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Note from the Head...

What a fantastic week at school! Year 5 kicked things off with an exciting animal encounter featuring tarantulas, a



tortoise, and snakes. Year 3 had a visit from Wessex Water who informed them about the impact of pollution on the river system. We were visited by Cricket coaches who will be joining us every Monday for

the half-term, after-school clubs returned in full swing, and we welcomed several visitors throughout the week. We rounded everything off with our much-awaited (and slightly postponed!) Winter Fair.

A huge thank-you to everyone who helped organise, volunteer, or support these events. Your involvement enriches our school community and creates memorable experiences for our children.

In assemblies this week, we have been focusing on our new school value —

Respect. It was wonderful to see so many children receiving medals that reflected this value, showing just how deeply it is already embedded across our school community.



Children spoke confidently about what respect looks like in everyday actions, from how we treat one another to how we represent our school. Their thoughtful reflections showed a strong understanding of why respect matters and how each of us can demonstrate it.

Best Wishes
Graeme Wilson
Headteacher



Attendance

Our attendance has dropped this week to 94.1%, with many children suffering from a sickness bug. Please remind children to wash their hands after using the toilet. **Polite**

reminder of the school policy - there is a requirement of a 48hr absence rule for anyone with an upset-stomachs. Children should remain off school for 48hrs after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea, even if this has happened only once, this is to help us stop the spread across the school, children & Staff alike.



Monday 19th January – INSET day

Just a reminder that Monday there will be no school for the pupils, due to staff training. We look forward to seeing you on return Tuesday 20th January.

After School Clubs

As the first week of our after-school clubs finishes, please could we ask that if your child no longer wishes to attend the club please let the office know as soon as possible. We had many children not attend clubs this week; with limited spaces in a large school all clubs have a waiting list so we would like to offer those spaces out if no longer require – Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PTA Snow White PANTO – Wednesday 21st January

Thank you so much to all the parents who have volunteered to help walk to and from the Panto. We have had so many offers that we will contact parents individually to confirm their kind offer. Sadly, parents are not able to stay and watch the panto due to space restrictions. The office will contact you on Monday to confirm your support.





Medals

- **Dorothy (Dotty)** in Pluto Class for showing “Respect” towards our classroom resources and her friends.
- **Rosie** In Mercury Class for writing sentences independently in her play.
- **Keisha** in Earth Class for her respectful attitude in class and to her learning. Also for being so brave and cheerful with a situation she has been through.
- **Blake** in Venus Class for fantastic listening in class!
- **Benjamin** in Mars Class for using co-ordinating conjunctions confidently when writing about Beegu!
- **Daisy C.** in Neptune Class for always showing kindness, respect and a great work attitude in everything you do. Keep up the fantastic work!
- **Arthur** in Saturn Class for consistently demonstrating respect through your words and actions, setting a wonderful example to others.
- **Bea** in Jupiter Class for being a respectful member of the class by always listening to others, being polite and using kind words.
- **Lilly** in Sun Class for always being a kind, helpful and proactive member of the class.
- **Albi** in Moon Class for always being respectful and patient to everyone around him – even going out of his way to help others.
- **Lola** in Apollo Class for consistently showing respect to others by listening carefully, using polite language and treating everyone with kindness.
- **Maggie** in Asteroid Class for demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and showing improved behaviour in the classroom. We are proud of you!
- **Emily** in Galaxy Class for rising to the challenge of becoming a person who reads for pleasure! You have persevered which has led you to finding books and authors you love and this has unlocked a door! Huge well done Emily!
- **Lewis** in Milky Way Class for his super knowledge on Ancient Egyptian hierarchy, which he used in the next lesson on artefacts.