



Autumn Term- Newsletter 13

18 more sleeps to go! The children have been enjoying our PALS Christmas Craft and Movie days, thank you to PALS for organising these, just Oak Class to go this Friday.

Our Christmas Boxes are filling up, thank you again for your generosity. Some parents have asked about Christmas cards in school, every year we encourage the children to save the exchanging of cards for their nearest and dearest outside of school, using the money that would have been spent on a class set of cards on an item for the food box. It is even more important this year that we minimise items travelling between home and school so, as in previous years, we are requesting that children do not bring in Christmas cards from home. You have until **Wednesday 9th December** to get your Christmas food items in to school, the checklists are on Class Dojo.

Last week, Ash Class made a card and postcards to send to the residents and staff at Beech Lodge Nursing Home to wish them a very Merry Christmas. Beech Class made Father Christmas handprint cards for Old Roselyon Nursing Home and hung their decorations on the school tree.

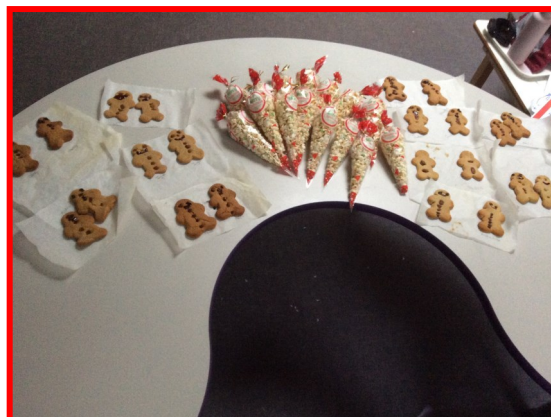
Sycamore found that using paper and cubes helped them work out fractions of amounts in their Maths lesson and Mrs Mileham is very impressed with how much they are all benefitting from our weekly Plymouth Argyle visits in that all children's ball passing skills have greatly improved. In Maths Oak Class have been proving that triangles have 180 degrees. The children had to draw a triangle, colour in the angles, cut them out and place them together along a straight 180 degree line. Well done everyone!

Have a great week,
Emma Williams

Jigsaw Celebrating Difference: We are very proud of the Stars of the Week.
Last week we celebrated children who use kind words.



thank you!



Thank you so much to PALS for the gift of Advent calendars. Thank you also for organising the Christmas Craft and Movie Days with popcorn and lollies. The classes that have had their days already have really enjoyed their festive fun.

We would like to say a huge thank you for a donation of £100 to PALS, this will enable us to buy a selection of games and puzzles for the children to use during indoor playtimes.

Message from PALS: Christmas Raffles

Please check out the Christmas raffle on Class Dojo. We will be drawing the Drinks and Chocolate Hamper raffle today. Look out for our Roast Hamper and Gift Hamper raffles this week.

Attendance from 30/11/20 to 04/12/20	
Ash	100% -Wow
Beech	98.9%
Sycamore	96.2%
Oak	99.6%
Overall	98.4%

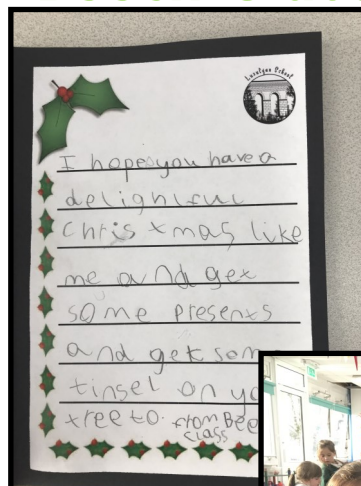
Ash Class



Grow



Beech Class



Learn



Sycamore



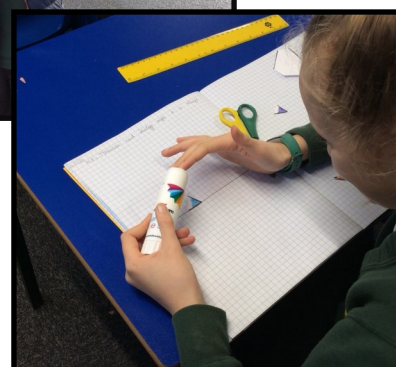
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Oak Class



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Diary Dates

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9th Dec	LAST DAY for Cornwall Christmas Box
11th Dec	PALs Christmas Craft & School Cinema day for Oak
16th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day & Festive Non Uniform
18th Dec	Class Parties and a 1:30pm finish.
4th January	First day of Spring term

APPLYING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS/PUPIL PREMIUM/FUNDING FOR SCHOOL

All Key Stage 1 children automatically receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative when they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 regardless of household income or benefits.

Schools also receive funding (Pupil Premium) for each child registered as eligible for free school meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years. FSM eligibility depends on if you are in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits (listed below and you are NOT in receipt of Working Tax Credit, we politely request that you contact the school for a form or go online and apply direct at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals

This funding is valuable as it can be spent on additional support for your child and can assist them with academic, social and emotional learning, as well supporting the funding of extra-curricular activities.

Qualifying Benefits

Families must be in receipt of one of the following benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium:

- Universal Credit with net ('take home') income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HRMC
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit