



Tenterfields Primary Academy

Learning together, growing together



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what an incredible end to a fantastic term!

Thank you for all your support this term and we are so privileged to be able to teach your children as they are incredible!

This has been a wonderful week of festive fun and thank you for your very generous donations to the Black Country Foodbank and Monarch Mutts. Your generosity was overwhelming and they were gratefully received. Please have a look at the video that was sent to us by the elves that came to Tenterfields! Elf video: <https://vimeo.com/656352190>

We have tried really hard to ensure that the children enjoyed Christmas festivities despite working within guidelines and we hope that you enjoyed the Nativity videos that were shared yesterday.

Many children had their first school trip for a very long time on Tuesday to the grotto to visit Santa and there was much excitement and a great time had by all. We plan to build our own Tenterfields grotto and firepit ready for next year so we are on the lookout for any parents that have a ready supply of timber and some great carpentry skills!

Last week we were also thrilled and so very proud of the children who performed at the WAT conference and a big thank you to the parents who came to bring the children and watch the performance. There wasn't a dry eye in the ICC!

We hope that you find the learning overviews helpful in knowing where your child is with their learning and what they will be covering in their curriculum next term. The NTS test booklets have been sent home and we hope that these will support you in understanding the gaps in your child's learning and where they are succeeding. Please remember that these booklets assess the whole year's curriculum and your children are only one third of the way through the year so there will be content that they are yet to cover. As always, if you have any questions please ask your class teacher.

We know that the current situation is ever changing and if there is any new guidance from the government or the Department for Education that will impact our school in January and we will share this with you as soon as we can.

I would like to say a personal thank you to the Tenterfields family for being so welcoming in

my first term and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all and your wonderful children.

I wish you all a very safe, healthy and merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Lisa Buffery - Executive Headteacher

Daniel Wade - Deputy Headteacher

Hot Chocolate Friday Award



What wonderful photos celebrating our Hot Chocolate Friday Award success!

Please can we ask you to send your child's hot chocolate photos on Class Dojo to the school office

Class Dojo Awards

Class Dojo awards over the last two weeks were awarded to the following children. A huge well done to them all

	Class Total ending 13th December	Individual Winner ending 13th December
Nursery	95	Ivy
Reception	141	Ella Mae & Jessica
Year 1	324	Hattie
Year 2	266	Amria
Year 3	257	Bonnie
Year 4	272	Freya M & Freya H
Year 5	419	Benjamin, William & Harrison
Year 6	513	Joe

What's been happening in school?

Nursery



We have been busy little elves in nursery making all of our Christmas crafts. We have been enjoying our advent count down and have been practicing our Christmas song for you. We have begun our topic on the Arctic and are excited to be learning about a different place in the World. We have been looking at ice and describing the feel, temperature and look of it. We have been making some Arctic artwork and solving the penguin puzzles too.



In phonics we have been exploring sounds using our listening ear hats, we went on a walk around school to see what we could discover. In maths we have been counting to a total, this has been quite tricky but we are practicing lots.

Reception

The children are all very excited now for the activities in the lead up to Christmas. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been getting ready for Christmas by making our festive cards and calendars. Mrs Johal and Mrs Blackman have done a wonderful job in our classroom and our role play area has been transformed into a festive home. The children are surrounded by Christmas decorations, can sit and watch the television by the fire and the kitchen is open to cook up some tasty treats.

In Phonics we have continued to learn more sounds the children can apply in their reading and writing. In the last two weeks we have learnt 'j' and 'v'. We have also learnt some new green words (fan,, fat, fish, fun, had, hen, hit) and some new red words (to, was, go, no). End of term phonics assessments have also taken place. The children have now learnt many sounds which they can apply to their letter writing to Santa to let him know how amazing they have all been!

Our latest class story is 'Stick Man'. To discover our new story we went into our school forest area and used our senses to explore. On our journey we collected lots of leaves and sticks to use for some activities back in the classroom. The children are enjoying hearing and talking about this story.

In Maths, the children have been introduced to addition and subtraction. They have all worked very hard to use the mathematical vocabulary (add, plus, total, altogether, subtract, left over) to solve some tricky problems.



Year 1

In Year 1 we have been very busy with our Christmas activities! We wrote a letter to Santa telling him how good we are and we have been making our super Christmas cards and calendars. This year our calendars are in the style of the artist Kandinsky. We had a wonderful time visiting Santa in his grotto - we loved the songs! :-)



In English children have been reading the story Christmas Dinosaur. We thought of questions that we could ask Santa then we had a go at answering some of our questions in class. Children were very imaginative in answering their questions!

In our Geography topic What a Wonderful World we have been learning about the United Kingdom. We learnt about all of the flags and capital cities of the UK and we even made our own information booklets about Halesowen and the surrounding areas.

In Maths we began our time unit and we have been ordering the days of the week and months of the year. We have also been helping some cheeky elves to solve number problems including number sequences.



Year 2

The children are really excited as Christmas time approaches. In English we have written our letters to Santa telling him how good we have all been and how we have demonstrated that this year. They have all been posted and we are now waiting patiently for his replies.

In our 'What a Wonderful World' theme we have found out about the five oceans, explored the continents and found Kenya and its capital city Nairobi on Google earth. The children found some interesting facts about Nairobi and we compared our lives to the children who live there. Did you know? Nairobi is known as "The Green City in the Sun", which is derived from the city's foliage (thank you Amria).

Maths has been quite tricky, looking at arrays for multiplication and division. The children have been arranging counters and then writing number sentences to match the arrays we have made. We have looked at the symbols and then the inverse to check our answers.

Finally, the children have worked extremely hard using their art skills to produce fantastic cards and calendars in readiness for Christmas.



Year 3

We have started getting ready for Christmas in year 3 this week. We have designed and then created our Christmas calendars. We have used our knowledge of tone to help us create a background, which we will then place a silhouette on top to create a landscape.

In English we are writing our own setting description of a beach. We have used the book 'Lucy and Tom go to the beach' to help us create our ideas. We have then used the skills we have learnt to help develop our writing. They all look amazing and I can't wait to read them.

In Maths we have been practising our measuring skills and developing our understanding of using mixed units of cm and mm. We were then introduced to perimeter and how we can calculate this. Year 3 really enjoyed these lessons and loved having the opportunity to explore measurements. We have then spent the week revising column methods for addition and subtraction. We have looked at word problems and practised how we have to read the questions carefully to find the information we need to answer the calculation.

We have finished our theme 'what a wonderful world' this week. We have spent the term looking at maps and the importance of map symbols and grid references, rivers, mountains and the similarities and differences of Wales and England. We have finished the theme by showing our understanding and demonstrating how we would know if we were in Wales. There were lots of creative ideas which really showed our understanding of the theme.



Year 4

What a great end to the term in Year 4. The children have been making Christmas cards and calendars and they will be bringing them home this week. We have been looking at the work of Leonardo Da Vinci in Art.

In Maths, the children have been continuing to practice their times tables and have begun to look at data in the form of pictograms. Also, in English the children have been writing a persuasive holiday advert for Italy or Iceland linked to their ASPIRE theme topic. The children have been using appealing adjectives, intriguing questions and snappy slogans.

In addition, we have finished our ASPIRE theme 'What a Wonderful World' this week. We have spent the term looking at the human and physical features of Iceland and Italy, as well as maps and coordinates. We have finished the theme by creating a holiday advert to persuade someone to visit either Iceland or Italy based on their landmarks and natural features. The children have really enjoyed this topic and they now know lots about Iceland and want to visit there someday.

On Tuesday this week, the children had a fantastic time walking to Manor Way School. They took part in a 'silent disco' and received a present from Santa. They also enjoyed a warm hot chocolate around an open fire. What a great day was had by all.

Finally, parents and children have a fantastic Christmas Holiday and thanks for all your hard work this term Year 4.



Year 5

What a wonderful final week we have had in Year 5! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Manor Way for our silent disco and Santa grotto visit. We loved singing Christmas songs around the campfire while enjoying our hot chocolate. Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this term and wholeheartedly deserved their Christmas treat. We have been busy making Christmas cards and calendars whilst practising our carols for our annual Christmas carol service. All things festive!



In English we have been looking at the film 'The Snowman'. We have been creating our own stories to match looking at our descriptive writing skills using: personification, similes, metaphors and expanded noun phrases. Here is a short example written by William:

Early one wintry morning, snow fell from the heavens like a wish coming true. Animals ran for shelter trying to hide from the freezing, cold snow without success. The animals wishing for no more. Snowflakes pirouetted through the sky like a graceful ballerina practising for a show. Beautiful, white snow covered the ground like a blanket, untouched and perfect.

In Maths we have been practising long multiplication, multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have also revised the short bus stop method for division. This is something lots of us found quite challenging, but Year 5 showed great resilience and persevered!

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful, restful break. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 6

What a wonderful week it has been in Year 6! We have thoroughly enjoyed all of the fantastic activities in school and are feeling very Christmassy. One of the highlights of this week has been our trip to Manor Way for our silent disco and Santa grotto visit. We loved singing Christmas songs around the campfire while enjoying our hot chocolate. Year 6 certainly has some fantastic dance moves! The children have been making Christmas cards and calendars and they will be bringing them home this week. We have been looking at different types of Street Art and we have modelled our Calendar on this.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance from 6th December to 10th December: 94.87%

Well done and congratulations to

Year 1

**For receiving the
'Attendance Trophy'**



Dear Parents,

The NHS is encouraging everyone eligible for their first, second or COVID-19 booster jab to walk-in and 'grab a jab' this weekend, to protect themselves and help make the Christmas period safer for us all.

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There are 100 sites across the Black Country and West Birmingham, all are offering first, second and booster doses for adults aged 18 and over, as well as vaccines for 12-15-year-olds.

Appointments can be booked online via the National Booking System, or by calling 119.

Walk-in appointments are also available at a number of vaccination sites across the area including Tipton Sports Academy in Sandwell, The Saddlers Vaccination Centre in Walsall, the Cardiac Rehab Gym at City Hospital and the Mander Vaccination Centre in Wolverhampton.

More information is available [here](#)

Black Country and West Birmingham CCG

Other News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The teachers and staff at Tenterfields Primary Academy wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year .

Just to let you know that the staff will be offline on Class Dojo from 4.30pm today for a well earned break and will be back online at 9am on Tuesday 4th January .

If you have a family emergency, covid related incident or a safeguarding issue then please Class dojo Miss Buffery directly.



**We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 5th January
Have a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year!**

School Applications

We are offering Reception Open Days for all prospective parents on the dates below, please contact school if you would like to book for our open day

Monday 10th January 2pm – 3pm

Please find the link below to help with your child's primary school admission. All applications must be submitted by 15th January 2022

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-admissions/primary-reception-intake/>

After School Clubs

Following feedback on the parent questionnaires, from Parents' Evening, we have increased the amount and type of afterschool clubs. We have added Fundamentals, Martial Arts, Pottery, Musical Theatre, Sats Club and Relax Kids. We will send more information about Relax Kids which focuses on meditation and managing emotions and feelings.

Clubs will be starting week commencing 10th January – Please sign up for the clubs on Parentmail. Please look in the forms section of the Parentmail App. Clubs are limited to 20 children, apart from Pottery which is limited to 14 and SATs Booster Club which is available to all of year 6

	After School 3.30–4.30pm
Mon	Football Club Yr 1-2 Basketball Yr 3-4 Golf Yr 5-6
Tues	Football Club Yr 3-4 Tag Rugby Yr 5-6
Wed	FUNDamentals Yr R-1 Martial Arts Club – MAC Academy Years 2-6
Thurs	Multisports Yr 2 & 3 SATs Club Year 6 Musical Theatre Years 4 & 5 Pottery Club Yr 1-5
Fri	Football Club Yr 5-6 (YourSport) Relax Kids – Years 1 & 2



Who's Elfie



Well done to everyone who took part in the Who's Elfie competition.

We are pleased to announce the winners are:

Ava - Year 2

Logan H - Year 4

Saffia - Year 4

A big thank you to everyone who took part in this fabulous competition.

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Who's Elfie?

Date	Who's Elfie		
	Elfie number 1	Elfie number 2	Elfie number 3
1.12.21	Miss Hickie	Mrs Westbury	
2.12.21	Mrs Giles	Miss Buffery	
3.12.21	Mrs Gormley	Mrs Elwart	Mr Wade
6.12.21	Miss Hawker	Miss Hampson	
7.12.21	Miss Ellerton	Mrs Taylor	
8.12.21	Mrs Blackman	Miss Hill	
9.12.21	Miss Newton	Mrs Davis	
10.12.21	Mrs Clayton	Miss Barber	Mrs Johal
13.12.21	Mrs Bennett	Mrs Nock	
14.12.21	Mr Banks	Mrs Boyle	
15.12.21	Miss D'Amone	Mrs Boxley	

National Elf Service

On Thursday we held National Elf day and supported both the Black Country Foodbank and Monarch Mutts. We would like to thank all of you for your generosity in helping these two great causes.



We had two Special visitors From Monarch Mutts to say thank you in person



PTFA hamper raffle & Name the Reindeer

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed prizes for the PTFA raffle. We are delighted to announce the ten hamper winners are

Charlie - Year 5
Lexie - Year 6
Tommy-Lee - Year 1
Eli - Year 3
Oliver - Reception
Freya H - Year 4
Freya G - Year 4
Spencer - Year 4
Yara - Year 4
Megan - Year 3

The winners of Name the Reindeer are:

Nicholas - Year 1
Ella - Year 3

Reading certificates

We have launched our Reading certificates in school this week and will be sending these special certificates home with the children in January.



School Lunches

School lunches for January are available to book on Parentmail. Please look out for our specials menu on Thursday 20th January.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th January	Inset day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 5th January	School reopens for pupils
Monday 10th January	Open day for Reception 2022 intake - 2pm - 3pm - Contact office to book
Saturday 15th January	Applications close for Reception 2022
Thursday 20th January	Special Lunch Menu - please book using Parentmail

TERM DATES

2022 Spring Term Dates

Term starts: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half term: Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February 2022

Term Ends: Friday 8th April 2022

2022 Summer Term Dates

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Half Term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022

Term Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

Inset Days 2021- 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022

(Monday 2nd May- May Day Bank Holiday)

Thursday 5th May 2022 - school closed - local elections

Monday 27th June 2022 TBC

Friday 22nd July 2022 Extra Bank Holiday

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