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## Sporting Achievement



Huge congratulations to the Year 5/6 basketball A team that won the inter schools tournament at Skinners School. The B team did really well too and finished as runners up in their group and in sixth place overall! Well done to you all.

## Forest School

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Hazel Class (Year 3/4 – Mr Smith) will be taking part in Forest School.



## A message from Miss Harris

We have had another very productive week in school. On Monday, we welcomed a Maths Adviser into school for the day to work with us to continue to reflect on and develop our maths curriculum. It was such a useful day and has already resulted in us further developing maths opportunities for our children. 😊



Following a visit for the English Hub where one of our focuses was to further enhance our reading corners in our classrooms, Miss Bradley has really developed Maple Class's reading area. Doesn't it look inviting!



## Inspiring and Celebrating children's writing!

Children in Year 3/4 have been working on the features of articles and have been using The Iron Man as a stimulus for their writing. This is Boyce's article:

*On November 24<sup>th</sup> at St Matthew's Primary School, children retrieved a rusty mechanical robotic arm. At approximately 10:00, they went into the music room and discovered things to do with the Iron Man. They began looking at the other objects from the Iron Man.*

*"There was metal everywhere. I am not happy!" Muttered Mrs Howden miserably.*

*"There was all that metal in the music room. Where did it come from?" queried Mrs Crabb worried.*

*Mrs Deacon remarked, "I'm a bit puzzled."*

*Children think it might be from an intergalactic planet. Children think that the planet might have crashed in the playground.*



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Year 1/2, Ash, Birch and Elm classes, came into school on Monday to such a mess having been made by a creature that was locked in the cupboard! The children loved using the clues to work out what they thought had happened and what kind of animal they thought might be in the cupboard! Their ideas were so creative and inspired their writing. A great stimulus for the week!

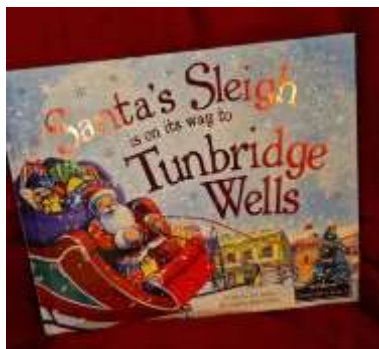
## Attendance Ted

Here's this week's attendance data.

<b>Year R</b> <b>Willow</b> 91%		
<b>Year 1/2</b> <b>Ash</b> 90%	<b>Year 1/2</b> <b>Birch</b> 93%	<b>Year 1/2</b> <b>Elm</b> 91%
<b>Year 3/4</b> <b>Chestnut</b> 95%	<b>Year 3/4</b> <b>Hazel</b> 99%	<b>Year 3/4</b> <b>Pine</b> 93%
<b>Year 5</b> <b>Maple</b> 97%	<b>Year 5</b> <b>Sycamore</b> 93%	
<b>Year 6</b> <b>Oak</b> 88%	<b>Year 6</b> <b>Yew</b> 94%	



## Christmas Fair!



If you were able to come to the Christmas Fair on Saturday, I am sure you will agree that it was a wonderful event! There were games to play, stories with Mrs Christmas, stalls with gifts, and lots of 'goodies' to eat and drink.

The work that went into organising the fair was immense and we would like to send out a huge "thank you!" to the PTA for organising everything so well and to everyone who contributed – parents, children, friends and staff. Our children will benefit so much from the funds raised.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event – it was wonderful to see the halls full and have such a buzz in the school.

## Dates for your Diary

Below are key dates for your diary (new events are coloured green):

### Term 2:

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 8.45am – Parent Prayer Meeting with Mrs Brierley
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Coffee Afternoon
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Discos
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas Jumper day (for donations for the wrapping event)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December pm – Choir to sing at the Church for their Community Christmas Lunch Event
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am – Nativity performance for parents (Reception and Years 1/2)
- Monday 15 December 1.45pm and 7pm – Carol Service in Church (Years 3/4/5/6)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm – Nativity performance for parents (Reception and Years 1/2)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Christmas wrapping and Father Christmas
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December pm – Year 6 to visit Tunbridge Wells Boys School to enjoy a performance
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2 for children
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – INSET Day – School closed for children

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January: Christmas Break – School closed for children