

NEWSLETTER FOR SIDMOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ho Ho Ho! A Festive Farewell

As the year draws to a close, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the things that have happened this term. From school trips, sporting events, creative partnerships with Back to Ours and the Herd, parent workshops and Christmas performances, this term has been filled with unforgettable moments.

We couldn't have done it without the dedication of our staff, parents and the enthusiasm of our amazing students.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday, 7th January 2025 at 8:45 AM.



Here are some final highlights from the last 2 weeks !

Christmas Fair

Every year we continue to be amazed by the support and generosity at our Christmas Fair and this year was no exception. Both halls were packed to the rafters and the staff and children alike couldn't wait to sell you their crafts. Thank you for your support, we are already planning next year's event!

We raised £705.58 for the school

Pantomime and theatre visits

Year 5 and 6 packed out the Gulbenkian Theatre at the University of Hull, where the Drama and Science department had teamed up to put on a spectacular performance of Dixie Whittington! The children were fascinated, entertained and astounded by the story of Dixie, who travels to Hull following her love of Science, making a troupe of friends along the way. There was comedy, music and chemical reactions galore (Oh, yes there were!). The staff at the university commended the pupils' conduct and said that they were a credit to our school.



Year Six visited Hull Truck Theatre to watch their superb performance of The Borrowers, a tale of tiny people who live beneath the floorboards of a house during World War Two. It was a brilliantly created production which utilised a cleverly created set, superb acting and puppetry to draw us into the perilous world of the Borrowers as they searched for a new home. The children loved the experience and were a credit to the school.



EYFS children were lucky enough to have a special visitor on Wednesday, who arrived with a treat for every child - a brand new book! We sang some songs with Santa and showed him around our classrooms. It was so exciting and a lovely way to end the term.



This is Carle Class Dojo points winners



Yr 1 got into the Christmas spirit decorating trees and enjoying christmas dlsco



Christmas Thanks

Thank you to Exelby foods who kindly donated 3 Christmas meat hampers to the school. We have drawn 3 families at random and these families were given their hampers to enjoy! Well done.

Also a big thank you to Tigers Trust who donated 29 presents for children in the school. Again names were drawn randomly and the children who won were very excited to receive them.

This week's talking task:



Picture News



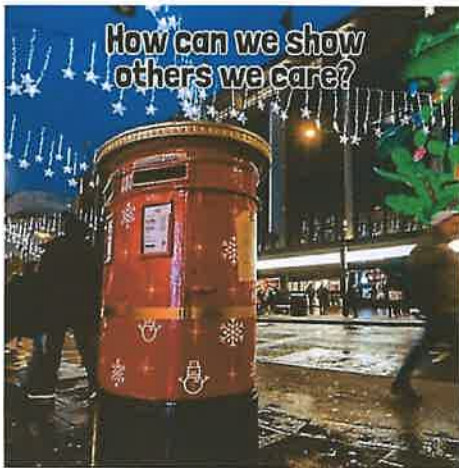
This Week's Story

In the news this week

It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased. The price of a first-class stamp rose by 30p in October, to £1.65. This rise (the fifth increase in less than three years) has also led to fears that the money reaching charities through card sales will be lower this year.

Things to talk about at home ...

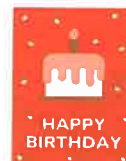
- > Share your experience of giving and receiving cards and ask someone at home about theirs.
- > Fewer cards are being sent each year; talk about why you think this is the case.
- > What other ways can you think of to show loved ones that you care and are thinking of them?



Reflection



Sending cards to people we care about is one of many ways we can let them know we are thinking of them. Cards can also be used to send greetings or messages during a special time.



Protected Characteristics



Some people send cards to celebrate events as part of their religion or belief. Nobody should be treated unfairly because of their religion or belief.



Rule of Law

Royal Mail provides rules and guidance so people can send cards successfully. These include adding an address and stamp to the card. If these rules are not followed, there are consequences, which may lead to the card not being delivered or the recipient having to pay.

**Whole School Attendance to
Date:85.5%**

Attendance - Every Day Counts

	Class Name	Attendance Percentage
1	Kerr	98.0%
2	Jeffers	97.6%
3	Pullman	96.9%
4	Cowell	96.4%
5	Wilson	96.3%
6	Blackman	96.2%
7	Donaldson	95.6%
8	Browne	95.6%
9	Rosen	95.4%
10	Rowling	94.1%
11	Fine	94.0%
12	Child	91.2%
13	Carle	91.9%
14	Murphy	90.0%
15	Dahl	89.7%
16	Hendra	88.1%

The table opposite shows you the attendance for the week ending 20/12/2024.

We are aiming for all children to have 97% attendance. Well done to all classes that have achieved this.

Remember, to maximise your potential, you have to be here everyday,





Upcoming Diary Dates

Mon 6th January	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Tues 7th January	School Reopens
Mon 13th January	Y6 CCI sessions in school
Wed 29th January	Y6 CCI session 2 in school
Mon 3rd February	Rowling trip to industry partner - CCI
Fri 7th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tues 11th February	PSHE - Key Awareness - Safer Internet Day
Wed 12th February	Blackman trip to Tronox
Mon 17th to Fri 21st February	Half term break - school closed
Mon 10th March	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Fri 4th April	Last day of Spring Term - school closes at 2pm
Mon 7th to Fri 18th April	Easter Holidays - school closed
Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 22nd April	INSET Day - school closed to pupils
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Mon 26th to Fri 30th May	Half term break - school closed
Fri 18th July	Last Day of the Summer Term - school closes at 2pm