

# Weekly Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Message from the Head of School

I am delighted to share with you the wonderful news that our Year 6 students have made a significant contribution to our local environment this week. They have worked tirelessly and planted over 400 trees in Frodsham. This remarkable achievement showcases their dedication to sustainability and their commitment to making a positive impact on our community. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and commend them for their hard work.

Furthermore, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who joined us for Breakfast with Santa. It was a truly joyous occasion, and it wouldn't have been possible without your presence. I would also like to express my appreciation to our dedicated staff who meticulously organised this event. Your efforts ensured that our children had a memorable experience, and for that, we are truly grateful.

In addition, witnessing the delight on the faces of our children as they attended the Christmas Grotto was truly heart-warming. Their excitement and joy reminded us all of the magic and wonder of the festive season. We are privileged to be a part of their journey and to witness their happiness.

I am also thrilled to share that our KS2 children gave a magnificent performance of songs around the Christmas tree. Their talent and hard work were evident, and they captivated the audience with their harmonious voices.

However, it is with regret that I must address some concerning incidents that have been reported on our carpark. It has come to our attention that there have been instances of inappropriate behaviour between parents. I urge you all to remember that we are role models for our children, and it is crucial that we uphold a respectful and inclusive environment for everyone. All children have the right to come to school without any worries or concerns. If parents are concerned about the behaviour of other parents, the advice would be to contact the police. I have made the PCSO aware of the concerns raised.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and commitment to Ditton Primary. Together, we can create a nurturing and inclusive environment for our children to thrive in.



## Diary Dates

Autumn Term

### DECEMBER

- 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Craft morning (tickets only)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance (1:30pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Nativity (1.30pm)
- 13<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance (5pm)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Nativity (9.30am)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Disco (1.30pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Breakfast with Santa (tickets only)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Y4 at St P&P
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Attendance Reward Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fair
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Attendance Reward Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for Christmas

# Attendance

Class	% Attendance	Lates	Class	% Attendance	Lates
RMWLB	96%	6	RRL	91.2%	2
Y1RD	90.4%	7	Y1LD	93.6%	7
Y2CH	95.2%	5	Y2AP	92.4%	3
Y3LA	94.5%	7	Y3TP	94.8%	7
Y4AL	95.6%	2	Y4AM	94.8%	6
Y5ML	94.6%	4	Y5LW	95.6%	2
Y6DW	95.5%	7	Y6GB	97%	8

This week's attendance winners are:

**Eyfs/KS1 - YRWLB**

**KS2 – Y6GB**

This week's punctuality stars are:

**Eyfs/KS1 - YRRL**

**KS2 – Y4AL/Y5LW**

## **NEXT WEEK IS OUR ATTENDANCE FOCUS WEEK!!**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup>, children who have 95% or above attendance will qualify for being part of the attendance reward activity of circus skills!

If your child hasn't achieved that this term – don't worry!! If they have 100% attendance next week they will still qualify!!

If you have any concerns or queries, please email the office on [ditton.office@wpat.uk](mailto:ditton.office@wpat.uk)

# WPAT News

## Teacher Training Offers

Generate Teaching Hub have increased the teacher training offer. Trainees can not only train as a teacher through our established 1-year full time PGCE route, but also through an Apprenticeship funded route. Learn more about this here: <https://generateteachinghub.org/teacher-training/teacher-apprenticeships/>

We have a banner in the entrance to school outlining the offer so if you're interested pop in to school and see us!

## Trustee Visits

The second round of Trustee visits to schools took place this week. Ashley Babbs (Senior Administrator at WPAT) led the Trustees to Alderman Bolton, Beamont, Bruche, Penketh and Ditton, where they met with the Headteachers to identify how these schools operate on a day to day basis, and recognise areas of best practice in each setting that can be shared across all schools in the MAT.

Mrs Pyne really enjoyed showing the trustees round and highlighting all the good things happening in our school!

## Maintenance Meeting

WPAT Maintenance Officers and Estates Consultant met this week to share ideas, updates and challenges at their schools. This network allows the team to support one another and share resources across the school sites.

## Parent Surveys

The WPAT team are now collating and analysing the responses from the recent parent surveys. We are very pleased to see how many responses we have had and all the positive feedback we have received has been brilliant. Thank you to all who completed the surveys!

## Gas and Electricity Consumption

Due to a series of initiatives across the trust, we have seen a significant reduction in our gas and electricity consumption. A big well done and thank you to all staff and pupils who helped to achieve this.

# See what we've been up to!



Look at our twitter page (@ditton\_ps) to see even more!

<p><b>Reception</b></p>  <p>This week, we have absolutely smashed our rehearsals for The Wiggly Nativity, parents and families are in for a real treat next week. We all got our photograph taken with Father Christmas at his Grotto, and some of us went to see him for Breakfast too! We have continued learning hard, and have been writing a missing poster for Stella, our star! We hope she shows up soon. We have been learning the placement of numbers 1-10 and comparing more and less in maths. In our wider learning, we learnt about safer strangers, and the importance of only speaking to people we know to be safe. We enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers this week and doing our Santa Dash!</p>	<p><b>Year 1</b></p> <p><u>Maths</u> This week we have been introducing subtraction. We started the unit by singing familiar nursery rhymes, such as 'Five Currant Buns' and 'Ten Green Bottles' where the children observed amounts reduce by 1 each time. We then moved in to using concrete resources, such as tens frames and counters, number tracks etc. Next week we will be solving subtractions on marked and unmarked number lines.</p> <p><u>DT</u> The children enjoyed following detailed step by step instructions to make their own sliders this week. Next week the children will make levers and decide which they like best to use on their Christmas cards.</p> <p><u>Also, this week...</u> The children enjoyed meeting Santa this week at the grotto and took part in the Santa Dash!</p>	<p><b>Year 2</b></p> <p>It has been busy, busy, busy in year two this week!</p> <p>We have been rehearsing our Nativity and have made wonderful progress. We can't wait for you to come along to see the performances next week.</p> <p>We also took part in the School Games Santa Dash, along side other schools in the local area. We discussed the importance of staying fit and active even in these cold winter months.</p>  <p>In maths we have continued with addition and in English we are preparing to write our own narrative based on the story Tidy.</p>
<p><b>Year 3</b></p>  <p>Year 3 have been extremely busy this week! We have been visited by Steph O'Donnell, who worked with us on our Deign and Technology project. The children learnt all about levers and linkages and produced some fabulous moving characters! We have also enjoyed a visit from Santa and we have enjoyed a variety of activities in classroom related to Christmas. In writing, we are busy planning our fable about the Fox and the Magpie and in Science, we have designed our own leaflets to inform people about how to stay safe in the sun!</p> 	<p><b>Year 4</b></p>  <p>This week in year 4 we have been very busy and feeling festive. In English we have enjoyed looking at a factual, non-fiction text and writing in the style of a nature presenter. Lots of Christmas activities have taken place such as breakfast with Santa, completing the Santa dash and performing in the KS2 production. We were fully immersed in our music lesson, listening to different pieces of music and drawing pictures, describing the thoughts and feelings that the music provoked. We are looking forward to another lovely week.</p>	<p><b>Year 5</b></p> <p>During our English sessions this week, the children have started to plan their own letter in role as a character from our model text.</p> <p>During maths, the children have been learning both long and short methods for multiplication. It has been a very tricky method, but they have shown great resilience throughout!</p> <p>The children are thoroughly enjoying our current DT sessions on gears and pulleys and are looking forward to designing and building their own fairground rides!</p> <p>We are looking forward to another fun-filled week next week!</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p> <p>We've had a wonderful, Christmassy week that involved the carol concert, the Santa dash, breakfast with Santa, and ended with a great trip to Frodsham to plant trees in conjunction with The Woodland Trust. The children were absolutely superb on the old Frodsham golf course which is being turned into woodland. We have contributed significantly today by planting over 400 trees, a record number by a single visit. Thanks to all the parent volunteers that helped out. In the classroom, we have begun writing newspaper reports in Writing and have been comparing fractions in Maths. In History, we have been studying Hitler's rise to power while in Computing the children have been designing their own video game.</p> 		



# Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Sophia M	Children First	Demonstrating kindness, patience and consideration to all children in our class.
Shey P	Resilience	For settling so well into our school. You are a great addition to our class, Shey!
Shelby N	Children First	For being a ray of sunshine and always cheering up others with her positive attitude.
Olivia O-R	Children First	For always following our school expectations and setting a wonderful example to her peers.
Arya S	Resilience	For a fantastic effort with her writing in English and Phonics this week. Well done!
Anna E	Pioneering	For working really hard in maths this week to develop her subtraction skills. Well done!
Ada	Children First	For being an incredible friend to everyone in our class
James	Children First	For demonstrating good listening skills during carpet time.
Holly S	Children First	For always supporting others during learning sessions.
Oliver L	Pioneering	For setting excellent standards of presentation in his books.
Harry W	Pioneering	Having a wonderful attitude to learning and putting so much effort into everything he does.
Ryan A	Resilience	Working hard to improve his concentration skills in class.