



## December Newsletter

It has been a busy and exciting final week of term for us all. The children all enjoyed the pantomime on Tuesday, Christmas lunch on Wednesday, the party on Thursday which included a visit from Father Christmas and they all looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers today. I have been incredibly proud of how hard the children have all worked this term and it has been pleasing to see the progress that the children have made. Thank you to all the children for working hard over the last term and for thinking about our values and our rules for behaviour. My thanks also go to all the staff for their hard work and commitment to the school, to our PTA for fundraising for our school and to all our families for their continued support. I am very much looking forward to our new term in January, I hope you all have a lovely restful festive period with your friends and family.

Have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mrs.Powell

## Reception Nativity



It was so lovely to watch our nativity on Tuesday 6th December, I was incredibly proud of all the children and really enjoyed the performance as I am sure you all did as well. Thank you to Carey Baptist Church for enabling us to use the venue, to all staff and children for their hard work and to our families for providing costumes and supporting us all.

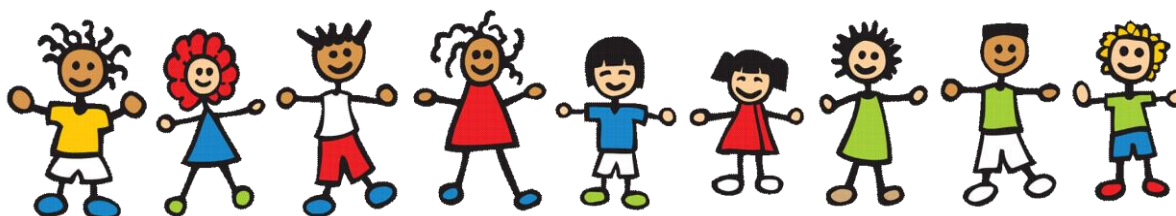
## Read, Write Inc



In January it will be a whole year since we started to roll out our Read, Write Inc phonics program across the school. It is brilliant to see how confidently the children are now using the Read Write Inc approaches to support their learning and the progress they are making. Thank you for all you are doing at home to support your child. Please continue to access the fantastic e-book library on Oxford Owl during the holidays. If you are unsure of your child's log-in details, please contact your child's class teacher.

Mrs. Turner

## Reception Classes



We began the term in Reception learning the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", but instead of reading it all at once, each few days we were introduced to a key part. We learnt lots of new language, such as **sodden** clothes, **emerald** grass. We finished the term reading the story "The Gruffalo" and used this to learn about the forest and animals that live there. It turns out there really is such a thing as The Gruffalo. He wanted to say "thank you" for our help spelling the names his animal friends so came to visit us and gave us the ingredients to make Gruffalo crumble. The children talked about the changes they observed melting the chocolate and worked together to follow the recipe. A big well done to all the children on their hard work this term and a super nativity play that they performed so brilliantly. We look forward to all the exciting learning we have in store for next term.

Mrs. Turner

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 16th December 2023 - End of term

Tuesday 3rd January 2023- Training Day

Wednesday 4th January 2023 - Children return to school

Friday 10th February 2023 - end of term

## Attendance



If you wish to keep a check on your child's attendance you can do so via the Arbor app. Please be advised that arriving at school on time every day is very important. The children start their mornings with a fun phonics lesson. The attendance target for every child is 97%, although we do understand that children can become ill. If your child is ill, please leave a detailed message on our school voicemail before 8.30am, every day that your child is absent. As part of the government requirement we will be sending out regular emails to those whose attendance drops below the required percentage and for those who are persistently absent.

Whole school attendance: 79%

Class 4: 94.3%

Class 5: 93.5%

Class 6: 92.5%

Class 7: 95.4%

Class 8: 94.1%

Class 9: 91.8%

## Year One

In Year 1 we have continued to focus on sentence structure in our English lessons. This has helped improve letter formation, handwriting and sentences are beginning to start with a capital letter and end in a full stop. We have been doing this through a lovely story book called "the Way Back Home" by Oliver Jeffers. After we explored this story in more detail, the children finished the unit by writing their own adventure for the characters from the story. In our Maths, we focused on subtracting within 10 and then moved on to learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We were very proud of how strong children's understanding of shape was.

For our wider curriculum subjects, such as Science, we have been learning about materials and their properties. We have been working scientifically to explore a range of materials and their uses. In our Geography and History, we explored the local park where we found many human and physical features, as well as looking at the history of Kettering. In our DT session, the children have been exploring how to make a hand puppet using a range of joining methods including sewing. The children made prototypes, which they evaluated to improve on their design and making skills. For RE, we have been learning about the Christmas story as well as Hanukkah.

We hope that the children in Year 1 have a fantastic Christmas break and we look forward to all the fantastic learning that will be taking place next term. Have a lovely Christmas.

## Year Two

Year 2 have had a fantastic term! In our Science lessons, we've learnt all about materials and their purposes, doing a hunt of the school to see what materials have been used around the school building. In computing we've learnt how to take photos both landscape and portrait and how to take photos properly from different viewpoints - we especially had lots of fun experimenting with selfies! We worked incredibly hard in English and absolutely loved writing about the animated story 'My Christmas Star'. In Geography we have looked at comparing two islands in the UK, the Isle of Coll in Scotland and the Isle of Wight. We've had a huge focus on our Times Table Rockstars this term and it's been amazing to see the children so excited to learn their tables! Maths has also seen a weekly introduction in each class of 'Maths Whizz' where the children have their own logins and access this on a laptop. Logins will be sent home for this soon.

## Safeguarding - NHS Foundation Trust CRISIS CAFÉS

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Northamptonshire Healthcare

If you find yourself in crisis or need support with your mental health in the evening and/or at the weekend we are here to listen and help you in your time of need.

Mind Cafés have professional mental health workers who can offer you a safe space. Our aim is to support people to reduce any immediate crisis and to safety plan; drawing on strengths, resilience, and coping mechanisms to manage their mental health and wellbeing.

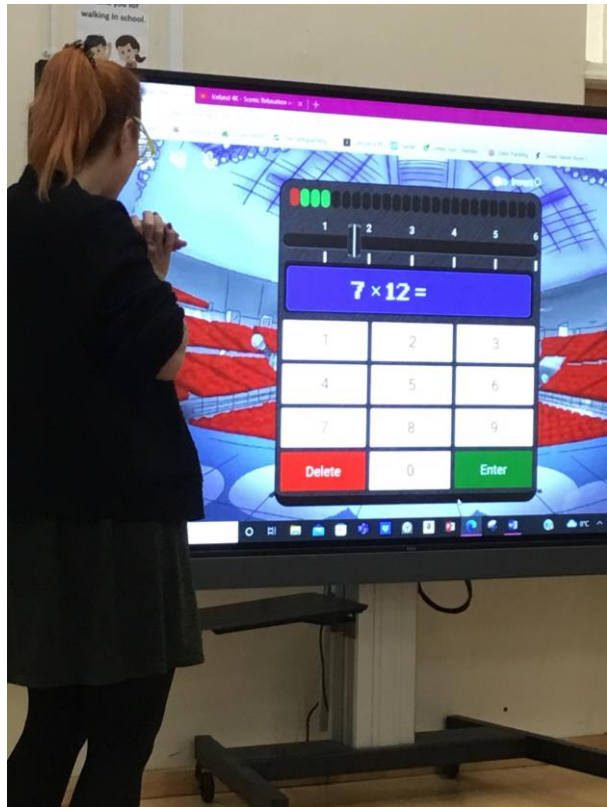
There is no need to call, just drop in to find a safe place with hope and comfort and find your pathway to recovery.

CRISIS CAFÉS TIMETABLE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
The Sanctuary @ Corby Mind 18 Argyll St, Corby, NN17 1RU Tel : 01536 267280				12-10 PM	12-10 PM		2-8 PM
The Mixing Bowl @ Kettering Mind 49-51 Russell St. Kettering, NN16 0EN Tel : 01536 523216		12-11 PM	12-11 PM	12-11 PM			
Daventry Mind, The Old Gasworks Car Park, Brook Street, Daventry, NN11 4GG Tel : 01327 879416			5-9 PM				
Anchor House @ Northampton Mind 6/7 Regent Square, Northampton NN1 2NQ Tel: 01604 634310 / 624951	12-10 PM	12-10 PM				2-10 PM	
The Recovery Café @ Rushden Mind Phoenix House, Skinner's Hill, Rushden, NN10 9YE Tel : 01933 312800	12-10 PM	12-10 PM	12-10 PM				2-8 PM
Wellingborough Mind 14 Havelock Street, Wellingborough, NN8 4QA Tel : 01933 223591				12-10 PM	12-10 PM	2-8 PM	

## Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots









A huge well done to Class 9 for going up on our TTRS leaders board last week with a great 63% of the class being active from home. We will be announcing the winning class again at the end of this week. Please continue to use this over the festive period as we will also be looking to see which class was the most active over the Christmas break too. Please contact Miss Lee if you still need your login details or you are having trouble logging in. Good luck to the winning class this week!