

Newsletter 15/12/2017

This year we will be using a 'Recognition Board' to challenge children to achieve daily targets linked to the academy rules and expectations. The aim is for all children to achieve the target and get their name on the Recognition Board. The totals below show how many children have achieved this each week.

**This week 308 children made it onto the Recognition Board.
Well done!**



Parrots	Flamingos	Pandas	Elephants	Eagles	Llamas	Dolphins
23/23	22/22	23/23	23/23	23/23	20/20	17/17
Penguins	Foxes	Polar Bears	Rabbits	Giraffes	Wolves	Turtles
24/24	24/24	24/24	23/23	23/23	21/21	17/17

Parrots
94.7% & 3 lates

Penguins
93.7% & 2 lates

Attendance & Lates
Whole school: 95.3% and 37 lates

Llamas
95% & 3 lates

Wolves
95.8% & 2 lates

Flamingos
91% & 2 lates

Foxes
96.3% & 4 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%
Year to date is: 95.1%

Dolphins
97.4% & 1 late

Turtles
94.1% & 2 lates

Pandas
98.1% & 4 lates

Polar Bears
93.1% & 3 lates

Elephants
97.6% & 2 lates

Rabbits
97.1% & 1 late

Eagles
95.2% & 6 lates

Giraffes
92.8% & 2 lates

Stars of the Week

Meerkats – All the class

Monkeys – All the class

Parrots – Harry H

Penguins – Cheyenne K

Flamingos – Tobias W

Foxes – Lydia S

Pandas – Leona S

Polar Bears – Eva B

Elephants – Maisy H

Rabbits – Kyle T

Eagles – Marissa W

Giraffes – Mia W

Llamas – Nancy W

Wolves – Tia L

Turtles – Mercedes S

Dolphins – Wiktoria M

Well Done!

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 19th December – KS1 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 20th December – Pantomime

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Disco – Y1 to Y6

Thursday 21st December – Children finish for Christmas

Friday 22nd December – INSET Day – school closed to children

Monday 8th January – School re-opens

Tuesday 30th January – Y2 Residential

Friday 16th February – Children finish for half term

Monday 26th February – School re-opens

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day – dress as a character

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This week the Pandas have been using their own ideas to adapt the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Christmas'. We have thought of alternative characters, resolutions to problems and endings. We are looking forward to transforming our ideas into a new story for others to read! We have also been preparing for our Christmas performance 'Prickly Hay!' and we hope you can come along on Tuesday to watch all our hard work.

@SimpLanePandas



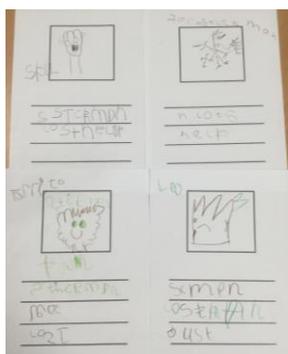
The Eagles have had a busy week practising for the Christmas concert which they excelled in. We have also explored fractions of amounts and festive themed newspaper reports.

@SimpsonsEagles



Stick Man set off on his way home from Reception this week, but sent us a letter saying that he got lost on his way! The Parrots have put up some posters in the hope that someone sees him so that he can get home soon.

@SimpsonsParrots



This week Elephants have been set a challenge in Maths to investigate "What is Year 3's favourite Christmas film?" from a choice of four - The Grinch, Home Alone, The Polar Express and The Santa Clause. They had the task of creating and presenting their findings on a bar chart. Out of the four choice the Elephants found out that Home Alone was the most popular choice.

@SLAElephantsY3

The Dolphins have been researching facts about humpback whales this week for their non-fiction reports. They have enjoyed testing each other's knowledge on them.

@SimpsonsLane6C



This week the Llamas have continued to enjoy our class book 'Cool!' We have focused on summarising the first four chapters and sequencing the main events of the book so far. Well done Llamas, you have worked extremely hard this week!

@SimpsonsLane5M



This week the Monkeys have been learning all about polar bears, linked to our key text, 'Big Bear Little Brother'. The children have really enjoyed finding out lots of facts about the bears and their habitats and enjoyed watching some of 'Blue Planet' to see them in action! Thank you all for coming to our Nativity this week; the Monkeys have all worked so hard and should be extremely proud of themselves! We hope you all enjoyed the performance.

@SimpsonsMonkeys

Leadership signposting

If you have any questions or queries in the first instance, please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Silburn who is usually on the playground before and after the academy day. If, after speaking to an academy leader, you require to speak to a Senior Leader, then Miss Mayers, Mrs Fairfield, Mr Colley or Miss Murphy will be more than happy to help you.

This week the Foxes have starting writing their own stories. We have explored lots of ideas for settings and characters many of which are inspired by Christmas. The Foxes are excited to write them after making their story maps this week!

@SimpsonsLane1B

