



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

## Headteacher's update

A much quieter week this week with Covid. We have had a couple of positive cases but we appear to be through the worst of this wave. I hope that we can have a settled time for the rest of the school year so we can ensure pupils get the opportunity to continue to catch up. The announcements this week about the rise in energy bills along with the increase in the cost of living may result in families struggling over the next few months. Remember we are here to help in any way we can. If you require food then our food bank will be able to provide you with essentials to tide you over. Please contact school to request one preferably on a Thursday to give us chance to sort one out.

## Keyboard

Sycamore keyboard lessons are now coming to an end. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February, the children are going to put on a little performance and would like to invite their parents to watch. This will take place around 9:15 in the school hall.

## Attendance reward

Last term Sycamore won our attendance race. On Monday afternoon they will be receiving their reward, pizza delivered from Domino's and a movie.

## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we will be taking part in this annual event. The theme this year is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. We need to address these issues so that all young people understand what constitutes respectful behaviour online, and know what to do if they encounter hate or bullying directed at them or someone else.

## Half Term

We finish next Friday for half-term and return on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## Maple visit

On Monday, Maple class are visiting the Hindu temple in Preston to learn about worship within the Mandir. Please make sure the children are in school on time and in full school uniform.

## Staff changes

After half term Mrs Ford and Miss Scott will be teaching in other schools for 6 weeks as part of their teaching course. In their place we will be getting equivalent apprentices from other schools. Mr Cookson will be based in Elm class and Mrs Thomson will be in Cherry. I know we will give them a warm Highfield welcome. Maple class will also be Welcoming Ms Howarth after half term who is on teaching placement from the YSA.

## FSM vouchers

Once again pupils eligible for income related free school meals will receive a voucher for £15 to cover half term. These will be sent out next week in the usual way.

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## Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for going above and beyond: **Iqra Rashid, Damson Evans, Abigail Foster, Scarlett Bremers, Ellen Tomlinson, Kane Stableford, Joe Hunter, Kiera Whittaker, Lily Peters**



## Skill of the Week

During the afternoons all the pupils have been working on a different sports skill each week. This week the skill has been bouncing a large ball. **Ryan Eatock, Sheza Khalid & Layla McLaughlin** have received certificates for excellent demonstration of the skill.

## TT Rockstars

Well done to **Oliver Winstanley** who had the highest overall score of 42,179 and **Alfie Gardner** for his fantastic progress, averaging over 22 mins a day.



## Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Jamie Ireland, Mia Devlin, Bracken Rothwell, Lucy Holding, Imogen Ellison, Haider Abubakar, Ada Adamczyk**



## House Points

House points this week:

- Astley** 2pt
- Crosse** 5pt
- Duxbury** 3pt
- Gillibrand** 1pt

Overall for the term

- Astley** 14pt
- Crosse** 17pt
- Duxbury** 16pt
- Gillibrand** 8pt



## Learning Superhero

Miss Mulla has chosen **Abdul Bari Bazza** for an incredible effort and progress in phonics. He is able to recognise and spell many alternative graphemes with accuracy.



Attendance Matters - Whole School Target 96%+ Well Done										
	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	91.5	85.3	89.2	97	95.5	90.4	94.7	99.3	97.3	93.8
Term	92.2	91	93.1	97.4	97.3	92.2	92.4	96.8	96.6	94.6
Year	92.7	93	92.8	96.8	95.6	95	92.7	97	95.1	94.6

Sycamore had the best attendance this week and got two moves on the Classopoly board. Maple get a bonus move for having the best attendance for the term. Elm class had the fewest number of lates.

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