



Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent begins on Sunday – the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day. Advent is defined as: “The coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important.” And who is this extremely important thing or person that we celebrate during Advent . . . Jesus. The beauty of celebrating the coming of Christmas in the weeks preceding it rather than only celebrating Christmas itself is that it creates this sense of anticipation and wonder regarding Christ’s birth. Daily Advent activities emphasise that something amazing is about to happen. It’s a time for patience. It’s a time for waiting. It sets you up to appreciate the meaning of Christmas.

If you’d like to observe Advent in a more traditional way you’ll need:

- An Advent wreath
- Advent candles
- An Advent devotional (to guide you through the process)
- A Nativity scene



What to do: Set aside 10 minutes every night with your family. Light one candle the first week, two candles the second, and so on until Christmas Day.

This week, we received the results of the Year 4 Times Table Check. Our pupils took the check in the summer term. Our school result (for our pupils now in Year 5, achieving 25/25) was **47%**. The **National figure was 27%**. This is a fantastic result!

Mrs Elizabeth Killin
Headteacher

Help with Energy Bills

Energy Price Guarantee

From 1st October, a new ‘Energy Price Guarantee’ will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas for UK households. This is automatic and applies to all households. **Beware of scams – there is no need to apply and you will never be asked for bank details.**

This is in addition to the £400 energy bills discount for all households.

[Find out more information](#)

Energy Bills Support Scheme

£400 off energy bills for households in Great Britain from this October. This automatic, non-repayable discount will be applied in six instalments between October 2022 and March 2023 to help households through winter.

There is no need to apply for the scheme and you will not be asked for your bank details.

[Find out more information](#)



Upcoming Events

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DATES FOR THIS TERM

- Tuesday 29th November** – Nursery (First half of the week) and Ladybird Nativity Play 1.45pm
Friday 2nd December – Nursery (Second half of the week) and Bumblebee Nativity Play 1.45pm
Tuesday 6th December – 2pm KS1 Nativity (first performance)
Wednesday 7th December – 9.30am KS1 Nativity (second performance)
Thursday 8th December – 6.30pm Carol Concert
Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Saturday 10th December – Choir singing in town
Monday 12th December – FOLT Elfridges – Christmas Shopping
Tuesday 13th December – FOLT Christmas Discos
Thursday 15th December – FOLT Christmas Grotto during the day, Christmas Fair 3.10pm - 5pm
Friday 16th December – FOLT Any outstanding Grotto/Elfridges
Friday 16th December – End of Term 1.20pm Reception and KS1 1.30pm KS2

Fine Diners Club

Well done to:

Tristan, Maciee H, Willow,
Charis, Emily, Elouise and
Natalia



Christian and Learning Values

Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:

Commitment: Amelia C (Chestnut), Emily (Squirrel), Curtis (Squirrel), Declan (Kestrel), Amila (Maple), Marissa (Commitment)

Perseverance: Aaron (Hawk), Tawheed (Kestrel) Abel (Oak), Ronnie (Fox) Oscar (Badger)

Respect: Abel (Oak)

Attendance



Class	Week Ending 03/11/22	Week Ending 11/11/22	Week Ending 18/11/22	Week Ending 25/11/22
Bumblebee	91.5%	97.6%	96%	92.8%
Ladybird	90.2%	96.15%	88.4%	96.5%
Hedgehog	91.3%	90.4%	88.75%	87.4%
Squirrel	92.85%	84%	82.9%	67.6%
Badger	86.4%	96.2%	94.4%	95.2%
Fox	93.5%	96.3%	93.2%	97%
Chestnut	88.7%	93.95%	97.7%	95.15%
Oak	84%	94.8%	91.9%	93.3%
Maple	96.2%	93.9%	94.15%	88.2%
Eagle	89.9%	93.6%	92.95%	95.65%
Hawk	100%	93.45%	93.25%	90.6%
Kestrel	92.05%	94.25%	93.40%	92.7%
100 % Attendees	267	265	244	254

A first win for Fox Class this week as they hit a 97% high! They now have the hamster to take care of and the prize bag today!



Winners this week: Taliah (Bumblebee), Ada (Hedgehog), Jack (Fox), Joseph (Maple) and Aniketh (Oak)

Mrs Gray

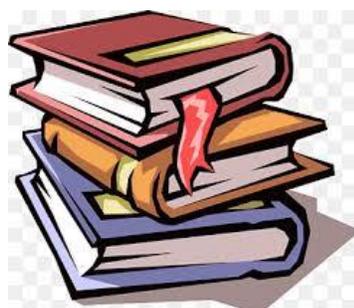
Deputy Headteacher

Words of the Week

Vocabulary!

As a school, we have done lots of work with the children on developing their vocabulary. Each week we share our words of the week (linked to our topic and curriculum learning) and unpick what they mean. We use the word in different contexts, find synonyms, act them out, draw pictures and many more strategies to help us to remember them.

Developing children's vocabulary really impacts their speaking skills as well as their reading and writing. Listed below are next week's words of the week so you can discuss these with your children at home!



Words of the week next week:-

Year 5 and Year 6 – Nationalism and Bronchiole

Year 3 and Year 4 – Climate and Biomes Arid

Year 1 and Year 2 – Digital Footprint and Email

Reception – Eid and Weddings

Miss Chiarh
Assistant Headteacher

Top Classes for using TTRS this week



1st Kestrel

2nd Eagle

3rd Maple

Highest number of coins this Year

1st Mason V

2nd Victor

3rd Shariq

Most Improved Studio Speed

1st Leona

2nd Tyler

3rd Esmay

Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned this year

1st Imogen

2nd Nam

3rd Jaden

Congratulations on passing the next stage of Numbots: Marceau, Caiden, Jaden

HOUSE POINTS

1st Phoenix 2nd Dragon, 3rd Griffin, 4th Unicorn

School Photos

For those children who had a school photo taken on 16th November, the last day to order for free delivery to the school is 1st December.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9th December it is Christmas jumper day. All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in exchange of a £1 donation to the Save the Children Charity



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Domestic Abuse

The NSPCC has highlighted concerns around domestic abuse during the World Cup. Data from the NSPCC shows that, during the last World Cup in 2018, the number of contacts to the NSPCC helpline about domestic abuse was 33% higher than the monthly average for the year; whilst the number of Childline counselling sessions was 17% higher. Alcohol, betting on the games and tension during the tournament were highlighted as potential triggers.



East Surrey Domestic Abuse

East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service (ESDAS) is an independent charity providing outreach for people that have been affected by domestic abuse. They are not the police or social services, but can work closely with them if appropriate.

ESDAS offer a range of services for people living in Reigate & Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge.

"Abuse isn't always physical" - by the UK Home Office

ESDAS can offer:

- Confidential listening service to anyone affected by abuse and violence
- Can give practical advice on a legal position and can put you in touch with solicitors who are experienced in domestic abuse issues
- Apply for benefits that you may be entitled to
- Help you look at your children's needs
- Arrange transport to leave your home
- Put you in touch with other caring agencies and sources of help
- Can talk to you on the phone or meet you face to face about concerns you may have in your relationship

You are NOT alone!

NSPCC

If you have been affected by domestic abuse or would like to discuss any issues related to domestic abuse, ESDAS are able to offer your help and support:

Contact them in confidence on

01737 771350

9am - 4pm Mon - Fri

Email support@esdas.org.uk

SMS **07860 039720**

<https://www.esdas.org.uk>

help@pcc.org.uk 0808 800 5000

You are NOT alone!

**Do you know
the signs of
an unhealthy
relationship?**



Mrs Gatley – Designated Safeguard Lead