



Headteacher's Headlines

We have had a lovely week getting in the festive spirit. On Thursday, Sylvia cooked the whole school a fabulous Christmas dinner. Thank you to the PTFA for covering the cost of Christmas dinner. We ended the week with our Christmas Fair. A lot of hard work goes into organising this event and we really appreciate it. Thank you to everyone who attended helping us to raise funds for the school.

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. The children will have their usual lunch at 11am prior to leaving school at 11:30am. We expect to arrive back at school at 5pm however a Class Dojo message will be sent when we leave Newcastle.

Christmas Plays – Thursday 14th December

Refreshments will be provided. The PTFA will also be selling raffle tickets.

9:30am – Honeybees (Nursery & Reception) **1:30pm** – Honeybees (Nursery & Reception)

10am – Bumblebees (Years 1, 2&3) **2pm** – Bumblebees (Years 1, 2&3)

Christmas Press Pause Day – Friday 15th December

On Friday we are having a Christmas Press Pause Day where we are going to take a step back from our usual lessons. We will be spending the time creating Christmas crafts and taking part in mindfulness activities. Miss Johnson is also going to use this time to meet with QB Class individually to find out more about them.

End of the month Assembly – Friday 15th December

On Friday we are having our December end of the month assembly. At the end of the assembly, the PTFA will be drawing the raffle.

Christmas Carol Service Years 1-6 - Monday 18th December 5:30pm

We are busy preparing for our Christmas Carol Service at St. Peter's Church. Children from years 1-6 will be taking part in the service. If your child plays the guitar or ukulele, they need to bring them to school every day (alternatively they can leave them in school). Nursery and Reception children are also welcome to join us.

Christmas Party Day – Tuesday 19th December

Tuesday 19th December is our Christmas party day. The children are invited to come to school in their party clothes. Extra treats and snacks will be provided by school.

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 will continue to teach the children this week - thanks for your understanding.



Class News

Team Honeybees

There has been plenty of Christmas cheer in Honeybees class this week as we roll steadily towards the holidays. The main focus has been practising for our Nativity performance which is now beginning to take shape. The children have been so good at learning the songs, words and dances and are a big help at keeping the staff right! Away from the nativity we have continued with our phonics learning, recapping all the Phase 2 sounds we have covered since September, reading and writing simple words and playing lots of different phonics games. We have also been hard at work crafting for Christmas, making lovely stockings and decorating them by drawing round shapes and practising cutting out skills. Our indoor sand tray has been transformed into a Christmas cake baking area using sand, sultanas, ginger and cinnamon as ingredients and we have some fantastic Christmas-themed dressing up clothes in the role play area which all the children have enjoyed playing with.

Team Bumblebees

Team Bumblebees have had a very busy week! The children finished writing their Christmas adventure stories and wow - what imaginative ideas they have! They used some amazing vocabulary to make their stories interesting. In maths, Year 3 continued learning about multiplication and division, practising the 3, 4 and 8 times-table. They have used resources to support both multiplying and associated division facts. Year 2 have continued with their knowledge of multiplication using the multiplication symbol and writing multiplication sentences. Year 1 have been learning the place value of numbers up to 20. We have been using the base 10 resources to help them identify the tens and ones in a number. Year 3 have finished their history unit - The Romans - we finished by learning why the Roman army fell. In Science we have been learning about why and how some animals adapt. Children compared two animals that would lead to the same species on a classification key however, these animals adapted and changed to suit the environment they live in, so they required different questioning on the classification key to separate them.

Team Queen Bee

Currently in Queen Bees, we are studying explanation texts. To do this, we are discovering how we can adapt our language to suit audience and purpose. For example, we have been exploring formal language choices and the use of impersonal pronouns. We look forward to writing our final pieces next week to explain how Wish Fountains work. In Maths, we are approaching the end of our work on fractions and are now practising applying our knowledge to harder problem-solving questions. Some of the children have been using Maths Shed independently for extra practise to support with this. In Geography, we have been looking at different types of volcanoes and where they are found. In Science, we have continued our work on circuits investigation how traffic lights work. We have also started rehearsing for our Christmas Carol Service. It has been great getting to know the children and meeting parents as well – thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Panto Tyne Theatre Newcastle
Thursday 14th December	Christmas plays – Nursery-Year 3
Friday 15th December	Christmas Press Pause
Friday 15th December	End of month rewards assembly
Monday 18th December	Whole School Carol Service St Peters Church
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Party Day/CET Big Christmas Quiz Last day of term.