This week the school, children and staff are starting to get into the Christmas spirit. The Christmas tree is up, classrooms are looking rather festive and even the school office have put up their decorations. With just two weeks left of the Autumn term, we are looking forward to all the Christmas activities we have planned, along with the completion of the learning for this term.

On Monday Heron Class had a great time learning all about recycling at Waterbeach Waste Management site. Many thanks and congratulations to Elizabeth for taking part in a competition in the summer and winning a trip for her class!

The Infants are very much looking forward to their Christmas production next week. The dress rehearsals are going well and the children are excited to perform to the rest of the school on Tuesday next week. One or two children are still without their costume in school. Please do make sure that your child has this in school by Monday at the very latest.

In Year 5/6, the children have started some self-initiated learning. We believe firmly in giving our children some element of choice over the content of their learning and this week, they have chosen an area of the Victorians they want to know more about. Please do encourage your child to further their research at home to help add to their interest. The rest of the school will be taking part in self-initiated learning during the next two weeks.

Heron Class had their final session with Astra Zeneca on Thursday. They had enormous fun taking part in a mini-Olympics event, including lots of measuring. We are very grateful to the leader of this project who made this possible.

Today, we welcome the NSPCC into school to work with the children as part of their ‘Speak Out, Stay Safe’ programme. The children in both key stages enjoyed an assembly this morning with the Years 5 and 6 participating in workshops run by the volunteers.

Reminders and dates:

⇒ KS1 Productions: 11th December 9.30am for Grandparents; 12th December 6 p.m—children to be in school at 5:45 p.m.; 13th December 9.30 a.m.
⇒ Year 5/6 Open morning—12th December, 9.05 a.m.
⇒ Squirrel, Otter and Heron — Trip money for Norwich Castle due.
⇒ KS1 Maths Café—16th December, 9.05 a.m.
⇒ Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day—Tuesday 17th December. Please wear a festive top and school uniform on the bottom half. Festive hats are also welcome.
⇒ Christmas Carol Service—Wednesday 18th December 6pm.m. in the church

Tweet of the Week

You have just over a week (until Friday 13th) to get your final mini-moo designs in! Please see parent-mail sent out for further information and for an electronic copy of the design sheet @Meadow_Balsham
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**Infants**
This week the Infants have been exploring instructional writing. They have been reading and following instructions. This is tricky! Please continue to ensure your child has plenty of opportunities to listen to and follow instructions at home.

In Maths, the infants have begun to explore mental subtraction and written addition methods for Year 2.

Word of the week: imperative

**Year 3/4**
This week Year 3 and 4 have been refining their word processing skills as they have presented their Roald Dahl diaries.

In Maths they have been exploring division, both mental and written methods. Please continue to ensure the children are learning their tables regularly.

Word of the week: Remainder;

**Year 5/6**
Year 6 have started to read ‘A Christmas Carol’ by Charles Dickens. They have lots of fun learning new vocabulary from the text. The children have also loved starting their new self-initiated learning projects too.

In Maths they have been continuing their work on fractions; adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

Words of the week;
Pinnacle; Capitulate ;
Restrain; Solidarity;

**Stars of the week—**

- **Butterfly Class:** Isabelle; Jon:
- **Dragonfly Class:** Jacob; Henry;
- **Squirrel Class:** Erin; Grace;
- **Heron Class:** Callum; Matthew;
- **Kestrel Class:** Toby; Eddie;
- **Spider Class:** Rufus; Olivia;
- **Otter Class:** Millie; Leo;
- **Kingfisher Class:** Ffion; Daisy;