christmas events, the biggest of which, our Carols around the Campfire, is busily being prepared for so please show your support, get your gloves and hats on and join in with the fun!

In other news all of our children have, this week, begun rehearsals in earnest in readiness for this year's Christmas performance 'Sing a Song of Christmas'. We look forward to welcoming you all for what is sure to be a spectacular event.

I would, however, like to just pause for a moment from talk of Christmas to take an opportunity to remind parents and families that school uniform remains compulsory, as during my monitoring this week I have observed that there has been a slight lapse in pupil presentation and/ or wearing of correct uniform. As I reminder the school dress code is as follows:

#### Daily Wear:

Navy sweatshirt or sweat cardi (School Logo)

Navy or white polo shirt (School Logo)

Black or grey trousers or skirt

Black or grey shorts

Grey pinafore dress

Blue gingham dress (summer)

Plain blue, grey or black hat - Legionnaire's style recommended for sun protection (summer)

Appropriate footwear: plain black, grey, navy – no high heels or other colours e.g. glitter, multicoloured

Coat for colder weather - any colour





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**PE Kit:**

Blue shorts

Sky blue tee-shirt (School Logo)

Light blue sweat hoodie (optional)

Sweatpants navy, grey or black

Trainers or pumps

Children should not wear jewellery to school. Make-up, including nail polish, is not acceptable in school. Hair should be neat and tidy. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back. Extreme hairstyles and hair carving are not appropriate.

Items displaying the school logo are available to order online from [www.myschoolstyle.com](http://www.myschoolstyle.com). Other items are readily available from the usual high street children's clothing outlets and supermarkets. We also have a large amount of pre-loved uniform stock which will be on sale for you to purchase at Carols Around the campfire.

We are proud of our school and those wearing our uniform act as ambassadors for our school in the community, so it is vital we promote the ethos that to look smart and presentable is an important part of our identity and of how others in the wider community view our school.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of those who completed the school survey which was sent out recently. Your feedback is enormously important to us but of course you will also want to know how we have acted upon your feedback!

Therefore, this week you will be sent an overview of your child's learning for the academic year 2023-24. This will show you the topics they will be covering and the areas of maths, for example, that we will be learning about each half term. In addition to this at the start of next term you will also be sent an overview of learning for the next half term and there will also be on this overview a book list of recommended titles that you may like to look at or hire out from the library to further explore the topics your child will be learning about in school whilst at home.

We will be in touch later in the year to hear your views on these changes and of course gain your opinions in terms of as to whether or not there is anything further you could recommend.

So as the week draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to praise our children for their continued hard work and positive attitude towards their learning. As I have mentioned, this week I have conducted monitoring activities around the school and have been delighted and filled with pride as a result of the environment and focus I have observed. We are all very proud of you.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend ... keep warm!

With all Best Wishes,

Mrs S. Henney





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*Important Dates*  
**and INFORMATION**

**December**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Lego Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm – **Last one for this half term**
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Archery Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- Young Voices Choir 8.15am – 8.45am
- PE for Oak and Chestnut Class
- Fencing Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class
- The Big Light Switch On at Adderley Village Hall - **5.30pm – 9pm**
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert – Sing a Song of Christmas at Adderley Village Hall – 2.30pm and 5.30pm
- No Archery Club**
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Willow Class – Sing Song and Mince Pies - pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> **No Young Voices Choir**
- PE for Oak and Chestnut Class
- Fencing Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Carols around the campfire – 6pm – 8pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Day – Hannukah
- Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service at Adderley Church, 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us
- No Archery Club**
- Break up for Christmas**

**JANUARY**

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> **Children return to school**





## Attendance



This week's winners are Oak Class! Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week ....</u>
Chestnut	96.36%	100%
Oak	99.00%	83%
Whole School	97.81%	93.06%



## Stars of the Week:

**Chestnut Class Star of the Week:** Olivia - For being extremely helpful and kind to her friends.

**Oak Class Star of the Week:** Ioannis – for showing a positive attitude in all his areas of learning and being such a good role model. Well done!

## Chestnut News

This week the Chestnuts have continued exploring their own personal history. As a class we talked about things we could remember from our past. The children drew pictures of their memories and put these in chronological order.

In Science we talked about healthy eating and how we need to take care of our bodies.

In PHSE we have started learning about friendship. This week the children discussed what a good friend would look like and designed their perfect friend.

Congratulations to Colton for completing his sticker chart! We hope you enjoy your new book!



## Barry Plant – Fire Service



Last week the whole school was visited by Barry Plant who is a local fire safety officer. He talked to the children about how to exit their homes in case of emergency and how to prevent and spot a fire. He put on his full firefighting uniform and told the children all about the different parts and how they help to protect him when fighting fires. The children also practised the 'Stop Drop and Roll' technique in case they ever found themselves on fire. He also gave the children a fire engine money box to take home and make.





## Oak News

What a wonderful week Oak Class has had. The beautiful frosty weather has provided us with the perfect inspiration for our English writing on winter forest scenes. The children have been practising their creative writing techniques, using similes, metaphors, personification and expanded noun-phrases, and, following a wintry walk outside, have produced some super descriptive pieces. We have continued with our science topic of animal skeletons and what makes a healthy diet and will be delving even further into what an owl eats (more to follow!).



## Willow News



Willow Class are having lots of fun with "The Three Little Pigs". We especially enjoyed making muddy footprints with our own feet and the pigs' feet. We loved joining in with the story using masks and wolf voices. Outside we have been making fantastic sounds with our pots and pans orchestra and we hunted all around for a pig who was hiding in the mud. Our rhyme of the week is Baa Baa Black sheep which has given us lots of opportunities to practise counting farm objects. Next week our sound of the week will be "P" so we will have more messy fun with pink pigs and ping pong balls.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs Lightbound would like to invite all Nursery parents to join them for an afternoon of children's sing songs and mince pies.

## Other News...



## Christmas Play

On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> December, the whole school will come together to perform in our annual Christmas performance. This year our performance is called, Sing a Song of Christmas and the children will be performing a variety of songs, dances and action. We understand that Christmas is a busy time of year and so to keep it simple, we are asking children to bring in a Christmas jumper which they will wear for the performance. The school will add in extra bits and bobs to add extra character.

## Christmas Jumper Day **Save the Children**

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most.

Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive knit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December we are inviting children to come to school wearing their favourite Christmas jumper, for a voluntary donation of £1.





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## Pantomime



Well, what a fantastic performance that was! Oak Class and Chestnut Class were so excited to visit the Festival Drayton Centre to watch the pantomime, Rumpelstiltskin this week. For some children, this was their first ever visit to a pantomime, whilst others were eager to see what this show would be like. They were not disappointed! Filled with pantomime dames, crazy characters, brilliant costumes, dance routines and singing, all children had an absolutely fantastic time. When questioned as to what their favourite bit was, most children decided upon the enormous spider that captured Rumpelstiltskin and the baby he was trying to rescue. Thankfully, as with all fairy tales, and much to the children's relief, it all ended happily ever after! A really wonderful morning, getting everyone into the Christmas spirit.

An extra special mention goes to Darcie from Oak Class for winning a prize - hat and badge for the colouring competition. **Well done Darcie!**

