



HEAD'S LINES

Dear Parents and Families,

This week has been full exciting learning and events:

- ◆ Year 5 took a trip on the London Eye and a boat trip on the Thames on a sunny day with beautiful blue skies
- ◆ We hosted Tolworth Primary School's football team - and won 2 - 0!
- ◆ We were lucky enough to see the EYFS and KS1 Nativity dress rehearsals - and to welcome over 80 parents and family members to the final performance this morning. It was a fantastic event and we are so proud of all the children who took part

Getting ready for tomorrow's Christmas Fair, we have been busy decorating the school and getting the stalls and rooms ready for what promises to be a wonderful event. Huge thanks to the team of parents, volunteers and children who are still working on it at 6.30pm on Friday evening!

We hope to see you between 12 noon and 3pm tomorrow.

Best wishes, Mrs Playle and Mrs Lawlor

Class news this week

Caterpillar & Butterfly Classes:

The children in Caterpillar and Butterfly classes performed their Nativity Play to family and friends this week. They have worked hard to learn their words and they performed the actions and sang beautifully.

Well done everybody!



Squirrel Class: Squirrel Class recreated the Great Fire of London! Many thanks to all parents who helped with the design of our 17th Century houses. We were able to use the models to discuss how the fire started, why it spread and what the people could do to stop it happening again. We're hoping to put a short video of the fire on the class pages of our website soon!



Hedgehog Class: This week in Hedgehog Class we have been challenging ourselves in Maths by completing a money investigation. We were given a budget and we had to work out what toys we could buy and find out how much change we had left. We have also been writing stories based on 'The Princess and the White Bear King' using adverbs to make our sentences interesting.

Fox Class: This week in maths we have continued our multiplication and division learning and we have been focusing on the 8 times table! Well done to the children who have been challenging themselves to practise counting in 4s and 8s at home; it's making a big difference. We have been planning our own retellings of our book "Stone Age Boy" and have been concentrating on line in art.

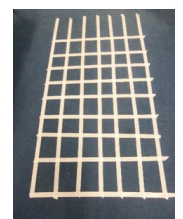
Otter Class: We have come to the end of our class guided reading book: Tom's Sausage Lion by Michael Morpurgo. We are now in the process of rewriting our version of the book, using all the grammar and



punctuation skills we have studied this term. Our Aurei (Roman coins) are almost complete and we have had one last ferocious display of the Otters' amazing Roman shields. Thank you again for all the hard work that went into making them.

Owl Class: On Wednesday, Owl Class spent the day in London. Our Class text this half term is The London Eye Mystery and so we went on the London Eye and tried to spot clues! After this, we watched a 4D cinema experience before a boat trip along the River Thames. The children were amazing and we had several comments on how well behaved they all were- Well done Owl Class!

Falcon Class: In maths, this week Falcon class have been learning about coordinates. We outlined the first quadrant on our classroom floor and then proceeded to look at four quadrants, which allowed us to think about negative numbers. We have also been practising songs for our Christmas performance, which we are very excited to share with you.





Stars of Week!



Squirrel Class: Barisna for showing wonderful listening & focus when learning. **Mason** for always showing a positive attitude to your learning.

Hedgehog Class: Amelia for having a positive attitude towards all your learning & being focused & engaged & always ready to learn. **Thomas N-S.** for engaging with your learning & sharing ideas with your friends.

Fox Class: Ewan for showing confidence & enthusiasm in maths this week. **Millie P.** for always showing a hard working & positive attitude to your learning.

Otter Class: Dexter for his accurate calculation of perimeter in maths. **Poppy** for always meeting each challenge positively every day.

Owl Class: All of Owl Class for being amazing ambassadors for our school yesterday in London & having lots of fun!

Falcon Class: Macey Thank you for donating lots of your books to the library & scanning them in on the system. **Sophie A.** for showing excellent resilience in her learning this week.

Sports Stars of the Week!

KS1: Sebastian C. & Holly W.

KS2: Charlotte J, Olivia H, Samuel J & Callum Y.

A huge St Mary's congratulations to all of our stars this week!

Family and Friends PTA

Christmas Fair is tomorrow! We still need help on the day so if you are free to help set up or pack up on Saturday or help at a stall during the fair we would greatly appreciate it.

Secret Santa the deadline has now passed and we can sadly no longer accept any further forms.

Glow Disco Friday 13th Dec. Keep an eye out for posters & more info.

Contact us: pta4stmarys@gmail.com

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is 95%. The class with the best attendance this week is Otter Class with 99.3% Well done!

Please remember that the school will not be able to authorise any requests for term time holidays. If your child's attendance falls below 90% your child will be regarded as a persistent absentee and the Educational Welfare Department will be informed.

Office News

Flu Immunisations are on Monday morning.

Don't forget it's **Christmas Jumper Day** next Friday. There will be a collection at the gate on the morning for our Christmas charity: Princess Alice Hospice.



We will also be collecting for Princess Alice Hospice at the end of all the **Christmas Performances**. Today the EYFS performance raised **£46.34** for this wonderful charity that has helped many of our own families.

Don't forget we would love you to share your special news & interests with us so we can proudly celebrate!

Diary Dates: **New Date = Blue Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

December

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| Sat 7th Dec | Christmas Fair |
| Mon 9th Dec | Flu Immunisations |
| Mon 9th Dec | KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm* |
| Tues 10th Dec | KS1 Christmas Performance 10am* |
| Wed 11th Dec | Nursery Christmas Craft 9am |
| Wed 11th Dec | Reception Christmas Craft 1.30pm |
| Wed 11th Dec | KS2 Christmas Performance 7pm* |
| Thurs 12th Dec | KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm* |
| Fri 13th Dec | Christmas Panto |
| Fri 13th Dec | School Discos |
| Fri 13th Dec | Christmas Jumper Day!* |
| Mon 16th Dec | Secret Santa |
| Tues 17th Dec | EYFS/KS1 Church Service 9.30am, KS2 Church Service 11am |
| Tues 17th Dec | Christmas Lunch |
| Fri 20th Dec | Last day of term; 1.15pm finish. |

January

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| Mon 6th Jan | INSET Day |
| Tues 7th Jan | Children return to school |
| Fri 17th Jan | Mufti Day; Toiletries |

* *There will be a collection at all these events & all funds will be donated to The Princess Alice Hospice.*