



Alexandra Park Primary School
Care, Aspire, Achieve

Friday 9th December

I hope everyone has had a good week. School is starting to feel very Christmassy, which is great. No doubt this will only increase when the children perform their shows in the coming weeks. All dates and times are at the bottom of the newsletter and will also be communicated via Seesaw. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher directly.

From next week, we will be making some changes to our playground routine in the morning. From 8.40am is 'Ready to learn time' in school which I know I have explained previously is vital in preparing the children for their day. We want as many of our staff with the children during this time. We did change this when we first came back after covid to put more members of staff on the playground to help the children who found returning to school challenging. We are delighted that the children are all much more confident again, and we are now in a position for some of our team to stay in the classrooms and support the children there. To help with this, we will only be using the gate nearest the canteen on the junior playground. Members of our leadership team will always be on the playground if anyone needs any help.

I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. I have sent out a few emails this week providing further information about Strep A. Please do let school know if your child has a confirmed case so we can seek the appropriate advice.

Christmas Cards

We know many of the children enjoy sending and receiving Christmas cards. We also know that with over 420 children in school this can create a huge amount of paper, which then often goes in the bin straight after Christmas. Last year, instead of getting the children to bring in cards, they all made a card in class for a classmate. This was a really nice event and much better for the environment. We will do the same again so children do not need to bring in individual cards.

Elf at Stockport Academy

Our children loved going over to watch the children's performance at Stockport Academy. It was great to see so many of our old students in the performance. It was also nice to receive such great feedback from the Academy about our current children who went to watch the show.

'Thanks so much to all of your students and staff for coming today. Not just saying this, but I honestly believe that today's audience was the best we've ever had for one of our primary matinees!'



Reception

This week, Reception have continued to learn about shapes with four sides. We have learnt that squares and rectangles have four straight sides and four corners. We then had the opportunity to begin to recognise these shapes on everyday items within our environment. The children used potatoes to print patterns using these shapes, in the style of the artist Mondrian!



Year 2

This week we have been exploring the story of The Great Fire of London through drama. The children loved pretending to pass water buckets from the River Thames through the streets of London to try and put out the flames. They also learnt about how the people of London used fire hooks to pull down the buildings in order to stop the spread of the fire. Ask us what Samuel Pepys buried in his garden as he fled the fire!



Year 3

We have been learning all about sculptures and Andy Goldsworthy this half term as part of our art unit of work. Today we took a visit to the park to collect natural resources ready to use for making our own sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Keep your eyes peeled for next week's newsletter where we will share some of our sculptures!



Star of the Week



For the last few weeks in assembly we have been speaking about respect. This week took our example from the Japanese football players who clean their own changing room after the match, and their supporters who tidy the stadium as they leave. All the children and staff at Alexandra Park have focused on taking responsibility for our own actions and doing our bit to help keep the school tidy. The Stars of the Week have excelled in this, as well as showing a caring attitude and trying their best in everything they have done. Well done all!

Important Dates

- Please note Stay and read will **NOT** be on this week due to Nativities in the hall
- School disco **Wednesday 14th December**
- School breaks up for half term on Friday 23rd December
- School reopens on Tuesday 10th January

Christmas Shows for Reception/Year One/Year Two

- The Reception Nativity is on Monday 12th December 9.15am -10am (Babies and Toddlers welcome) and Tuesday 13th December 9.15am - 10am (Adults only)
- Year One – Thursday 15th December 9:15 - 10am (Babies and toddlers welcome) and Friday 16th December 9:15 - 10am (Adults only)
- Year Two - Monday 19th December 9:15 - 10am (Babies and toddlers welcome) and Tuesday 20th December 9:15 - 10am (Adults only)

(There is no need to book and no tickets are needed).