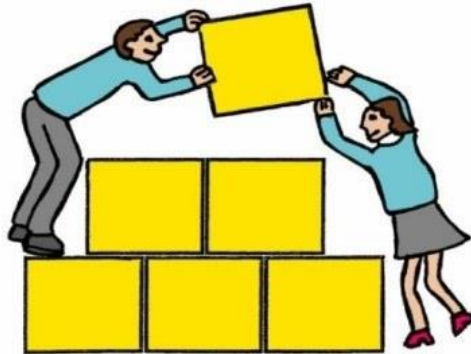


Sprowston Junior School



Building and Working Together

SJS Weekly News - 3rd December

You may have read in the news this week that schools have been struggling recently due to staffing issues around the country. This is certainly a true picture as there just isn't the supply teachers available for schools to use, due to severe demand. We've had our fair share of illnesses across the team this winter but the staff have been excellent in covering each other and hopefully this has kept disruption to a minimum.

You may have also read that school staff have been asked to wear masks in communal areas. This is the only change to our risk assessment at the moment. We continue to ensure there is good ventilation in the school building and to practise good hygiene. We will let you know if we need to take any further precautions.

We somehow find ourselves with two weeks to go and Christmas upon us! The first Christmas event is next Friday with Christmas Jumper Day. Please note this will be a non-school uniform day so whilst we encourage Christmas Jumpers, the children can wear whatever they would like to. Any donation is voluntary, but if you'd like to contribute to the 'Save the Children' appeal, we will be collecting donations.

The clubs letter should be emailed out early next week. We hope there is something on the list that your child may like doing. Like the issue with supply teachers above, a number of external providers do not have the capacity to run after-school clubs at the moment. We will continue to see whether we can add to the club list as the spring term develops.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards

Matt Walton, Headteacher



1 - Well done to our Feel Good Friday winners this week! Lots of lovely reasons for nominations, including fantastic effort in end of term tests and being a good friend to others.

Diary Dates

7th December - Year 4 - Ancient Greece Day

10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

13th December - Drama Club Christmas performance - 2pm

Year 3 carols at 3pm on the playground

14th December - Christmas Lunch - all years

Year 4 carols at 3pm on the playground

15th December - Drama Club Christmas performance - 2pm

Year 5 carols at 3pm on the playground

Drama Club Christmas performance - 6pm

16th December - Year 6 carols at 3pm on the playground

17th December - End of term

Focus on 4I - what have 4I been learning about this week?

In maths, I've enjoyed learning different methods for multiplication and division such as the grid method. In design and technology, we have been learning how to make puppets and in history, we've learnt about what the Ancient Greeks ate and how they worshipped the Gods. History has been fun this week!

Amy

In art, we have learnt about Romero Britto. He does neo-pop and I loved learning about him! In design and technology, I made an extraordinary elephant puppet! In history, we've been finding out about Greek gods such as: Artemis, the goddess of forest and the hills and Hestia, goddess of the home.

Mia

We've been learning about Noah Barleywater in literacy. I have enjoyed the story!

Caitlin



2 - The children were enjoying the new basketball hoops at lunchtime today!

e-Safety

Our December newsletter has been emailed out today. Please take a few moments to have a read. I'm pleased to say that we have also arranged for a parents' e-Safety session at 8pm on Thursday 3rd February. The session will be on Zoom. We'll be in touch with more details in the Spring term.

Christmas

We have considered the latest guidance and we are still going ahead with having small audiences for the Drama Club Christmas performances. If you haven't heard yet about tickets, please expect to hear early next week. The audiences will be small but it will be fantastic to have parents and carers watching the performance. We are hoping to record it for those family members who will not get to see it in person.

We are also going ahead with the singing on the playground in the last week of term. We hope you may be able to arrive early when it is your child's year group singing and give them plenty of encouragement and support! All welcome to join in too!

Please see the diary dates for a reminder of when they are happening.



3 - Our brilliant and brave cross country runners this afternoon!

Bike Safety

We enjoy seeing lots of children biking to school but would like all parents and carers to remind children to walk their bikes in the school grounds. We've had quite a few staff members concerned about the safety of children with cars reversing and driving in and out of the car park.

Snacks & Packed lunches

We have been noticing a lot of chocolate bars for snack and in lunch boxes. Please can we remind all parents and carers that we do not allow chocolate bars such as 'Mars' and 'Dairy Milk' in school. We do allow chocolate biscuit or wafer bars for a snack or for lunch. We also do not allow 'sweets' for snack or packed lunches. Thank you for your support.



4 - 4I have been making impressive puppets today in design and technology.