



Newsletter 30/11/2023

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Dear Anthony Roper Community, we hope you have had a successful week since last writing! In school, we have had the following successes:

- Last Friday, our generous community pulled together for a Crazy Hair Day, in exchange for a donation for the PTA Christmas Fair! Thank you to everyone who participated and showed our values of Kindness and Creativity by taking part! As a reminder, tomorrow (Friday 1st December) is a Christmas 'Accessory' Day in exchange for a bottle for the tombola.
- Our EYFS children performed their Nativity Story! Every year, I am so impressed by the perseverance and teamwork shown when our youngest pupils and the EYFS Team put on a show with singing, actions and lines! A huge congratulations to Bear and Mae Class for all of their hard work, and thank you to our families for their support.
- We had our Governors' Meeting for this term, where we focussed on the School Development Plan. As part of our work, we review and update a variety of policies, many of which we like to consult with the wider community on. See below for more information...!
- Staff were working with Miss Brushett this week as we begin our campaign to win the School Games Award. This is a scheme to encourage all pupils to reach 60 minutes of physical activity a

day, through a variety of methods, in support of their mental and physical health. We are going for Gold! More information to follow!

Parent/Carer Forum as part of our vision, the Governors and I would like to set up Parent/Carer Forums, based on a series of topics. The topics could relate to all manner of things related to school life and our hope would be that it enables families to contribute more to the direction of the school and feel more informed about various processes - they'll be discussion-based and solution-focussed.

As our Behaviour Policy is due for renewal in the new year, we would like this to be the theme of the first forum. Over the next couple of weeks, please look out for further arrangements (dates, time, etc) for how we are going to do this, as well as our usual online forms to gather feedback (as we understand that this is also a great way to gather people's contributions). If you have suggestions for future themes, we would love to hear from you!

Looking ahead, we are really proud to hold our Christmas Fair, arranged by our amazing PTA, on Saturday 2nd December, 12.00pm-3.00pm, and we are excited for you all to join us!

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Rise Above: <https://riseabove.org.uk/> This website for young people gives them tips and advice on all kinds of issues such as alcohol, body image and stress via videos, quizzes and games.

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Sandra Goodwin, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Bear Class - 100%

Mae Class - 97.9%

Knight Class - 90.3%

Armstrong Class - 92.9%

Rose Class - 90.6%

Tull Class - 96.9%

Rashford Class - 92.2%

Othello Class - 94.0%

Einstein Class - 85.6%

Zephaniah Class - 91.3%

Da Vinci Class - 99.0%

Attendance matters - we aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

Key Dates

Term Dates

Term 2: Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

Term 3: Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Term 4: Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

Term 5: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Inset Days

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Exhibition Afternoons

Wednesday 13th December 2023, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 6th February 2024, from 2.30pm

Wednesday 27th March 2024, from 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd May 2024, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th July 2024, from 2.30pm

Parents' Evenings

Monday 26th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Thursday 29th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Notices

SWIMMING

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term 2 – Zephaniah (**No Swimming tomorrow - 1st December**)

Term 3 – Einstein

Term 4 – Othello

Term 5 – Rashford

Term 6 – Tull

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

PAYMENT FOR CLUBS

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please clear any outstanding payments from last terms clubs as soon as possible.

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2024

Please see below the upcoming open event for Reception 2024 admissions. Book your family ticket via school website:

Friday 1st December 10:00-11:00am

PTA NEWS

November has flown by as always and Christmas is suddenly just around the corner. Just a few reminders left:

Friday 1st December – Christmas Accessory Day

Get in the Christmas spirit with a Christmas accessory or jumper to brighten up school uniforms on Friday. Please bring in a bottle for the ever-popular Christmas Fair Bottle Tombola or a £1 donation.

Saturday 2nd December – Christmas Fair 12pm – 3pm

Only two days to go! Class reps are still looking for more volunteers for stalls. If you could squeeze in half an hour while the kids are having fun please just let them know.

Just to note, don't forget cash as only a few stalls will take cards for payment on the day.

Cake Donations

We would be very grateful for donations of nut free cakes for our refreshments stall at the fair, homemade or shop bought, we don't mind! Please hand any donations into the office on Fri 1st Dec or bring them to school between 10:00 and 11:30 on Saturday 2nd Dec. Thank you in advance.

Raffle

Don't forget to send back completed raffle tickets by Friday 1st December for a chance to win one of the lovely prizes available. Tickets cost £1 each and more are available from the school office should you wish to purchase extra for family or friends. Payment details, including an online option, are on the letter that was sent out with tickets.





Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class - Iris, Thomas, Jack

Mae Class - Elliott, Poppy, Chloe

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Anna, Faith-Evelyn, Fenton

Rose Class - Ayla, Edison, Rory

Tull Class - Harry, Olivia, Sullivan

Rashford Class - Rudy, Iylah-Louise, Ralphy

Othello Class - Robert, Riaan, Emily

Einstein Class - Sienna, Albie, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Max, Emily D

Da Vinci Class - Ilona, Rana, Stanley

Times Tables Rock Stars Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class -

Armstrong Class - Oliver L, Faith-Evelyn, Thomas

Rose Class - William D, Edison, Jake

Tull Class - Owen, Jessica B, Harry

Rashford Class - Arissa, Harrison, Sienna

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Carter

Einstein Class - Levi, Arthur, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Emily D, Kaius, Lincoln

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

[Achievement Awards](#)

Bear Class - Thomas

Mae Class - Elliott

Knight Class - Molly

Armstrong Class - Noah

Rose Class - Layla

Tull Class - Sophia

Rashford Class - Holly

Othello Class - Lucienne

Einstein Class - Amelia W

Zephaniah Class - Demi

Da Vinci Class - Rana

[House Points](#)

Knole - 241

Chartwell - 253

Penshurst - 214

Ightham - 295





