



Mears Ashby School News

Wednesday 19th December

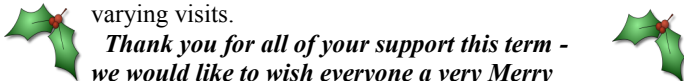
Values Education



Our value is: Happiness: Proverbs 16:20: "He that handles a matter wisely shall find good; and whoever trusts in the LORD, happy is he."

End of Term

What a fantastic term it has been for all the pupils at the school. Everyone has achieved so much. All the trips have gone really well and our pupils have benefited from the learning experience gained from their varying visits.



Thank you for all of your support this term - we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Elms & Sycamores' Nativity Performance & Oaks Carol Concert

Thank you to everyone who supported the children's brilliant Christmas performances of 'Prickly Hay' and the Oaks Christmas Carol concerts in the church. A lot of time, preparation and effort goes into the production of the festive shows and we are pleased that we could share our performances with so many of you.

Christmas Parties

The children enjoyed great Christmas parties in their classes on Friday afternoon and they all looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you also for all the lovely food contributions you brought in that made the parties a great success. There was even a visit from Santa Claus himself! Thank you also to FOMAS for donating the money to buy all the children's presents.

Whole School Pantomime Trip

All of our children thoroughly enjoyed this year's pantomime of Aladdin at the Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering on Monday. A lot of fun and laughter was had by all.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone that donated money for a poppy and as a result the school raised a total of £47.46 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

please note the expected attendance is 96%

CLASS	Presents	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
ELMS	403	21	0	442	95
SYCAMORES	491	9	9	520	97.9
OAKS	721	30	0	780	96.2
Totals	1615	64	1	1742	96.4

Chocolate Bingo

Our Christmas Chocolate Bingo event was another huge success and it raised a total of £275.63 in the end for the school. Thanks to everyone that joined us it was a great night.

Weekly Friday Cake Stalls

Thank you so much for your help with our Friday cake stalls. The last two stalls hosted by Year 4 on 30th November raised £20.50 and the Year 3 stall on 7th December raised £18.50. In January our first cake stall will be held on Friday 11th January and it will be the turn of our Year 2s. Year 1 - 18th January and Reception - 21st January.

Applying for Primary School

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2019, it's now time to apply for your child's school place for September 2019. Closing date for applications is 5pm on Tuesday 15th January.

For more information visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Breakfast & After School Club

Please remember to book your child/ren's Breakfast Club and After School Club places in advance via *SchoolMoney*.

After School Activities

We are adding to our After School Club offering in January. Currently we offer a football club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays which is going well and also in January there is the exciting addition of the Front Row's Performing Arts group, which has already attracted a lot of interest.

The aim is soon to be able to offer a different club after school every day and letters promoting these clubs have been sent out for January.

First Access—Samba Session - Years 2 & 3

After Christmas our Sycamore children are to be given the opportunity to take part in drumming sessions with Tim Green from NMPAT (Northamptonshire Music Performing Arts Trust) and will experience several weeks of percussion tuition on Wednesday afternoons. On the final week parents will be invited in for a showcase concert. Invitation letters to the concert will follow nearer the time.

FOMAS School Disco

Thank you to FOMAS for organising the Christmas disco yesterday evening and it sounds like, from all accounts, everyone had a great time.

Dates for the Diary:

Last day of term - Wednesday 19th December
Training Day - Thursday 3rd January & Friday 4th January (School Closed)
Start of New Term - Monday, 7th January 2019 (School re-opens)

December Birthdays

Ethan, Finlay, Jessica, Oscar & Thomas