



DECEMBER



AJA News – 15.12.23

A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone! I hope that you have all had a fantastic week. It was our gymnastic club's Christmas performance today after school. All the children performed really well with rolls, balances and jumps figuring heavily as you would expect. We really do have some very talented children here at AJA. A great big thank you to Mr Skelton for all his hard work in organising everything for today. Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

A message from Mrs Bower

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas fair! The children really enjoyed designing and creating their stall. We hope you enjoyed the games! Santa was very impressed with our polite and friendly pupils! We are still counting the money raised and I will let you know the total amount next week. The Children's Leadership Team will be collating suggestions from each class and will be deciding how to spend the money. I will keep you posted with their decision! I did not expect the fair to be so busy! It was wonderful to see you all! Thank you for your feedback and suggestions. Next year, we will open up the classrooms as well so there will be more room to move around and you will have the opportunity to see the classrooms too.

Year 3 pupils will be performing a Christmas carol concert to Year 3 parents next week: after school on the Monday and in the afternoon on the Tuesday. We would like all Year 3 children to return to school for 6.15pm on Monday evening. Pupils need to wear their school uniform but can wear a Christmas jumper. Tinsel, Christmas head bands and other Christmas accessories are encouraged! As we have limited seats in the hall, to book a place for either the evening performance or afternoon performance please use Parent Pay to let us know you are coming! Seats are free! If you are not watching your child on the Monday evening slot, please can your child still come to school to perform. They can be dropped off at 6.15pm and collected at the entrance at 7.30pm.

On Thursday, the whole school will be attending St Michael's church for a Christmas service. The Y3 and Y4 service starts at 9.15am. The Y5 and Y6 service starts at 10.25am. Parents are welcome to attend. There are approximately 70 seats for parents. We hope to see many of you there.

A message from Mr Scott

TT Rockstars winning class were 4CB. The top 3 students across the whole school were: Ellie-Ray Price, Hannah Prusak and Akar Ali - well done! The class with the most time spent on Sumdog this week is 3MK with 1 hour and 40 minutes! In a close second, 3CS with an average time of 1 hour and 36 minutes and finally, 4LT spent an average of 1 hour and 14 minutes. Some brilliant Sumdog times this week - well done!

Important Dates

Monday 18th December

Year 6 World War II showcase to
Year 6 parents 2.30pm

Monday 18th December

Year 3 Christmas Carols
After school performance
6.30pm – 7.15pm
**All Year 3 to return to school for
6.15pm**

Tuesday 19th December

Year 3 Christmas Carols
2.30pm in the hall

Thursday 21st December

Whole school visit to St.
Michael's church - parents
welcome to join us
Y3&Y4 service starts at 0915
Y5&Y6 service starts at 1025

Thursday 21st December

Class Christmas parties
Wear a Christmas jumper!

Friday 22nd December

Last day of term

Monday 8th January

First day of term

Friday 26th January

Y5 visit to the Space Centre

Attendance

This week's attendance

94.93%

Highest class attendance

98.7% Talented Turtles

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



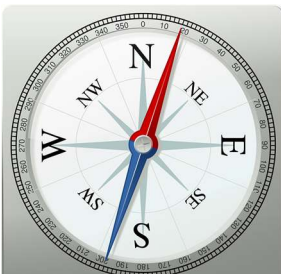
Our penultimate week of the 1st term has gone in a flash! This week, the children have learnt how to tell the time in 5 minutes intervals - quarter to and past, 5 past, 10 to etc...please keep testing them randomly at home as this really helps embed their learning! It may come in handy on Christmas morning! We have also been writing a set of instructions on how to wash/look after an animal from the Stone Age times! Great fun! Yesterday was our Christmas fair, thank you for attending and having a go on the year 3 stalls. We look forward to our Christmas carol concert next week. Remember to book your place on Parent Pay! We hope to see you then.

Year 4



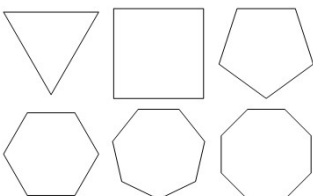
Year 4 have worked hard this week on their European non-chronological reports, with fantastic results! Some of the reports on Paris will be going on display in the corridor. Maths has focused on multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In computing, we have been discussing the benefits and dangers of too much screen time, and taking responsibility for the amount of screen time we have. PSHE has focused on conflicts within friendships, and how to compromise when we have them. A particular highlight was the Christmas dinner and fair this week - thank you to all who came to support us! We have one last week to go - well done to all year 4 for showing perseverance this week.

Year 5



As we approach the end of the first term in Y5, the children are continuing to impress us with their great attitude to work. In maths, we have been learning about different types of angles, and how to use a protractor. In English, we have started our final unit of work based on Romeo and Juliet - a newspaper report about the tragic end of this young couple. Next stop Fleet Street! We have had a great time in PE this week! We have been putting into practice our learning in geography about compass points and maps, using them in orienteering to create and follow routes for each other. Work for the learning logs has started to come in, and we've loved looking at the photos you've sent in on dojo. We have some very talented and creative children in Y5! Learning logs are due in on Monday, and we are going to have a very tough time choosing our learning log champions! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6



A fantastic effort in their practice SATs papers has not interfered with the Y6's desire to continue to focus on their learning this week. We have discovered that we had forgotten a lot of our shape work so, this week, we have recapped properties of triangles and quadrilaterals, regular and irregular shapes as well as how to describe different types of lines. In English, we will be basing our writing on Disney's 'From Our Family to Yours', a heartwarming tale of an elderly Grandma remembering her early years and dealing with the changing relationship with her Grand-daughter. Most of our afternoons have been taken up with finishing our art, DT and history ready for your visits on Monday 18th at 2.30pm. We will also have a display of the quality Learning Log homework that has been submitted both last term and this - also due in on Monday 18th December. Our rather frantic day on Thursday was fantastic! We were adorned in Christmas jumpers, eating Christmas dinner and spending money or helping at the Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, and so many children supporting their class activities - thank you! Hoping this weekend is what you need - be that the calm before the storm or a dose of festive cheer - Happy Weekend!