

## Dear Parents

Term is gathering pace as we hurtle towards the Christmas break, I am having difficulty adjusting to lighter & warmer days and nights in the run up to the festive holidays!

In school the children are incredibly busy fitting in all their exciting learning, going on a number of educational trips and preparing for Christmas in school with a number of events that you are invited to.

### In EYFS:

This week has been very busy in EYFS with trips and visits. On Monday, FS2 children visited the post office. They bought stamps, stamped the mail and sorted the mail into bags. On Tuesday we had a visit from the road safety team where we learnt how to cross the road safely, the importance of wearing a seat belt and even got to look around an ambulance.



On Thursday we had the BFAI Practice nurse visit us to administer flu vaccinations.

We have been learning about the book *The Tiny Seed*. We have painted pictures, made flowers from playdough and natural objects, created different settings from the book using the small world and used shapes to make shape pictures.



### In Caracara Class:

Caracara Class have had a very busy week with the trip to the post office at the start of the week, learning how to write recounts so that we could write about the trip, developing our understanding of subtraction and evaluating products in DT, to help us design and make our Christmas tree decoration.



We have our stamps!



We emptied the post box.



We stamped the stamp.



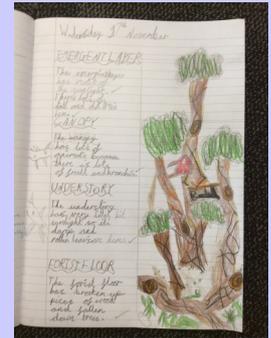
Our letters are sorted and ready to go.

# Newsletter

## 19th November 2021

### Falcon Class:

Falcons Class have been very busy this week! We have been learning all about the rainforest looking at the animals, plants and different weather conditions that can be found in each layer. In Science, the children have set up an experiment to investigate whether all toothpastes are as effective against tooth decay. They covered eggs in different toothpastes, submerged them in Coke and are observing the changes to the shell over a three day period. Some of them are very excited to see whether their toothpastes at home are good enough! In English we have used Where's Wally? pictures to write sentences using prepositional phrases, subordinating conjunctions and expanded noun phrases.



### Meadowlark Class:

This week has been really fun! We have been writing diary entries from the perspective of the main character, Bradley Chalkers, from the novel, 'There's a boy in the Girls' bathroom.'

We learnt how to use informal language, writing from the 1<sup>st</sup> person perspective, semi-colons and adverbial phrases/clauses of time.

Rebecca

We continued with our Nativity rehearsals this week and still have a lot of work to do! We have also been reading/listening to a very funny book called 'There's a boy in the Girls' bathroom.'

In Maths, we looked at the order of operations with different equations.

Can you find the answer?

$$9 + 15 - 9 \times 3 =$$

Zach



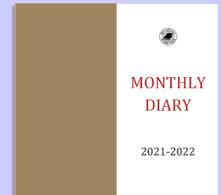
### Morning Club

Following a recent visit by the Rest of the World Schools Business Manager it has become clear that we need to review how morning club is operated. Morning Club was initially set up as a trial in January 2020 on an informal basis. Early next week we will be sending home a letter and questionnaire about morning club. Please can this be returned to the school office by 6th December 2021.

### Holidays in Term Time

As a school we have been working closely with the base to bring our Attendance Policy more in line with UK schools. For example, as a headteacher in the UK before coming to the Falklands, I had been unable to authorise holidays in term time for a number of years. A few days absence here and there can lead to gaps in children's knowledge and understanding and can impact on their learning. Our revised Attendance Policy in draft form is being sent out separately; we will be following the policy from January 2022.

**Diary Dates**



- **Monday 22nd November - KS2 Trip to HMS Protector**
- **Monday 29th November - Christingle at 1400 in the school hall. Please join us to help the children make and light their Christingles with Padre John**
- **Wednesday 1st December - 1430-Christmas tree decoration event. Please join us in the school hall. The children will make the Christmas decorations in school as part of their DT work, we will then invite you to join us to decorate the tree and hall and to enjoy a mince pie with us**
- **Friday 3rd December - 1400 Christmas production loosely based on the Nativity in the school hall - parents and invited guests are welcome to join us**
- **Thursday 9th December - Wear a Christmas jumper to school voluntary donation £1 towards our sponsorship of Antarctic-Quest Expedition**
- **Thursday 9th December - School finishes at 1300**
- **Thursday 9th December - 1300-1530 Inset day for teachers**
- **Monday 3rd January - 0900-1530 Inset day for teachers**
- **Tuesday 4th January - School starts for children**
- **Friday 7th January - 0900-1000 Launchpad event, parents are invited to join child/ren with learning**
- **Friday 7th January - 1000-1015 Golden Assembly for invited parents. Children are presented certificates for their hard work and for demonstrating the school values.**
- **Friday 21st January - 1330 Sports Day afternoon- details to follow**
- **Friday 28th January - 1330 Alternative date for Sports Day afternoon if the weather on the 21st January is against us.**
- **Friday 11th February - School closes at 1500 for half term.**
- **Monday 21st February - School starts for children**
- **Wednesday 9th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1715**
- **Thursday 10th March - Parent Evening Consultations 1515-1800**