



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th January

Headteacher's update

We have had a difficult week in school with Covid cases on the rise. We have had 6 staff test positive this week which makes 12 in total since Christmas. We also have another couple of staff who are having to look after their own children who have Covid. We have managed to cover most of these absences with staff filling in. However, unfortunately we have had to close Elm class today as all 4 staff have tested positive throughout the week. We will make a decision about whether we can reopen Elm class on Monday. The change in isolation rules has complicated things as we do not know when positive cases will test negative. Closing a class is always a last resort and we will do everything we can to keep disruption to children's education to a minimum. We have noticed that some children who have vomited are testing positive. We would recommend that all children are tested regularly using an LFT and if they are unwell they should definitely take a test before coming to school.

Parents Evening

You can continue to book an appointment on the school app for Parents Evening until Tuesday. You will then be emailed out a joining code for TEAMS. On Wednesday, please log in a few minutes before your appointment time, wait in the waiting room and the teacher will admit you. If you have any issues on the evening, please phone school and we will assist you.

Reading volunteers

We have a number of parents coming in to school to listen to pupils read. However, we could always use more help. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs Smethurst.

Y3/4 Athletics

Well done to our Y3/4 team who went to Holy Cross last night and finished 3rd in their heat. Isla and Nola did particularly well winning their race.

House winners

Astley pupils in KS1 had a great time at their inflatable party on Wednesday. Pictures are on Class Dojo

Home Learning

A reminder that if your child is at home isolating and are well they should be completing home learning. The tasks are on Class Dojo each day and will enable your child to keep up with their peers that are in school. If they are struggling to access this or you need any support please do not hesitate to get in touch with school.

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Stars of the Week

The following children have been awarded star of the week for going above and beyond: **Imogen Whitehead, Harleigh Smith, Teisha Keig, Sheza Khalid, Lance Overell, Paige Boyle, Byron Kay**



TT Rockstars

Well done to **Rares Enache** who had the highest overall score of 35,148 and **Sama Bazza** for her fantastic progress, averaging over 20mins a day.



House Points

House points this week:

Astley 5pt
Crosse 2pt
Duxbury 3pt
Gillibrand 1pt

Overall for the term

Astley 7pt
Crosse 10pt
Duxbury 10pt
Gillibrand 6pt



Skill of the Week

During the afternoons all the pupils have been working on a different sports skill each week. This week the skill has been sprinting. **Lacie-Mai Everill, Sara Rozek and Carmel Poole** have received certificates for excellent demonstration of the skill.

Happy Birthday

We wished a happy birthday today to **Freddie Bremers, Scarlet Heptinstall, Munashe Chickowore, Alice Hunter, Joshua Pascalau**



Learning Superhero

Miss Mulla has chosen **Mason Finch** for trying so hard to improve his reading. He has worked super hard with his comprehension work and is able to discuss the main events of a story.



	Attendance Matters - Whole School Target 96%+ Well Done									
	Elm	Hazel	Beech	Maple	Pine	Cherry	Rowan	Syc	Willow	Overall
Week	96.8	91.7	95.3	99.3	98.1	93.9	93.1	99	97	96.3
Term	98.4	94	96.3	98.9	98.1	94.5	93.3	95.4	97	96.3
Year	93.7	93.7	93.3	96.9	95.5	95.7	91.5	96.8	95	94.7

Maple had the best attendance again this week and got another two moves on the Classopolis board. They also get a bonus move for having the best attendance for the term. Hazel class had the fewest number of lates.

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