



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite there only being a few weeks left of this term, the children of Istead Rise are certainly not winding down (despite the excitement and frolics of certain elves!). Our school grounds are looking very festive too - thank you to FIRPS for setting up and decorating the Christmas trees, they look great. There have been some other amazing accomplishments and achievements from the last two weeks:

Remote Learning

Well done to Year 1 for the great take up and completion of the remote learning set on Google Classroom. I know many of you, along with Miss Underdown, cannot wait to return to school. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th December.

Phonics Screening

Congratulations to all the children and adults in Year 2 for completing an extremely successful phonics screening. We are all very proud of you!

Exploring the past

The children of Year 6 have had great fun learning about the life of a Victorian child. Using a range of resources, they have played games, experienced the rules of Victorian schools and carried out some Victorian jobs. Dickens would be proud!

Parent Consultations

Next week, teachers will continue with parent consultations. For those who have been contacted so far, thank you for your engagement with this new format and for the positive comments that have been received regarding your child's enjoyment of school, learning and progress.

Please continue to keep yourselves and your family safe, and we hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs M Clark
Deputy Headteacher

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day



We look forward to the Children coming into school on the 16th December wearing their favourite festive jumper for a suggested donation of £1. You can make the donation via your child's Parent Pay account. Remember to book their Christmas lunch by the 8th December if they require one.

Acts of Kindness Year 4



The Year 4 children have been writing a message on a card thanking or explaining how someone has been kind to them. The teachers then add them to the display in the corridor. The year group have really embraced the acts of kindness concept.

FIRPS Christmas Trees

Our wonderful FIRPS team have been busy this week decorating these lovely Christmas trees donated to our school by Broadditch Farm Shop. B & Q and Morrison's also kindly donated all the decorations. Thank you to all involved for your time and generosity
Broadditch Farm Shop / Events B&Q Morrisons



Friends of the Forest Christmas Trees

It's beginning to look alot like Christmas! Friends of the Forest worked incredibly well last week and made their very own Christmas Tree with Mrs T Clark and Mrs Neal. They used knots and lashings to keep the branches in place and weaving to make a star for the top. The group were so proud of their efforts they couldn't wait to show them off to Mr Payne who was delighted with them!



Core Values Congratulations to all our winners!

Week Ending 27.11

Acorns Class - Taylor & Charlotte for Perseverance
Palm Class - Poppy M for Respect & Alfie for Perseverance
Sycamore Class - Taiga and Lily for Independence
Cherry Class - James Sil for Perseverance & Ellenor for Self Reflection
Birch Class - Maisie for Perseverance & Abishai for Self Reflection
Willow Class - Luella & Henry for Perseverance
Elm Class - Mateo & Logan for Perseverance
Aspen Class - Lucas for Self Reflection & Dimitar for Perseverance

Week Ending 04.12

Acorns Class - Constance & Nevaeh for Perseverance
Palm Class - Ronak for Self Reflection & Thomas for Respect
Sycamore Class - Carlyle & Jack for Self Reflection
Cherry Class - Ezekiel for Self Reflection & Ethan for Perseverance
Birch Class - Rui for Self Reflection & Parker for Respect
Willow Class - Kira-Leigh for Self Reflection & Blake for Perseverance
Elm Class - Lennie & Leon for Independence
Aspen Class - Laicee for Perseverance & Leah for Independence



Artist of the week!

This week Kira-Leigh of Willow Class has achieved artist of the week. This was for her use of sophisticated vocabulary when evaluating a group of different artists who based their work around space. Kira-Leigh described one of the artists work as "vibrant" and noted that the texture of the painting "made it seem peaceful" Great work Kira-Leigh!



The Youth Sports Trust Virtual After School Sports Clubs



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The Youth Sport Trust have been providing free Virtual After School Sports Clubs and will continue to do so until the end of this term. They run it live on their youtube channel every weekday at 5pm for around half an hour, and you can still get previous day's videos on their website. They have a different daily theme throughout the week,
Youth Sports Trust

The Elf On The Shelf

Fred the Elf has made his way to the Forest. Children of Palm and Acorns had great fun believing he was moving his head to see what they were up to. Charlotte from Acorns wanted to feed him with some leaves. The classes spoke about the rule he broke - climbing a tree with no adult present.



Year 6 Victorian Topic

Year 6 are really enjoying this terms topic the 'Victorian Era' The children have been looking at artifacts that have been kindly lent to us by Maidstone Museum. They have been learning about the types of jobs people were doing, as well as the games that were played and what it was like to attend school during this period.



KS2 Essay Writing Competition

KS2 don't forget to share your entries with Mrs T Clark by the 14th December. You can find full details via the blue link above