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Autumn Term Newsletter No.10



Beech — Ella always follows instructions and is growing in confidence every day! Pine — Maya has been working hard on her letter formation at school and at home. Well done! Apple — Tamsin listens and tries hard with her tasks and is a great mentor to her friends. Oak — Kayla participates excellently and listens well, showing all three of our Core Values. Birch — Jonathan has worked hard with his handwriting and gained his pen licence! Rowan — Ellie is a star for her all round excellent participation, effort and progress. Cherry — Ollie has been working exceptionally hard in all classwork this week. Fantastic effort! Maple — Lexie takes responsibility for her learning, always listening and doing her best. Holly — Brooke has been working hard with her writing this week. Well done! Willow — Zachary applies all his reading skills in class and shows a great understanding of the text. Hawthorn — Bobby has shown a wonderful attitude and made excellent contributions in class Hazel — Jacob shows all round excellence in effort, participation and progress. Amazing!





Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 20th November— Maple Class start swimming lessons Monday 27th November—PTA Film night for Y1—Y6 (3:05pm until 5pm in the hall) Thursday 30th November—Y1 and Y2 Nativity at the Princess Theatre from 2pm. Friday 8th December—PTA Christmas Fair 3:05pm Monday 11th December—KS2 Cinema trip Tuesday 12th December—KS2 Christmas Service at Upton Vale Baptist Church at 6pm. Thursday 14th December—Christmas Dinner Day.



Attendance Award Congratulations to Beech Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 98.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97.4% attendance. Let's keep this up!



There are only three weeks to go before the PTA Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December.

If you can offer an hour or two in the next few weeks the PTA would really appreciate your help.

You can offer your help through the PTA Facebook page or call into school and let the office staff know you would like to help and we will put you in touch with the PTA.

On the day of the Fair there are many jobs to be done so any help through the day would be great—there will be a grotto to decorate and stalls to set up. Perhaps you could help during the fair by running a stall? Or staying behind for half an hour to help with the clearing up? Many hands make light work!

Anti-Bullying Week

We have been impressed with our children this week as we have been talking about friendship and bullying. The children were able to say what they would do if they were ever bullied and they know how to stand up for someone who was being bullied. We talked about the impact of name calling and isolating



others from your play too.

Cyber bullying is often a concern for parents as children have access to the internet in so many ways now as many devices connect and allow 'chat'. It is really important that you set strong parental controls on all your devices to protect your children. There are good websites that can advise parents how to set controls and how to talk to children about internet safety. The following website are all good starting points:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/ https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides. https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/im-worried-aboutcyberbullying

Thank you for your kind donations to Kidscape and Anti Bullying Alliance.

SATs information for Y2 Parents

Next week the Y2 staff are hosting three sessions for parents of children in Y2 to give you information about what your child will experience when undertaking the compulsory tests in May. The sessions will help you understand the standard your 6 and 7 year olds have to reach to match national expectations. The demands of the curriculum have increased over the last few years so home and school have to work together to make sure the children have the best possible chance of being ready to move into KS2 the following September. Please try and come to one of these meetings so you can find out how to support your child. Dates on our calendar: <u>http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/calendar/245722</u>

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.