



Headteacher's Headlines

The weather has changed this week – please take care when travelling to school as the roads and pavements are slippery. We are putting grit on pathways to ensure the area is as safe as possible and have reminded the children to be careful when playing outside.

After School Clubs

Our Autumn term clubs have been a huge success, they have now finished for this term. They will start again in January - further information to follow in the New Year.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for attending the book fair, we hope you managed to purchase some lovely Christmas gifts.

CCTV

We are having CCTV installed at school. There will be a camera facing the front gate as well as some at the back looking over the field and play equipment. Signs will be going up.

Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day - Thursday 7th December

We are really looking forward to our annual traditional Christmas dinner on Thursday. There is no need to book this on ParentMail however if your child does not wish to have Christmas dinner, please let the office know. We would like to thank our wonderful PTFA for covering the cost of Christmas dinner. The children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers/Christmas dresses with their usual school uniform.

Christmas Plays – Thursday 14th December

9:30am – Honeybees (Nursery & Reception)

10am – Bumblebees (Years 1, 2&3)

1:30pm – Honeybees (Nursery & Reception)

2pm – Bumblebees (Years 1, 2&3)

Staffing update

Mr Flanagan continues to be unwell. It is not known whether he will return before the Christmas holidays. I will let you know as soon as I have further information. Miss Johnson has been teaching in class this week. We are holding a 'Meet and Greet' session with Miss Johnson on Thursday 7th January at 3:30pm. If you would like to arrange an individual meeting with Miss Johnson, please contact the school office. Thanks for your understanding.

Christmas Pantomime – Wednesday 13th December

We can't wait to watch Peter Pan at the Tyne Theatre. If you haven't already done so, please can you ensure we receive payment by Tuesday 12th December – thank you. Parents who are coming with us need to be at school for 11:15am.

PTFA Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December 3:30pm

On Friday the PTFA are holding their annual Christmas Fair in the School Hall. Come along for some Festive fun as well as a chance to meet the man in red! Some children will be singing to open the fair. Thanks in advance for your support.



Class News

Team Honeybees

This week the changing season has led to lots of rich talk in Honeybees about cold weather. The children have been asking questions and finding out about fog, frost, ice, hailstones, snow, what happens when the temperature drops and why it's important to keep their coats on at playtime! The encroaching winter also brings with it the association of Christmas and the children have been hard at work making some wonderful Christmas crafts which they will get to take home when we break up. Rehearsals for our Nativity show have stepped up a gear with everyone learning the ropes, picking up their lines and practising how to sing without the need for shouting! We have such fun in Honeybees and we cannot wait to share our performance with you.

Team Bumblebees

This week we have been looking at the different features of a Christmas adventure story in more detail and practised using these in our writing so that we can use these in our final write. We have been using expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and similes. One simile that really stood out was 'The twinkling lights shone like a thousand little stars'. In Maths Year 1 continued to learn about division through sharing, they have also been introduced to counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Year 2 have been introduced to the multiplication and division symbols, they used them for their 2, 5 and 10 times-tables. In Year 3 we started looking at the 3 and 4 times-tables. They used a range of practical resources to support them. In History this week Year 3 and 4 have been learning how the Romans protected their land. It was amazing to listen to the children's discussions as well as see how much knowledge they could recall from our trip to Birdoswald. In Science this week Year 3 and 4 have been learning about classification keys creating their own to help identify different animals. This involved lots of independent research being done by the children. Team Bumblebees have also been practising for our Christmas play 'Shine, Star Shine,' we cannot wait to perform this for you on 14th December.

Team Queen Bee

This week, Queen Bees are continuing to deepen their understanding of fractions and are now using them to complete simple calculations. In English the children have written their final mystery stories, the children have used excellent use of language making them a pleasure to read. In History, we have continued our work on Ancient Greece by investigating sources. In Art the children have enjoyed making 3D paper baubles ready for hanging on the Christmas tree. The children have also had the opportunity to explore electricity and what happens to a circuit when more components are added. Finally, this week we have had our last session with the Fellfoot project when we were able to have fun in the frost and around the local area whilst experimenting with sounds.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Friday 8th December 3:30pm – PTFA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Panto Tyne Theatre Newcastle

Thursday 14th December – Honeybees and Bumblebees Christmas plays

Friday 15th December – Christmas craft day

Friday 15th December – End of month rewards assembly including PTFA raffle

Monday 18th December 5:30pm – Whole School Carol Service at St Peters Church

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Party Day

Tuesday 19th December – Last day of term.