



# HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

Although it's nearly the end of November, school is starting to have that Christmassy feel- I've heard EYFS and KS1 starting to learn their Nativity songs which means its well and truly on the way!

Thank you for the generous donations you have sent in for the Fayre next week- and thanks to the fundraising team who have sorted and organised them all already! Super-efficient! It sounds like we have loads of great stalls and activities to look forward to next Friday!

I have been really impressed being around school this week at how **dedicated** the children appeared during our assessment week- hopefully they will show lots of progress being made as well as identifying our teaching priorities for next term. Once we have crunched the data we will send you an update of how your children are performing at the moment.

Have a great weekend.

Ian Garner, Headteacher

## Reception

In Reception last week, we have continued our topic of 'What's in the Woods?' and we have been reading the story 'Owl Babies'. The children have been writing words on owls, matched to pictures on branches. In maths, we have been counting owls accurately as well as subitising (recognising amounts to 5 without counting).

## Sport

Well done to all the children who have competed in Cross Country over the last few weeks- special mention goes to our Boys 'B' team who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the BFC champs a few weeks ago. There were also some spectacular performances yesterday at Cantley Park where Hannah G once again won the Year 3/4 girls race making it 2 wins from 2 races. Also, very well done to Joshua W who ran brilliantly despite the nerves to record a great score!

On Monday, we learnt about the festival of Diwali. The children found out why, and the different ways in which it is celebrated. We had our own celebrations of light and colour, drawing Rangoli patterns and developing our fine motor skills by making 'pinch pot' Diya lamps.



## Hair

All long hair must be tied up at all times – this helps to prevent the spread of head lice and is more practical for working and PE.

## Christmas Fair Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2pm – 4.30pm

If you can spare any time to support the fair either the week before (sorting donations and preparing games) or on the day (set-up, refreshment, raffle, close-down) please do let us know by emailing [woodenhillfundraisers@gmail.com](mailto:woodenhillfundraisers@gmail.com) Thank you.

**Santa's grotto – SOLD OUT!**



## Diary Dates

Y4 Linnet - Church Visit  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Dinner Day (wear own clothes) Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Christmas Fair 2pm – 4.30pm  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Y4 Crossbill - Church Visit  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

EYFS 9.15am/KS1 Nativity 2pm  
13<sup>th</sup> December

KS1 9.15am/EYFS Nativity 2.15pm  
14<sup>th</sup> December

End of term Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
3.15pm

## Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance:	93%
Top class for attendance:	Linnet

Fantastic attendance from Linnet last week with 97% attendance – well done! Our whole school attendance is up on the previous week's figure.

## Awards

It has been great to see so many children wanting to share awards that they have won or been awarded from various clubs or activities they take part in outside of school.

We are keen to share these experiences with them in school but due to the high numbers involved we will be asking the children to share these in class with their classmates rather than in school assemblies. The amount children who want to share means we don't have time to deliver the actual assembly! Many thanks for your understanding.

Mr Garner