



# AppledoreNews

Appledore School Newsletter

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Christmas Lunch- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Fayre, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Week 12

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday 11th for the **Christmas fayre** 3-5pm. The PTFA are short of volunteers and so please let them or Annemarie in the office know if you can help in any way, because we really need the help to run the event. If you can please also fill the trugs outside your children's classrooms with goodies and any tombola prizes welcomed. We will also be looking for cakes on the day!

The children's **Christmas lunch** is Tuesday 15th December. It is free for all Dolphins and Year 1 & 2 pupils and £2 for pupils in Years 3,4,5 & 6. Please contact the school to order your child's lunch.

Thank you for your support of my letter request for not **parking on Kingsley Avenue** when dropping off and collecting your children, due to it being a private road for which we only have access across permission and the obvious safety concerns for our children. If you are delivering to or collecting from the After School Club you are entitled to use the staff car park. If so, please be very careful when entering and exiting the car park because there have been numerous near misses recently.

If you have seen pupils wearing red super hero capes in school you are not mistaken – they are our **Super Learners** rewarded that day for displaying skills that could include being resilient, inquisitive, risk taking, supportive, motivated and determined. Those who are awarded with super hero status will be sporting a wristband, so please keep an eye out for these.

Our **House tag rugby tournament** happened this week and congratulations to the winning teams.

Have a super weekend

Best wishes

Jeremy Cooper and all of the staff

## AROUND THE CLASSES

### Turtles & Dolphins (FSU)

It's starting to look a little bit like Christmas in the FSU! We have been busy practising our play and are very much looking forward to wearing our costumes next week. We have also been making decorations for our Christmas hoops in the corridor and our gifts for the Christmas fair - we have all made diva lamps and salt dough decorations.

### Sea Lions (Year 1)

This week we have written letters to Father Christmas and then on Thursday walked down to Appledore Post Office to post them. We asked lots of questions and the friendly staff in the Post Office were happy to answer our questions. We have made Christmas Trees that are on display in the Art Gallery and we have started making Christmas decorations. We have also put the finishing touches to our Nativity and can't wait to share it with you all.

### HMS Enterprise (Year 6)

Year 6 have been busy publishing their detective stories this week - now available for reading in the Enterprise Detective Series area in class. Tuesday was a busy sporting day, with some children representing the school at Bideford College in a sporting event. They also enjoyed the inter-house Tag Rugby competition - Atlantic were the winners, with Indian taking second place and Arctic and Pacific joint third. All mixed teams across years 5 and 6 played well in difficult conditions and the spectators cheered their teams on effectively. As Christmas is becoming ever closer, we will be making our decorations and items for sale at the school fair over the next week. Also with knitting club starting soon for those in year 6 who have brought back

permission slips, we would like to ask for any donations of wool or knitting needles to help our club. Thank you to those people who have paid the latest installment for the residential - £25 was due by the end of November for any of you, who may have forgotten.

### Lundy Puffins (Year 2)

Lundy Puffins have been busy writing this week. They have written their 'Previously' stories and have published these into illustrated books. Some will be on display in the classroom and some will be on display on the writer's board outside the hall, so please make sure you have a read of them. In science, they have continued to investigate forces and had to think how they could make a toy car travel further. They then tested out their ideas, which was great fun. Rehearsals for the Nativity have continued and we hope you enjoy the show! Thank you for all the fabulous costumes.

### Seahunter (Year 3)

Seahunter have been busy this week starting to prepare for Christmas. They enjoyed making stable shapes books with Kay, ready to write the Christmas story and have had fun with their feet and some rather slimy green paint! The results of this adventure will soon be evident in the main corridor. In English they have completed their dragon reports and started to create books ready for publishing.

### HMS Echo (Year 4)

This week has seen the children starting to collect and use their notes in order to write a non-chronological report, based on the Romans. In maths, we have played Tug of War - exploring what happens to adding and subtracting from negative and positive numbers. We are also in the early stages of designing a 'Celtic' brooch to sell at the Christmas fayre. On Thursday we met Mrs Knibb, who will be working with us in the Spring term, as she trains as a teacher.

### **Beechcroft (Year 5)**

On Tuesday a team from Year 5 competed in a multi skills competition at Bideford College. The boys' team came 8<sup>th</sup> and the girls' team came 4<sup>th</sup>. They all tried very hard and enjoyed competing against other schools.

The class now have a daily Super Learner. So far Jaydon and Amelia have been our Super Learners!

In numeracy the class has been learning about polygons, quadrilaterals and triangles.

They have been reading The Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

### **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: KS1 performance to parents 10am. FSU play 2pm.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December: FSU play 10am.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm, KS2 Christmas at St Mary's Church, Appledore

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**



Rhiannon, Julian, George and Daisy.

### **ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK AWARD**

Last week it was won by Dolphins class with 99.4%. Well done!

### **SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding policies available for you to view on our website or request a copy from the school office.

### **STORIES, MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE**

As part of the Festivities in Appledore this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Appledore Library will be having a special opening. Between 5pm and 7pm there will be telling of Christmas stories for children, with biscuits and juice and upstairs there will be mince pies and mulled wine for the adults.

### **GOVERNOR MEETINGS**

Copies of the minutes for all meetings are available to parents upon request. Please ask Annemarie in the school office or email [admin@appledore-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@appledore-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Resources Committee:

12<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April & 14<sup>th</sup> June

Teaching & Learning Committee:

12<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> April & 14<sup>th</sup> June

Full Governing Body:

9<sup>th</sup> February, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 17<sup>th</sup> May & 12<sup>th</sup> July