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STARS OF THE

WEEK

Phoebe Waddell
Bailey Sykes
Xander Blackburn
Daisy Dickinson
Benji Bell
Lily McManus
Cody Chester

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97% LAST WEEK: 96.1%

 Nursery (Seahorses)
 -97.0%

 Reception (Turtles)
 - 95.6%

 Year 1 (Jellyfish)
 - 97.8%

 Year 2 (Puffins)
 - 92.3%

 Year 3 (Sharks)
 - 97.8%

 Year 4 (Penguins)
 - 97.2%

Well Done Jellyfish & Sharks



We've had very little response to our appeal for prizes for our Christmas Fair that we started last week and hope that donations will pick up as we move rapidly towards December. Details are included again below.

Planning for our Christmas Fair and Craft night which will take place on **Thursday 30th**

November is now well underway. To help the event run successfully we are asking for donations of the following:

RAFFLE PRIZES - perhaps you know a local business that would be willing to donate a prize or voucher. TOMBOLA ITEMS - bottles, tins, smellies etc

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS - we'll once again run our pre-loved Christmas jumper stall YOUR TIME- can you spare an hour or two on the day to help? Setting up, helping on a stall. If so please let Mrs Dellbridge know.

All children bringing in donations will receive a sweet or two from the office.

IN TO WIN WINNERS

This week we held our prize draw for all children in Reception to Y4 with 100% attendance and no more than 1 late mark during the first half of the autumn term. In response to feedback from parents, all children that were in this draw will be treated to an ice cream/ice lolly treat in school and the lucky winners of the draw will still enjoy a walk to Spurreli for an ice cream. The draw winners were: Reception: Poppy B, Y1: Ronnie D, Y2: Dolcie S, Y3:Zakk A, Y4: Leela W. To help us show the importance we put on good attendance and punctuality, whilst appreciating that some children are occasionally poorly, all children have the opportunity to get into this draw every half term

PTA MOVIE NIGHTS

This week's Movie Nights for children in Years 1, 2 and 3 were very well attended indeed including a 100% turnout in the Sharks! It's our Y4 Penguins Movie Night after school on Wednesday so hopefully we'll have another good turnout from them. So far, the Movie Nights have raised £210 for our PTA, all of which is spent on extra activities and treats for our children such as the upcoming pantomime for KS1 and KS2 and a visit from Tiddlywinks for our Turtles and Seahorses

ONE WAY SYSTEM

Despite our ongoing appeals, we continue to see a number of occasions when parents who are dropping-off or collecting children are not following our one way system. We appreciate that the system means a short extra walk but the reasons for keeping this in place are around the smooth running of the school and safety of the children. By having this system, the children are not faced with a wall of people walking in the opposite direction at these busy times and we can much more easily see who we are dismissing children with. We hope parents will consistently support us by using the system as requested.

2023/24 SCHOOL DIARY	
Wednesday 22nd November	3.15-5.00 Year 4 PTA Movie Night
Thursday 30th November	9.00am Christingle Assembly
Thursday 30th November	3.15pm Christmas Fair and Craft Night
Tuesday 5th December	Y1-Y4 Children—Christmas Carol Pantomime (in school)
Monday 11th December	9.15am OR 2.00pm Early Years/Y1 Christmas Performance
Sunday 17th December	11am– Choir Carol Singing at Harbour Village
Monday 18th December	2.00pm - Y2,Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December	9.15am OR 2.00pm - Y2,Y3 and Y4 Xmas Performance
Wednesday 20th December	1.30pm-Nativity Service at St Cuthbert's Church
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 22nd December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22nd December	2PM - School Closes for Christmas Break
Tuesday 9th January2024	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING TERM
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ROBINWOOD VISIT REPORT

This week, our Year 4 children have been on a 3 day residential visit to the Robinwood Activity Centre at Alston in the Pennines. Despite a slight delay with a late bus, along with some very wet and windy weather on the first day, the children really impressed us with their efforts. For many, this was the first time staying away from parents and taking part in challenging activities. Many faced their fears, got stuck in and achieved great things that they really didn't they would be able to do. We have already sent an important email out to Y3 parents about next year's visit that has a deadline for letting us know whether they wish their child to come along to Robinwood next year. Please respond to this as soon as possible. Tale a look on our Facebook page for photos of the great time the children had.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Thanks to everyone who donated to today's Children in Need collection. Our money bag donations along with donations from our non-



uniform day raised over: £550

THANK YOU!