



Dear Parents,

This week our focus was on anti-bullying. We revisited the anti-bullying charter that the children helped create last year and explored what bullying means — **“Repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group”. We discussed how we can all ‘use our power for good’ for example speaking up against bullying and supporting others who may be affected. The Ethos Team helped by acting out scenarios that encouraged the children to think about the positive actions a bystander can take. We also spoke about common myths surrounding bullying and reminded the children of the importance of letting a member of staff know if there is ever a problem — no matter how busy we may appear.

We have also officially begun our Christmas preparations. On Monday, the Ethos Team helped set up our Christmas tree in the hall, and CAST and Breakfast Club have been busy making decorations to make the space feel festive. Advent calendars and decorations are also appearing across the school. On Wednesday, Miss Ashley began the singing rehearsals for the Nativity, and our PTA has been hard at work preparing for this afternoon’s Christmas Fair.

Alongside these preparations, we have introduced a couple of special Christmas activities. During collective worship today, I talked to the children about our Good Deeds Advent Calendar, a project created with our Kindness Ambassadors. Every child will bring home a blank Advent calendar to fill in with one good deed for each day—including Christmas Day! Suggestions from the children included washing the dishes, saying thank you, making a Christmas card, and tidying their rooms.

Other ideas could include:

- Holding the door for someone
- Telling a joke to brighten someone’s day
- Making their bed
- Drawing a picture for someone
- Leaving a surprise note
- Giving a compliment
- Giving a hug
- Feeding the birds

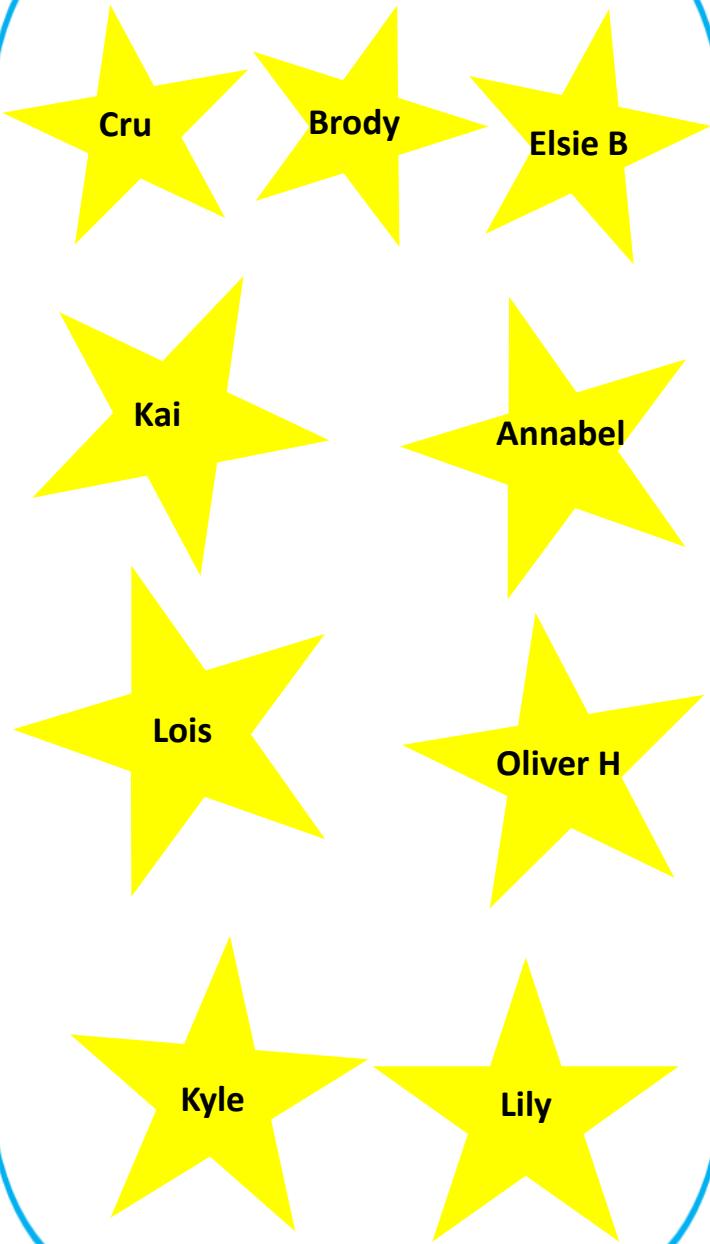
You will also have received an email today about our Santa Fun Run, which we will be hosting in school on the 17th of December. On Monday I will speak to the children about it and send home sponsorship forms. This event is a lovely way to support an important cause, and we truly appreciate any donations you are able to gather. Our Year 5 & 6 class will be extending their run through the village to help raise awareness as well.

Wishing you all a calm start to the Christmas celebrations.

Nadia Gosling



Our Stars of the Week



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

100% attendance!

**Whole school attendance
94%**

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am
8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or
3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

- **28th November—School Christmas Fair 3pm-5pm**
- **5th + 12th December—Dance Club 3.15pm-4.15pm (pre-booked only)**
- **14th December—Park Run at Whitelands**
- **16th December—School Pantomime Trip for Reception-Yr6**
- **17th December—School Christmas Lunch**
- **17th December—Santa Fun Run at school**
- **18th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 5.45pm**
- **19th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 1.30pm**
- **19th December—School Finishes**
- **5th January—School Starts**
- **8th January-5th February—Swimming Lessons Yr3-Yr6 (Thursdays)**



ECO COUNCIL

Next Friday 5th, Eco Council will be having their first fundraising event to sponsor an animal with WWF. The children will need to bring in money with an entry to the competition by writing their guessed 'name' for the teddy on a piece of paper with their name and class on too. £1 for 1 guess or £2 for three. Eco council will collect up the money and entries on the Friday morning.



FSU

We have been carrying on with our celebrations this week. On Wednesday, we had our own class wedding. Each person had a role including stylist, photographer, DJ and Master of ceremony. The children had a lovely afternoon getting dressed up and acting in their own individual role. We ventured to the church on Tuesday and looked at where various celebrations take place.



Year 3 & 4

This term our Computing unit is Stop-frame animations. We are using Lego figures to create short stories on the 'I Can Animate' App. The children have been getting to grips with the amount of frames needed to make even the shortest the animation and making sure there are no fingers in the frames. Next, we are moving on to ensuring our backgrounds fill the frame. The children have all worked really hard and are extremely proud of their work so far.



Year 1 & 2

In Year 1/2 this week we have begun the exciting task of creating a weather station here at school! Our first task was to create a rainfall gauge and place it in the field to measure how much rain will fall in the next seven days. We carefully chose the right materials to build it with and position outside, and we predicted that 30ml of rain will fall. Next week we will see if we were correct!



Year 5 & 6

This week, we have been looking at adding fractions with different denominators. We used wraps and pretended they were pizzas cut into different slices. We then found equivalent fractions so we could work out how many slices of pizza there were.



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

