



Newsletter: 13:12:2019

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate expected behaviour are recognised in class. This week 179 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	23/23	20/20	32/34	30/32	20/20

**WELL DONE!**

## Attendance and Lates

This week 94.4% and 20 late.  
Our attendance target for the year is 97%  
Year to date: 96.78%

Nursery  
95.58% 1 late

Reception  
98.97% 4 late

Class 1  
97.61% 4 late

Class 2  
93.96% 6 late

Class 3  
98.24% 4 late

Class 4  
98.60% 1 late

Class 5  
98.89% 0 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: F T, W S, R O**

Will it be you next time?

## Stars of the week

Nursery: W R-B

Reception: T B

Class 1: I C

Class 2: T R

Class 3: X S

Class 4: D P

Class 5: D S

**Well Done!**

## Up and Coming Key Dates

17 Dec 19	Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
19 Dec 19	Christmas parties
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 (18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> ) Book Fayre
22 May 20, 1 June 20, 20 July	<b>INSET DAYS – Please use these for holidays</b>

## E-safety

Remember to check your parental controls on all online devices your children use in order to keep them safe online. If you have any concerns over online safety look at the CEOP website [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk). Their YouTube clips are very useful and interesting. Please also make sure that your children are not using apps and sites that have age restrictions above their age and that you supervise their use of any online forums. Remember that Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and many games are not recommended for children below age 12.



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## Nursery @MD\_EYFS

What a busy week! We have been reviewing all the shapes we have learnt and using them to create a beautiful Christmas surprise for you. We have been doing some special Christmas writing using the phonics we know and writing our names. What a fantastic performance of 'Toby's Christmas Drum' we put on for our parents/carers. Wonderful singing everyone! Some marvellous marble painting has turned into another Christmas surprise. Finally we had great fun with all our parents/carers at our Inspire session, singing Christmas songs and doing many Christmas crafts. Thank you to all who joined us. Here's to more Christmas fun next week!

## Reception @MD\_Reception

Lights .... camera .... action! We hope everyone enjoyed our Christmas performance this year! It has been just a joyful experience! The children are professionals! As well as rehearsing and performing we have been doing lots of Christmas activities. In literacy we have been learning to decode words into sounds to help us with our writing and we used a phoneme frame to help us do this. In maths we have been comparing identical objects by size and we have been ordering objects by height and length. We can use the correct vocabulary too! Tall, short, large, mini ... we discovered lots more as well! A big thank you to all the parents who came to our Inspire day! This was a lovely event to share with you. Only one more week to go! Let the Christmas joy continue!

## Class 1 @MD\_Class1

What a performance the children gave this week! They sang and acted their hearts out, showing what superstars they all are. In our book, 'Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present', the children showed how beautiful their handwriting was and we even had a few children venturing to write in cursive handwriting. This is a real challenge to the children but is part of the requirements of the National Curriculum - and it has shown their continued aim for excellence. They are certainly a resilient bunch. Just a quick reminder about water bottles. Any bottle will do.

## Class 2 @MD\_Class2

The time is flying by and this week, the children thoroughly enjoyed performing 'It's a Baby' for their families. They loved the singing and practised hard to ensure they knew their lines and could say them loudly and clearly. What a wonderful performance they gave! We hope everyone enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it. We have also continued with our core learning as well as rehearsing and in maths we have learnt how to add a one digit number to a two digit number. This can be tricky as sometimes you need to exchange 10 ones for a ten. It is then really important to remember to add the ten when completing the calculation. This can be practised at home with money using 1p's and 10p's.

## Class 3 @MD\_Class3

Thank you to all of the parents and friends of our learning community who came to support the Christmas celebrations this week. It was lovely to share our learning and our performances with you. We still have one week to go until the end of the Autumn term and while there will be Christmas parties and fun activities we will also be continuing with our learning in school so please continue with your reading, spellings and times tables practice. Let's have an amazing final week. Enjoy your weekend.

## Class 4 @MD\_Class4

This week has whizzed past on our count down to the Christmas holidays. The children have continued to work hard in their lessons focusing on factors of numbers to consolidate their understanding of multiplication. We have begun to look at persuasive text in the build up to thinking and writing about, should the Benin Bronzes be returned to the land they were created. Class 4 produced some beautiful singing as part of KS2 Christmas Carol Concert, when they sang a French Christmas Song, Quand le Pere Noel. I was also very proud of the children who read an abridged version of the classic story A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. **Please** can you send you make sure that your child brings in a plastic water bottle. From this Friday the individual paper cup they have been using will be placed in the bin and I do not have anymore. A gentle reminder. children need to take home their things from the cloakroom next week.

## Class 5 @MD\_Class5

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members at the KS2 Christmas Carol service yesterday and today. I hope you enjoyed it. As you can imagine much of the week has been spent preparing for the concert and the children have worked really hard throughout. When in class we have looked at percentages and have looked at lots of different strategies and methods to calculate them. In English we have started looking at biographical writing, linking it to Science by looking at the life of Thomas Edison. We will finish the biographies next week.

## Mrs Thompson @MD\_MrsThompson

What a wonderful week of festive performances. I hope everyone was able to attend and enjoyed the concerts as much as we did. Thank you to the staff for making it happen. Sadly, today's concert has been marred by further inconsiderate and dangerous parking. We have re-contacted the police and are also speaking to Jon Trickett and the council about this. Please put child safety ahead of your individual convenience. Also, I have been informed that school and individual staff have been mentioned by name in Facebook discussions. This is not acceptable and could be libellous. We will be taking legal advice if this continues. Please come and speak to someone in school if you have concerns - don't discuss them on an open forum like Facebook. Tuesday is our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. For a £1 donation children can wear a Christmas jumper for school. The money will be donated to the Save the Children charity.

