

## Newsletter ~ 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Last Week's Attendance...

for the whole school was **94.4%**.

The class with the winning attendance was  
Parakeets Class.

Congratulations to Mariana Simoes (Falcons) and  
Jack Briston (Penguins) for winning the £5.00 gift cards for  
having 100% for a whole week.

**Owlets Class Attendance for last week = 93.8%**  
**Penguins Class Attendance for last week = 90%**  
**Firecrests Class Attendance for last week = 95.7%**  
**Parakeets Class Attendance for last week = 98.6%**  
**Doves Class Attendance for last week = 94.9%**  
**Starlings Class Attendance for last week = 94%**  
**Falcons Class Attendance for last week = 92.1%**  
**Ravens Class Attendance for last week = 96.2%**

The national average for attendance is **96%**; if a child isn't  
at school this **will** negatively affect their academic progress  
and their relationships with other children.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each week will  
win a £5.00 gift card.

One child who has achieved 100% attendance each half-term will  
win a £10 gift card.

At the end of the school year, one child with 100% attendance  
will win a £20.00 gift card.

### Our Stars of the Week

**Owlets Class Stars** = Anna Aldous and Dominic Valter /  
Charlie Macleod and Salem Webb

**Penguins Class Stars** = Viviana Costa and Hunter Sims /  
Arthur Killingworth and Logan Sills-Green

**Firecrests Class Stars** = Hollie Mcleod and Ivy Glasgow  
/ Freddie Nice and Scarlett Sherraton

**Parakeets Class Stars** = Ella Evans and Alan Speiser /  
Filip Oleksyn and Anani Kajanasan

**Doves Class Stars** = Martha Hutt and Selena Suciuc /  
Rosie Quinton and Benjamin Potschul

**Starlings Class Stars** = David Dos Santos and Alexia Vince  
/ Markas Arasimavicius and Jayden Hoyle

**Falcons Class Stars** = Szymon Polny and Kinga Kucharczyk  
/ Vivian Bojang Knapikova and Shayla Burton

**Ravens Class Stars** = Joshua Ashley and Theo Wint /  
Rosanna Bell and Marina-Anne Hanks

Star of the Week certificates are awarded for  
exemplifying our Core Values (Respect, Resilience and  
Teamwork) and for showing excellent Behaviours for  
Learning.



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### **Message from Miss McCarthy:**

Dear Parents and Carers,

*It's been lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week, we hope that they've been useful and you've found the information shared with you helpful; we're available in-between Parents' Evenings so please do let us know if you have any worries or questions.*

*Owlets, Penguins and Firecrests Classes are all very busy (and excited!) practising for their nativity play in a couple of weeks' time ~ please keep an eye out for further information about obtaining tickets for this; the dates and times of performances will be in the 'Dates for your Diaries' at the back of this newsletter.*

*The weather really has changed now but we're still finding that one or two children are coming to school without their coats, and we have a number of children who really don't want to wear their coats on the playground at break and lunchtime. We do still go out if the rain isn't too heavy and the playground is safe – please encourage your children to dress appropriately for the weather.*

*As always, many thanks for all of your support and encouragement; please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Hawkins or Mrs. Brooks-White in the school office with any questions or concerns.*

All best wishes,

Miss M 😊

## Well-Being Yoga Friday

*During National Anti-Bullying Week (13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November) children took part in many different activities promoting friendship. We finished the week on Friday with wearing our PJs or comfy clothing, and enjoying a chilled, calm day of well-being activities.*



*Angela, a local children's yoga teacher, came in and did 20-minute sessions with every child in school. The sessions were enjoyable, with comments from the children such as...*

*"That was beautiful...Nameste"*

*"I was a bit nervous and didn't want to do it, but it was fun!"*

*"I enjoyed all the peace that relaxed my body"*

*"The snake breathing was fun!"*



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*A massive THANK YOU once again to Angela for giving up her day to make ours as chilled as it was.*

*Mrs Jones  
PSHE Lead*



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*Dates for your Diaries:*

**December:**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup>                      9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly;  
   2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup>                      9am: Doves Class Sharing Assembly (Y4);  
   2.45pm: Penguins Class Sharing Assembly (Y1).
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup>                    9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly;  
   2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>              9:30am: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance (tickets required).
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>                 6pm: EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance (tickets required).
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup>                    9am: Parakeets Sharing Assembly (Y3);  
   2.45pm: Owlets Sharing Assembly (EYFS).
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup>                    9am: KS2 Star of the week assembly;  
   2.45pm: EYFS and KS1 Star of the week assembly.

*The school will be closed from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December until Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January for the Christmas Holiday (3.01.24 will be a staff training day).*

*We will see all children back in school between 8.40am and 8.50am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.*