



Newsletter: 20:12:2019

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 181 children have been ready, respectful, safe and kind at all times.

Nursery	Reception	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
25/25	27/29	24/24	20/20	33/34	31/32	20/20

**WELL DONE!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 96.73% and 16 late.

Our attendance target for the year is 97%  
Year to date: 97.2%

Nursery  
96.92% 1 late

## Hot Choc Friday!

Children who show 'over and above' excellent behaviour can have hot chocolate on Fridays. [Follow us on twitter #HotChocFri.](#)

**This week's #HotChocFri winners are:**  
Eddie Morton, Elliot Whitfield, Poppy James, Joshua Middleton

Will it be you next time?

Reception  
96.90% 1 late

Class 1  
98.26% 5 late

Class 2  
97.78% 5 late

Class 3  
97.06% 1 late

Class 4  
95.83% 2 late

Class 5  
93.96% 1 late

## Stars of the week

Nursery: S P  
Reception: A L  
Class 1: T W  
Class 2: E J  
Class 3: B O  
Class 4: S W  
Class 5: K F

**Well Done!**

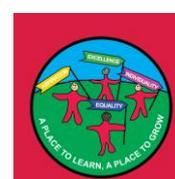
## Up and Coming Key Dates

20 Dec 19	Break up for Christmas
6 Jan 20	Return to school after Christmas
6 Jan 20	Reward Assembly 9am KS2 2.30pm EYFS and KS1
13 Jan 20	Choir to Young Voices
16 Jan 20	Y6 SATS Parents meeting
21 Jan 20	Y5 to Hemsworth Academy
21 Jan 20	Y6 Booster classes start
14 Feb 20	Break up for half term
24 Feb 20	Return to school after half term
24 Feb 20	Reward Assemblies 9am EYFS and KS1 2.30pm KS2
3 March 20	Waterton Academy Trust Musical Evening
Week beg. 16 March 20	Parent's evening Book Fayre
22 May 20, 1 June 20, 20 July 20	<b>INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays</b>

**Leadership Signposting:** If you have any concerns or questions about your child's learning or the work of the school please speak to their class teacher or a member of the Leadership Team before or after school. If your question is more in depth please make an appointment to see the class teacher. Mrs Thompson, Mrs Stevenson, Ms Samuels and Mr West are happy to meet with any parents who would like to speak to us. If we are free we will see you immediately but if not please make an appointment with the office and we will meet with you as soon as possible.



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## Nursery @MD\_EYFS

What a wonderful week we have had to lead up to Christmas. We thoroughly enjoyed making our Christmas cards, calendars and decorations. We all tucked into our Christmas dinner and the crackers went down a treat. Our Christmas party was great fun, we enjoyed dancing, musical chairs, plenty of party food and Toy Story 4. We welcomed our new starters for their taster days and look forward to them starting with us in the new year. We have made many Christmas crafts and finished the week with a marvellous Christmas assembly. Hope you all enjoy Christmas and come back ready for more learning in the new year.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

## Reception @MD\_Reception

The count down has been on this week! Single figures now until Christmas! We've been very busy learning about Christmas in different countries and how it is celebrated. In Germany we discovered they place boots outside the door for Santa to fill with presents. We've also made gingerbread men and the children thoroughly enjoyed reciting the story as we mixed the ingredients together. In literacy we have been doing our best handwriting to write our cards. The children should have all brought home a Christmas card and calendar for you to enjoy. We hope you all have a fabulous Christmas and a wonderful new year! Please keep yourselves safe over the holidays see you in 2020!

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

As we slowly come towards the end of term, the children have continued to work incredibly hard in their work. They have been looking at the rules when adding suffixes to root words (one vowel, one consonant; we double - they know what it means) and have shown amazing effort in hitting the bronze, silver or gold level in their work on numbers to 20. Just a quick reminder about spellings; we have a spelling test every Friday on the words that are sent home and these are words which contain some of the spelling patterns they have to know to achieve the Year 1 goal. Unfortunately, these have to be learnt. Place these on wardrobes, the fridge, by the loo - anywhere - so the children can see them everyday. It does help! I wish you all wonderful and safe Christmas.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

Everyone has worked so hard this term. Well done. In maths we have continued to add a 1-digit number to a 2-digit number, learning how to exchange ten ones for a ten. The children must remember to record the ten they have exchanged so that they don't forget to include it in their addition. If they do this effectively they will be successful when they learn to add larger numbers. In literacy we have been writing a letter, not the usual one for this time of year though! We have based our work on the book by J.R.R. Tolkien, 'The Father Christmas Letters'. The children have had to be in role as Father Christmas and write a letter to themselves. As in the book, the letters had to include a story about life at the North Pole. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it and responded really well. Finally I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

Autumn term is over, we have had over a third of our learning time together 😊. But it's Christmas 😊!  
Well done for being an amazing team of super learners this term, lets make the Spring term even better.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

Our last week of the year has been a mixture of school work, parties as well as rounding it off with a whole school singing assembly where Class 4 performed Quand le Pere Noel, which they sang beautifully. In maths we have worked on factors of numbers which support the understanding of multiplication, prime and composite numbers. P.E - many children do not bring their P.E kit to school on Monday. From January as a class we will be carrying out a check on Monday to ensure everyone have brought theirs. Also, children will need to have plimsoles or similar for P.E so they do not wear their out door shoes.

I hope you have a great break over the next two weeks. Happy Christmas.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

Despite lots of exciting Christmas activities taking place around school, Year 6 have still worked hard on the national curriculum. In English they have finished off the non fiction unit we have been working on throughout the half term with a detailed biography of Thomas Edison. The standard has been very pleasing and the class are showing progress with the accurate use of colons, semi colons, dashes and brackets. In Maths we have had a week looking at position and direction working with coordinates in the 4 quadrants, translating shapes and reflecting shapes. The children have worked really hard during the winter term and have thoroughly earned a rest over the Christmas holiday. Merry Christmas to all!

## Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson

What a wonderful end to a wonderful term. The parties, Christmas dinner and Christmas assembly this week have been fantastic with wonderful party clothes and Christmas jumpers on display. The children have behaved impeccably throughout all of these exciting events and it's been an absolute pleasure to share the celebrations with them. One of the highlights for me was during Christmas lunch when a song from one of the concerts was playing in the background and the children all spontaneously joined in and sang along! Christmas cheer was certainly spread that day. I would like to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and new year and look forward to seeing you all again in January.

