



# ACPA NEWSLETTER Achieve Believe Succeed

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## Friday 29th November 2019

### Dates for the Diary

- 03/12 Christmas Panto Day – (70 places)  
11/12 Reception/FS2 Live at Home  
11/12 Breakfast with Santa  
13/12 Christmas Jumper day  
13/12 Carol Concert at Church 1.30pm  
17/12 Reception (FS2) Songs around the Christmas Tree  
18/12 Asda Carol Singing  
18/12 Christmas Dinner  
19/12 KS1 Year 1 / 2 Nativity 2pm / 6pm  
20/12 Christmas parties, Non uniform and break up for Christmas  
6/1 Back to School  
17/2—21/2 Half term  
27/3 Inset Day  
3/4 Break up for Easter  
20/4 Back to School  
25/5—29/5 Half term  
10/7 Inset Day  
24/7 Break up for summer

### Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are on sale for the Christmas KS1 production on Thursday 19th December! They can be purchased before and after school and at lunchtime from the front office, for £1 per strip. If you have any prizes to donate, please send them into the office.

Dear Families,

This week, I have enjoyed going into classrooms and seeing the Reading lessons that have been going on. It is good to see the children working hard and encouraging to see lots of children reading at home (we had our first yellow badge winner last week).

Our school is strongly committed to improving literacy standards and this term, we have invested a substantial amount into each class library. The new books we have purchased include recommended titles for children to read by the end of each year group.

This means the books are matched specifically to year group expectations to ensure that children are appropriately challenged. Within each set of books, there is a wide choice of authors so that children are introduced to a broader range than those they would typically select.

It was an absolute delight to see how enthusiastic and excited the children were to find new books in their classrooms.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday!

Best wishes  
Mrs Ubhie

### Breakfast with Santa / Christmas Play Tickets

Tickets for Breakfast with Santa are on sale now from the school office and on ParentPay—they must be bought by Friday 6th December. Tickets are also on sale for the Year 1 and 2 Christmas play "Lights, Camel, Action".

### Assembly—Kindness

This week in assembly we have been talking about being kind. We looked at what we can do to share kindness and talked about everyone having an invisible bucket which we can fill with kindness. When this bucket is full, we are happy. Being unkind means that you are a bucket dipper and this means that you are making others sad. We have been busy filling buckets with kindness!

## What have each class been learning about this week?

Class	
Oak	Oak Class Year 1 have been learning how to make a sentence better with adjectives and EYFS
Pine	We have been writing our own meeting tales based on our story 'Lost and Found'.
Willow	Willow have been learning to multiply 3 numbers in Maths.
Birch	Birch have been looking Hieroglyphics writing as part of our Egyptian topic
Maple	We have been doing area and perimeter in maths.
Elm	We have been writing our own meeting tales in English this week.
Sycamore	In Sycamore, we have enjoyed learning about crime and punishment in the Tudor period as part of our Topic work

### Uniform Reminder

There are a number of children arriving to school without the correct uniform – especially shoes. Trainers are NOT part of school uniform and should not be worn to school. Our school uniform consists of a blue jumper/cardigan; white shirt/blouse/polo t-shirt; grey skirt/trousers and black shoes. Please ensure your child is in their full school uniform and does not come to school wearing trainers.

### Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 97.7%

Whole school attendance overall (Sept — to date) 97.2%

Oak – 98.5	Birch – 98.6%
Pine – 98.5%	Maple – 99.1%
Willow – 98%	Elm – 96.3%
	Sycamore – 94.7%



### Safeguarding

Any concerns outside of school hours should be reported to Derby Contact Team on 01332 641172

Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Ubhie  
Deputy leads: Mrs Twigg & Mr Stockwell



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