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Friday 6th December 2019

Dates for the Diary

- 11/12 Breakfast with Santa 8am
11/12 Reception/FS2 Live at Home
13/12 Christmas Jumper day (£1 donation for Save the Children)
13/12 Carol Concert at Church pm
17/12 Reception (FS2) Sing along
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 now on sale for the Christmas raffle. The winner will be drawn at the KS1 performance on Thursday 19th December! They can be purchased at mornings or after school from the front office, breakfast club or lunch times for £1 per strip. If you have any prizes to donate, please send them into the office.

Dear Families,

This week was assessment week. We have been gathering information and evidence about what our children have learned since September. Our assessment is ongoing, meaning that we don't have many tests going on during assessment week. Phonics knowledge is tested, children are heard reading and assessment judgements are checked by Senior Leaders, but it is very much business as usual for the children.

I have been really pleased by the learning that I see in children's books, when visiting their lessons and when I talk to the children about their learning. I am really looking forward to seeing how much progress they have made.

Children also had a fabulous time at Derby theatre on Tuesday when they went to watch Christmas Carol. Over the next few weeks we will have a range of Christmas events at Ash Croft.

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

Best wishes
Mrs Ubbie

Books

As you know, we strongly encourage home reading and support this by allowing pupils to take home books that belong to the school. It is lovely to see children wearing their badges with pride to show how much they have been reading at home.

Please encourage your children to take care of their books and be aware if books from school are lost or damaged, we reserve the right to charge £5 for a replacement book and £1 for a replacement reading diary.

What have each class been learning about this week?

Class	
Oak	FS2 have been role playing and writing words from our Zog story. Y1 have been working on including adjectives in our writing.
Pine	Pine have very busy learning the songs and lines for their Christmas Play— don't forget to
Willow	During Reading, Willow have been looking at the language used in poetry.
Birch	Birch wrote diary entry about the discovery of King Tut by Howard Carter
Maple	Maple have been learning about the justice system and punishments in Anglo Saxon Britain.
Elm	In PE we have been working in teams and learning about the different ways to pass the ball in netball.
Sycamore	In Sycamore, we have been inventing our own "Defeating the Monster" tale in English.

House Points

From January children will be grouped into four house teams. Each child will be placed in a house and siblings will all be in the same house team. House captains and vice captains will be elected by the end of this term. This is a way to encourage children to work positively as a team and to work together to earn points for their team. School Council met today to discuss house names.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 97.4%

Whole school attendance overall (Sept — to date) 97.3%

Oak - 100%	Birch - 97.3%
Pine - 98%	Maple - 93.9%
Willow - 97.3%	Elm - 96.8%
	Sycamore - 98.4%



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

