



Newsletter 14/12/2023

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

We've reached the end of Term 2, and what a busy term it has been! In the last week, we have had the following successes:

- The school held its traditional 9 Lessons & Carols service at St. Peter & St Paul's Church in Farningham. Thank you to our choir, Head Boy and Head Girl for their contributions! Further thanks go to the families that were able to join us!
- We had our Headteacher's Tea Party for Term 2, where children bought learning they are most proud of from this term. In addition to this, all children were able to share their learning at this term's Exhibition Afternoon! We had a range of subjects, from stop-motion animation in Computing, to embroidery and textiles in Design Technology! As always, you're welcome to offer your feedback about Exhibition Afternoon here: <https://forms.office.com/e/3yuEhQSAwq>
- We've been in the full festive spirit with children enjoying their parties this week and our church service at St. Martin's in the village. Children performed a range of songs from their recent productions, as well as traditional carols, with readings from our pupils as well. Thank you to everyone who was able to support the school with walking to and from the church – we hope you enjoyed the service! Our thanks go to Rev. Trudi for your help!

- Our School Council met with a company for a special, secret project...!

Staffing

This term, we say goodbye to three members of our MDS Team: Mrs Lee, Mrs Evans and Mrs Tunbridge. Thank you to all three of you for your service to the school! We wish you the very best of luck in your next chapters!

If you would like to join our MDS Team and become part of developing lunchtime provision in our school, head here: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=125559>

Parent/Carer Forum

We recently shared details about our Parent/Carer Forum, where the first topic is going to be Behaviour. We will be working together to share ideas about how we can develop our Behaviour Policy in school! The first meeting will be on Friday 12th January, at 9.15am in the School Hall. If you would like to join us, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/BtjPgV7BkM>

If you would like to contribute your ideas in writing, please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/QssrSYALmh>

Please check your emails for resources we shared that might prompt some ideas. Thank you very much to everyone who has got involved already! Your contributions are really valuable and we are excited to see the impact of what we can achieve!

As we wind down this term, please be reminded that the children return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024. On behalf of all of us here at ARPS, can I wish you a safe and restful break, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is: <https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/parent-guides/>

With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are often looking forward to receiving gifts. For many, this may be devices that allow you to go online. Click the link for guides on how to support them to do this safely.

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 - 86.7%

Mae Class - 86.5%

Knight Class - 93.5%

Armstrong Class - 94.2%

Rose Class - 97.3%

Tull Class - 88.4%

Rashford Class - 95.3%

Othello Class - 94.9%

Einstein Class - 94.0%

Zephaniah Class - 92.8%

Da Vinci Class - 95.2%

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

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 - 15/12/2023**)

Term3 – 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.

CINDERELLA

M&M Production will be visiting the school on Monday 8th January for a performance of 'Cinderella'. We are asking for a contribution from parents of £4.50 per child. Please remember to make payment via Arbor.

ROPERS GOT TALENT

The time has come for Roper's Got Talent to return. We are all so excited and I know that some of the children have been preparing for this for a while now. This is a chance for the children to showcase any of their amazing talents, tell some jokes or do something crazy. Below are the times and dates for the auditions. Any child wishing to audition needs to go to Othello Class at their designated lunch time **after eating their lunch**.

Once all children have auditioned, a select few will be chosen to then join the show on **Thursday 8th February 2024**. More details about the show will follow in the new year. Auditions are as follows:

Wednesday 10th January 2024 is for UKS2 (Years 5 and 6)

Thursday 11th January 2024 is for LKS2 (Years 3 and 4)

Friday 12th January 2024 is for EYFS and KS1 (Years Reception, 1 and 2)

All auditionees will need to bring £1 to their audition please.

PTA NEWS

We can report that the Christmas Fair made an amazing £2,120 profit this year which can be invested into school projects. Thank you again for coming along and helping make the day a success.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

[Awards](#)

[Numbots Champions](#)

Bear Class - Iris, Thomas, Romir

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, Sienna, Harrison

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Charlie

Einstein Class - Levi, Tabitha, Arthur

Zephaniah Class - Emily D, Kaius, Lincoln

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

[Achievement Awards](#)

Bear Class - Edie

Mae Class - Isla-Savannah

Knight Class - Archie

Armstrong Class - Oliver L

Rose Class - William D

Tull Class - Eva

Rashford Class - Nathan

Othello Class - Isabella

Einstein Class - Amelia P

Zephaniah Class - Lucas

Da Vinci Class - Alfie

[House Points](#)

Knole - 95

Chartwell - 100

Penshurst - 113

Ightham - 47





