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Dear parents, carers and families,

We have had a wonderful end to the term here at school and it has been a privilege to enjoy it with your children. We have certainly packed lots into the last week or two and I hope that you enjoy a few last pictures from 2023...

Winter Fair

Thank you to all who came along to our Winter Fair last Friday. The children had worked hard making craft items to sell and I am pleased to let you know that we raised an amazing **£526** towards the school fund.



Toys 2 Enjoy Event

This event, which was the idea of our School Council children, was also a great success. We were overwhelmed with so many toys donated and so many families coming after school to pick a new free toy to take away. We had so many toys that we were even able to have a free toy stall at the Winter Fair. Thank you to everyone who got involved but a special thanks to our School Council and Mrs Redmond for organising.

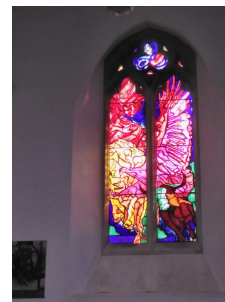
Christmas Dinner

Last week the children enjoyed a special Christmas dinner all together complete with music, crackers and lots of laughter! The staff joined the children to help with the dinner service and to sit and eat with the children.



Year 2

As well as their fantastic Nativity performances, the Year 2 team found some time to visit St Peter's Church in our local community. They enjoyed a short walk to listen to Father David and learned about Advent, the Nativity story and important features of a church, such as the beautiful water feature for baptisms. This visit greatly supported their learning about religious buildings and celebrations. The children loved it!



New Communications Arbor

Parent App

We are very pleased to inform you that today, we are launching our new communication tool called the **Arbor Parent App**. You will shortly receive an email with more information including your login details.



It is important that you login to the app to activate your details as we will be using the app increasingly from January onwards.

On the App you will be able to:-

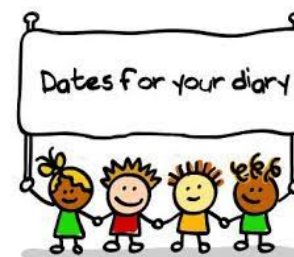
- see your child's attendance figures
- receive messages from school
- check and amend yours or your child's personal details
- Book appointments for events such as parent consultation meetings

Please note: The Behavioural section on this Arbor Parent App is currently switched off. We are looking into whether we can add this in the future.

Please look out for the email with login details....

LOOKING AHEAD....DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 nd Jan	First day back of term 3
19 th Jan	Year 4 LJ Class Assembly
26 th Jan	Year 2 BH Class Assembly
2 nd Feb	Year 3 CK Class Assembly
9 th Feb	School training day (no pupils)
12 th Feb	Half Term
19 th Feb	First day back of term 4



Pupils to Celebrate!

Well done to these children who have gained recognition from the adults and the children in school in the last fortnight. Great stuff!

	PAT ON THE BACK	STAR LEARNER
	From 11/12/23 until 19/12/23	
Yr 1	Freddie N / Taylor M	Milo E / Lily M

Yr 2	Hasan A / Sebby L / Alisa A	Felicia A / Alisa A
Yr 3		Molly L / Autumn G
Yr 4	Sienna N	Patrick P / Lincoln C
Yr 5	Michael N / Luca P	Aden M / Perin S
Yr 6	Amid A-R / Jamal A	Kya G / Laila-Mae H

Commendations for our 'Always Above and Beyond Behaviour

Each term we commend children across school for their exemplary behaviour and conduct in school. The following children have been recognised in Term 2:

Fiona W (EYFS)	Chloe (Y1)	Mia-Rose (Y1)	Sada (Y2)	Keziah (Y2)
Jaden (Y3)	Rui Zhen Lin (Y3)	Michael (Y4)	Ella (Y4)	
Katelyn (Y5)	Michael (Y5)	Kidd (Y6)	Sophia (Y6)	
Sebby (Butterfly)	Grayson (Butterfly)	Phoebe (Y6)	Anne Maria (Y5)	

On Friday 15th, the children were lucky enough to spend time with Mr Goodwin for the end of term Hot Chocolate Party. The invites were shared and then children from Year 1 all the way up to Year 6 enjoyed being recognised for their Above and Beyond behaviour, as recognised by their teachers. As you would expect, the behaviour was fantastic and the children enjoyed a donut eating challenge, a little bit of xmas karaoke and some delicious hot chocolates. A really enjoyable time with some fantastic children. I can't wait to see which children are recognised for the first party of 2024 in term 3! Well done children.

Attendance at Pilgrim

Children should be in school 'regularly' in order to get the best out of the education we provide. The Government is clear that regular attendance is 96% or better. Here are the attendance figures for the last 2 weeks since the last Newsletter. The classes in green are at or above 96% - our target.

Well done to both our Year 3 classes who have the best attendance over the last week!
11/12/23 until 19/12/23

<u>Registration Form</u>	<u>Present R/C: Marks</u>	<u>Late R/C: Marks</u>
<u>Year F HG/ROL</u>	<u>87.5%</u>	<u>3.5%</u>
<u>Year F HT</u>	<u>94.7%</u>	<u>1.5%</u>
<u>Year 1 JM</u>	<u>95.9%</u>	<u>4.7%</u>
<u>Year 1 LW</u>	<u>92.4%</u>	<u>0.8%</u>
<u>Year 2 BF</u>	<u>92.8%</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
<u>Year 2 RH</u>	<u>92.6%</u>	<u>4.1%</u>
<u>Year 3 CB</u>	<u>96.4%</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
<u>Year 3 KC</u>	<u>97.3%</u>	<u>4.4%</u>
<u>Year 4 EK</u>	<u>92.9%</u>	<u>2.5%</u>

<u>Year 4 LJ</u>	<u>94.4%</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
<u>Year 5 AC</u>	<u>92.8%</u>	<u>3.2%</u>
<u>Year 5 SS</u>	<u>92.1%</u>	<u>2.4%</u>
<u>Year 6 RH</u>	<u>92.9%</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
<u>Year 6 SR</u>	<u>90.7%</u>	<u>2.2%</u>

Goodbye to some of our Staff

This afternoon we had a special assembly to say goodbye to some much loved staff:



Miss Li has worked in EYFS and Year 1 for over a year and we wish her well for the future.

Mr Quintrell has worked throughout school, supporting our PE lessons for the last year. However, I am pleased to say that Mr Quintrell will be returning to Pilgrim sometime in the new year as a class teaching assistant. So it was goodbye today but not for long!



A very sad but fond farewell to the wonderful Mrs Wootton



It was with very mixed emotions that we said goodbye to Mrs Wootton this afternoon. Mrs Wootton has been at Pilgrim for over 13 years and has dedicated that time to teaching children to read. Today in assembly, the children said a final goodbye with presents, cards and lots of hugs!

Mrs Wootton was presented with the books that have been donated from staff and our community which will be given to the school library in her name. Thank you very much to all the families who either donated money or indeed brought books to give to the library - she was overjoyed to see so many new books and wanted to thank you all for your generosity and kindness.

We will be very sorry to see Mrs Wootton go and thank her for everything she has done for our school and particularly for teaching so many children to read over the years. We wish her luck and happiness for the future.



Wishing you all a fantastic holiday and see you on 2nd January 2024 when the new term starts

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