Dear Families,

#### Join Us for Christmas Celebrations!

Christmas is fast approaching, and we are excited to invite all families to join us in celebrating the festive spirit at our school! We have a variety of special events planned, including Christmas carols and our Talent Show. These activities are a wonderful way to come together as a community. See below for key dates and times. We look forward to seeing you there!



Monday 9th December- Craft sale (parents welcome from 2:45, please bring cash) Tuesday 10th December @ 2.15pm - KS1/EYFS Nativity Wednesday 11th December - Christmas lunch Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day Friday 13th December - EYFS & KS1 Pennywell Farm trip Monday 16th December @ 2.30pm - KS2 Carols @ All Saints' Church Thursday 19th December - KS2 Theatre Trip Have a great weekend, Miss Coombe

#### Some important information for next week-

SATs Booster Club - Tuesday and Friday 8am start

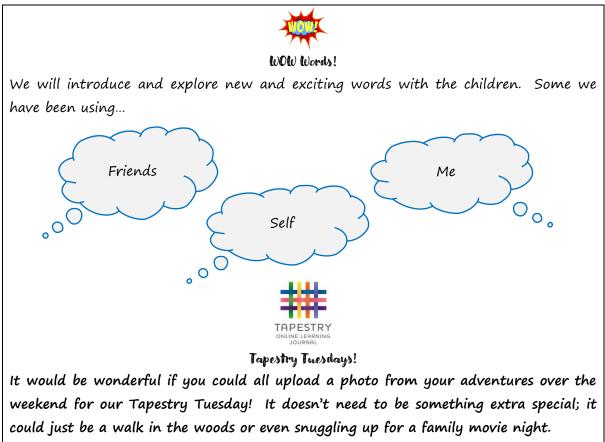
Art Club – KS2 Wednesday 3.15 - 4pm

Sports Club – Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 - 4pm

# West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

## Chestnut - Nursery



We can't wait to see!

### Hazel Years R-2

As designers this week we have made our puppets using our design. We had to really concentrate on the sewing, and everyone showed such great determination. They look amazing! As scientists this week we conducted our own experiment to show how germs grow. We used bread to see how quickly the mould grows on some of the bread we had clean hands and then on the other bread we didn't wash our hands. Over the next few weeks, we are going to observe what happens.





Nativity - The children have been sent home with a letter about what they need to wear underneath their costume, we have all of the main parts of the costume. If children could bring these in, in a labelled bag by Monday morning as we are going to have a dress rehearsal Monday afternoon.

#### <u> Spellings – KS1 only :</u>

Year 1 - hunter, jumper, buzzer, fresher

Year 2 - shopped, dropped, stopped, mopped

#### • <u>Reading</u>

Reading is key to everything your little one will do in school, and we want every child to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading at home is key to this. Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.

*RWinc book bag book and completed reading record due in: Thursday New books : Friday* 

#### <u>Oxford owl:</u>

You will have all received your Oxford Owl logins, there will be a quiz set on there for your child to complete by next Thursday



#### Reception children:

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night. I can't wait to see!

Star of the Week!	<b>Star of the Week</b> Ava for her concentration and perseverance with her sewing this week!
EVERYday counts' attendance matters	
Attendance	
Our attendance target is 98%	
Last week's attendance was 94%	
Well done Everyone!	

## Oak Years 3-6



This week in Oak Class....

We had the best time at Forest School on Wednesday! The children showed sheer grit and determination on the abseil course before toasting marshmallows around a roaring campfire!



<u>Reading</u> Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read and remind the children to bring their reading diaries into school every day. <u>Home Learning</u>

Thank you for supporting the children with their amazing Windrush models and cake! This week, I would like the children to design their Christmas Stocking. They will be bringing home a stocking template and design ideas. I can't wait to see them. <u>Spellings</u>

Each week I will be giving children the spellings, which we have learnt in class together, to bring home. Please ask them to explain the spelling rule to you and challenge their fluency in spelling the words.



Star of the Week Milla We are so proud of your wonderful writing and spelling Milla. You have worked incredibly hard – well done!

### Attendance Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 93% Well done Everyone!

#### Dates for your Diary

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