



## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

We are growing increasingly excited as December is here and Christmas approaches. Decorations are appearing across the school. As the weather is now much colder, please ensure your child always brings a coat to school.

Huge congratulations to Poppy in badgers' class for achieving the gold medal in her gymnastics competition last weekend.

I am delighted that we now have 2 parents joining our Governing Board at the Bythams. We warmly welcome James Rees and Eleanor Turnor.

This week children in all classes designed and made Christmas cards which we are sending to be printed. You will be able to buy these at our upcoming Christmas Fayre.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Ives

### Our Class Books

#### Squirrels

George's Marvellous Medicine.

#### Foxes

Eric the Viking Boy

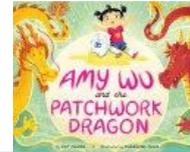
#### Badgers

Who let the Gods out!

#### Mrs Jack's Recommendation

*Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon* by Kat Zhang

The class are making dragons. Sadly, none of the ones Amy makes feel right. Teamwork, glue and lots of glitter and... ta da! She has a dragon to proudly show her classmates.



### Key Dates

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Whole school visit to Pantomime

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Whole school Christmas concert to parents

#### Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas lunch

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Christmas Fayre 2.00pm

#### Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Last day of term

### This week's award winners are:

#### Squirrels Class

The award for Reception goes to Thomas Irving for his wonderful letter to Santa.

The award for Year 1 goes to Naomi for a fantastic pastel showing autumn leaves

The award for Year 2 goes to Rosie for colourful leaf art.

#### Foxes Class

The award for Year 3 goes to Riley for a fantastic poem about her Vikings

The award for Year 4 goes to Zuzanna for great vocabulary in her poetry writing.

#### Badgers Class

The award for year 5 goes to Thalia

The award for year 6 goes to Harvey

### PE Days

Tuesday: Squirrels

Foxes to Witham Hall

Wednesday: Badgers

### Wood School

Wednesday: Squirrels

Thursday: Badgers

Friday: Foxes

### Attendance

Well done to Badgers Class with 98% attendance this week.

Our whole school attendance this week was 93.8%

## Squirrels Class - EYFS

This week we have been listening to, retelling and acting out the story of The Jolly Postman using dressing up clothes and masks. We have been looking at letters, how they are written and writing our own to post.



We have been developing our fine motor skills by wrapping boxes, threading beads, using the magic sand and making paper chains. In music lessons we've been learning Christmas songs and carols. During PE we have been balancing balls and developing our ball catching skills.

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This week as part of our geography topic we have been exploring the difference between towns and villages, looking at the different physical and human features. In science this week we have been learning about our different sense and what parts of the body they are associated with. We also had fun testing a few of them out. In Maths year 2 have been looking at adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. While year 1 have started looking a place value to 20.



## Foxes Class

In science this week, as we continue to learn about sound, we explored high and low pitch sounds. We made pan flutes from straws so that we could hear the pitch differences.



At Witham Hall this week, we learnt some touch rugby skills.

In maths, we continue to concentrate on multiplication and division, we have been using the Numicon to help with multiplying by 3 in Y 3.



## Badgers Class

This week in Badgers Class has been full of exciting learning opportunities! In computing, we have continued to work on our websites, learning how to design and create our very own web pages. In maths, we have been delving into the world of fractions. We've been exploring how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions, as well as finding equivalent fractions.



In English, we are gearing up to plan our very own non-chronological report on Emperor penguins. Our art lessons have been filled with creativity as we've been studying line, light, and shadow.

Keep up the great work, everyone!

# Wood School – Years 1 and 2

This term children have been learning all the fire safety rules so children can confidently explain how to stay safe around a fire. We have been improving their skills, learning the steps to start a fire and how they need to build up the sticks as the fire gets going. Everyone has been putting sticks on the fire and using bellows. We have toasted marshmallows, made smores, toasted bread and finished with making camp fire donuts.



# Wood School - EYFS

This term the EYFS children have been looking at different habitats all over the world and the animals which live there. Outside they have made their own clay animals and made homes for them.

Animals have also been hidden all around their area and they have been playing games to find these and continuing building homes with them.

