

Heeley's Highlights

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It has been a busy week in EYFS this week with the Nursery, Reception and The Den children visiting Tiny Town. What a lovely time they all had! Thank you to all parents and family members who helped out on the visit. We really appreciate your support, as without this, it would be very difficult to go on visits with the adult-child ratios we need.



Christmas is getting on full swing in school and it is lovely to hear the Christmas songs being learnt, and children rehearsing for their performances. I thought it would be good to give you some information about Christmas in school.

These are the performances:

18th December - Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am start
18th December - Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm start
19th December - Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.15am start
19th December - Reception Christmas Performance 2.15pm start
20th December - Nursery Christmas Performance 9.15am start
20th December - Year 2 Christmas Performance at St. Nicholas' Church2pm

We do not allocate tickets, but usually provide seating for 2-3 people per family. If the performance is in the morning, please bare with us as we set up the hall from Breakfast Club and get the children dressed into costumes. You will need to enter from the front of school and we ask you to sign in on a clipboard for fire safety procedures.

For children in Year One and Reception, the children do two performances of their production. This gives parents the opportunity to attend whichever is more convenient and allows us to fit all families into the hall across the 2 days. Year 2 performance is in the church so there is ample seating for just one performance.

We will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win lovely Christmas hampers so please bring some cash if you are able to support us.

On Thursday 21st December, we hold parties in school. We ask the children to bring party clothes in a labelled bag and they will get changed before lunch. Children have a party food box for lunch, then in the afternoon, they play party games in their classes. Hopefully the man in red will drop in to say hello too!

Next week we have Christmas Dinner on Thursday, more info overleaf.

Mrs Heeley, Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Mufti Day £1

On Thursday 14 December we would like the children and staff to wear Christmas Jumpers. Donations for this will be sent to Save the Children. This is the same day as our Whole School Christmas Lunch.

Please note there will be no jacket potatoes or sandwiches on this day

Travel Telford Christmas Walk

On the same day, the Travel Telford Road Safety Team will be doing another 'Walk to school' day. Please meet on Alpha Gym/Shukker Fields at 8:20am and then you will leave shortly afterwards. Be sure to bring your santa hats and reindeer antlers!!



For week beginning 11th December we will be on week 3 of the dinner menu. Thank you

Bikes and Scooters

For safety reasons please can you get your child to get off their bikes and scooters at the bottom of the driveway and walk. Also please can you park all bikes and scooters in the scooter and bike shelter and not in the pram shelter.

Appointments during the School Day.

Where possible we would ask that appointments are made outside of the school day.

We do understand there may be occasions where this isn't possible and you need to collect your child to attend. Please can we ask that you provide the school with evidence of such appointments. This could be a screenshot of a letter, text reminder etc. It can be emailed in advance to sally.gittins@taw.org.uk for our records.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Post-box

The post-box has arrived in school. Children are welcome to send cards to their friends by posting them in the box at the start of the day. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to write for a purpose so please encourage your child to do as much as they can themselves. **Please make sure that you put both name and class on the envelope.**





Happy Birthday from everyone in School to:

Cairo in Squirrel Class is now 6 Years Old
Willow in Hedgehog Class is now 6 Years Old
Joshua in Owl Class is now 6 Years Old

A plea for help.
If you are having a clear-out of your child's toys before Christmas and have any construction toys ie Lego, Stickle bricks etc… we really could do with them for our High Five Club.
We are also in need of board games too. Many thanks.

Year 2 Laches Wood

Thank you to everyone who has booked a place on the residential visit. We only have few spaces left so please return your slip as soon as possible to reserve a place if you want your child to attend.

UNIFORM

Mary's Tots and Teens at 9 Stafford Street now have NISAN Beanie hats in stock Thank you for your support.

Gold Star Awards

Well done to the children below who were awarded a gold star this week!



Fox Class: Arthur, for wowing Miss Donald with his phonics skills. Arthur has also been a super singer when practising the play.

Rabbit Class: Jack, for a fantastic attitude to your learning, pushing yourself to be the best that you can be and showing how to be a great role model to your friends. Super proud of you.

Hedgehog Class: Seth, for fantastic writing in your "That's not my Rocket" book. You used all your writing skills.

Owl Class: Max, for sharing your fantastic ideas of what it would be like to stand on the moon. You were able to explain in great detail. Well done.

Squirrel Class: Joshua, for creating a super feely book this week. You thought carefully about which materials to use and really locked in when you were writing. Well done.

Badger Class: Ruby, for your fantastic effort with everything you do in school. You always lock into your learning well! Well done for producing a super set of instructions this week!

Deer Class: Alana, for a fantastic set of instructions explaining how to play "What's the time Mr Wolf" You had all the features of instructions with wow words, beautiful handwriting and spelling too! Well done.

Our wise owl readers this week are:



Fox Class: Ellis
Hedgehog Class: Nico
Squirrel Class:
Owl Class: Toby
Badger Class: Ted
Rabbit Class: Sophia
Deer Class: Reubrn

Ready Eddies—This week's Ready Eddies are:

Oak Class	Andrew, Bradley, Chester, Elouise, Elsie, Emily, Florence, Grace, Honey, Isla, Jackson, Jude, Lydia, Mason, Maximiilian, Nezae, Olive, Oscar, Poppy
The Den	
Fox Class	Ethan, Isaac, George, Ava J, Isabelle F, Summer-Rose, Betsy and Kristina
Rabbit Class	Rupert, Arthur, Finnley, Emelia, Olivia
Hedgehog Class	Dylan, Teddy, Adrian, George, Jack L and Harrison
Owl Class	Dylan, Tiana, Myles, Beatrix
Squirrel Class	Ava, Rega, Cody, Isaac D, Olivia, Jaxon, Harry, Joshua, Connie,
Badger Class	Ruby, Adam, Aria, Henry Du,, Sarah, Eleanor & Henry Dea
Deer Class	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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21st December - Christmas Parties
22nd December - Finish for Christmas



Well done, our whole school attendance is 94.% this is higher than Mrs Heeley's target!

Fox Class	96%
Rabbit Class	98%
The Den	96%
Hedgehog Class	93%
Owl Class	95%
Squirrel Class	91%
Badger Class	97%
Deer Class	95%

Absences

Please remember to report **all** absences to the school office before 9.15am on **01952 386610**, even if you have sent a dojo message to the teacher. Thank you.

JUNIOR SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder that Junior School applications need to be completed and returned by **15 January 2024.**
You can apply for places online at **www.telford.gov.uk/admissions**

Winter Water Safety

Water can freeze when the temperatures are really low. We might see this frozen water as ice, snow or frost.

Icicles form when dripping water freezes.



Frost and snow form when water vapour freezes.

We can have lots of fun with water in winter ...

... but we need to remember to stay safe.





Ice is very slippery. Be careful when walking outside when it is icy.

Stay away from the edge of water in case you slip and fall in. Keep dogs on leads.





Never walk on frozen lakes, ponds and rivers.

If someone is in the water and needs help, shout for help and call the emergency services.

