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3rd December 2021 newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 6th Dec	Tues 7th Dec	Wed 8th Dec	Thurs 9th Dec	Fri 10th Dec
Week 3 Menu Y6 - Min-y-Don	Y6 - Min-y-Don	Y6 - Min-y-Don	Y6 - Min-y-Don	Y6 - Min-y-Don
Mon 13th Dec	Tues 14th Dec	Wed 15th Dec	Thurs 16th Dec	Fri 17th Dec
Week 1 Menu	Conkers - Nativity 2pm	Acorns - Nativity 2pm	Christmas Lunch Christmas Eve Dress up (Y1-6)	School Closes for Christmas (EYFS - Christmas Eve dress up)

Diary Dates

- EYFS Nativity - 14th & 15th December 2021
- EYFS Panto - 16th December 2021
- Christmas Lunch - Thursday 16th December 2021
- Christmas Eve - Thursday 16th December 2021 (Y1 - Y6)
- Christmas Eve - Friday 17th December 2021 (EYFS)
- School Closes - Friday 17th December 2021

School Lunches

Please can you ensure that your child's lunch account is in credit **prior** to taking a lunch to enable the system to run smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Gift Raffle

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to this fabulous raffle. There is still plenty of time to enter if you wish.

Please see further details and photographs on Owen's Facebook page:-
<https://www.facebook.com/owen.blackwood.31/posts/371633511406730>

To be in with a chance of winning 1 of these beautiful items, please make a voluntary contribution against Upton Heath Christmas Gift Raffle on ParentPay (minimum £2.00) by 9am Monday 13th December. The draw will be made and winners announced by Wed 15th December 2021.

Good luck!

PTA - Christmas Fundraising

A Big thank you to all the parents who have sent in donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. We are still accepting donations of luxury Christmas items and non-perishable items. Thank you in advance.

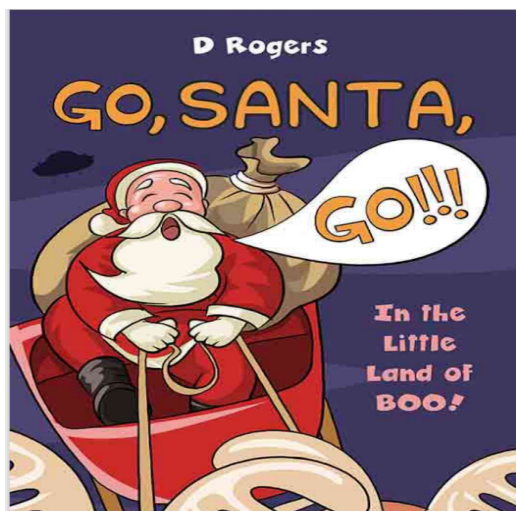
PTA Raffle

Your child will shortly come home with raffle tickets. Please return these (sold or unsold) to school with payment by **Friday 10th December 2021.**

Author In School

On Wednesday we had a visit from author Darron Rogers who came to share his new book '**Go, Santa, Go!!!**' with children in EYFS and KS1.

Year 2 said, 'We loved it! It was so much fun joining in with the story and the actions!'



Darron will be at a book signing on the 18th December, at WH Smith, Foregate St, Chester, from 10am. Copies will be **£6:50** (only on this day), but will be limited. The book is also available on amazon at £9:99.

STARS OF THE WEEK

ACORNS: Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS	CONKERS: Stars of the Week will commence in January for EYFS	ASH: Molly Bird for great teamwork in the multi-skills sports session; Llewyn Fletcher for always having a fantastic attitude to learning and giving 100% to everything.
YEW: Arya Klieve for her enthusiasm and her great number line work; Vaughan Williams for his wonderful independent writing. We loved your Nibbles story.	WILLOW: Freddie Rigby for fantastic sentence writing for home learning; Jacob Evans for participation during our owl creations this week.	SYCAMORE: Declan Hall and Conor Kenna For showing lots of enthusiasm towards learning about money in maths.
BEECH: Euan Turner and Jake Wainwright-Hewitt For always trying their best in class.	JUNIPER: James Powell for applying himself to all tasks and working his socks off this week! Louie Lamont for working hard to complete tasks in the classroom.	HAWTHORN: Emily Deighton for her super focus and wonderful writing in English; Honey Jones for showing excellent motivation and for working hard in English.
LIME: Molly Graham for her excellent progress in reading and quizzing; Fionnley Orchard for his conscientious and sensible attitude in all areas of school life.	HAZEL: Anya Erduman for creating and describing a fantastic mythical creature; Aidan Keighery for showing amazing knowledge in addition and subtraction, especially when problem solving.	ELM: Dylan Johnson for amazing improvements in his handwriting; Luke Robinson for the excellent application of similes in his English work.
BIRCH: Diego Goncalves for always being on hand to help - an Upton Heath Superstar!! Holly Balenaka for being brave and confident in drama sessions.	OAK: Byron Jones for learning lots of Shakespeare lines; Leo Hyde for excellent science work focusing on the circulatory system.	CHESTNUT: Olivia Hanna for her kind, caring and polite nature and always having a positive attitude towards her learning; Annabelle O'Connor for always presenting her work to a high standard and insightful answers during class discussions.

Mrs Morris' Acts of Kindness Award; - Henry Robertson (Juniper)

Christmas Eve Dress Up

On **Thursday 16th December** Y1 - Y6 pupils can come into school dressed as they would for Christmas Eve. The PTA will serve hot (warm) chocolate with squirty cream for a donation of £1.00. (Juice for those who don't like hot chocolate). There will then be a Christmas story afternoon.

EYFS will do this on **Friday 17th December** for a donation of £1.00, due them going to the Panto on Thursday.

Cross Country – Saturday 27th November



On Saturday, the fourth and final race in the West Cheshire AC schools Cross Country Series 2021 took place. The morning after Storm Arwen hit Cheshire was not an easy morning for running but these brave children managed to stay on the ground and battle the wind to complete the course in good time. A special congratulations to Noah Booth for his 3rd place medal in this race.

Overall results from the series:

The individual positions for the series have now been published (these are worked out by taking the children's top 3 race times)

We have three individual winners for the series:

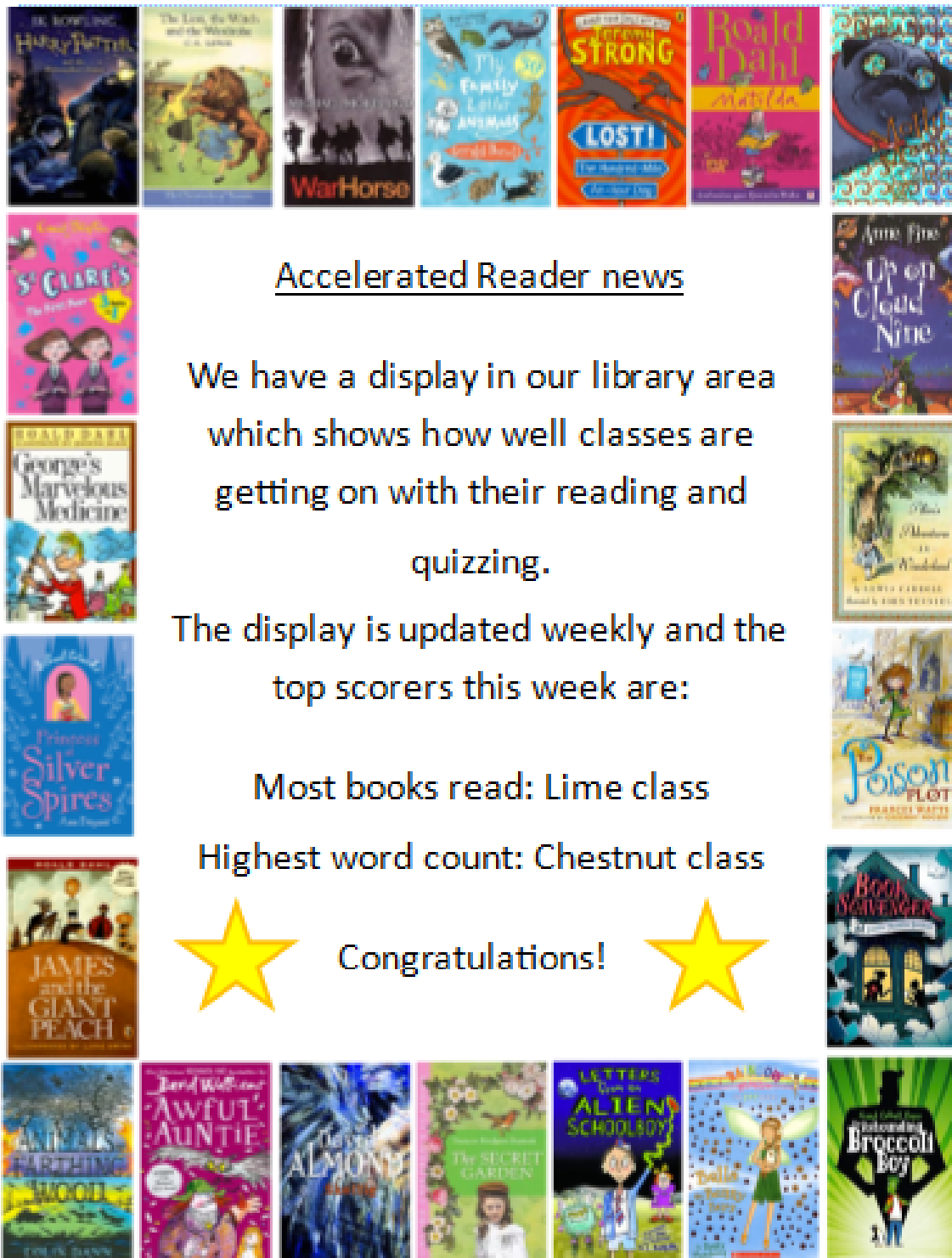
Jack Arnold – 1st place Year 3 Boys

Ella Woodcock – 3rd place Year 3 Girls

Noah Booth – 3rd place Year 5 Boys

It is an amazing achievement to have come top three out of all the runners from the different schools. Congratulations!

The team results will be published soon.



Accelerated Reader news

We have a display in our library area which shows how well classes are getting on with their reading and quizzing.

The display is updated weekly and the top scorers this week are:

Most books read: Lime class

Highest word count: Chestnut class



Congratulations!



Year 3 have been learning about the Water Cycle and had fun making these Water Cycles in bags.

The water evaporates and condenses at the top of the bag. We could see the water droplets start to fall like rain.



Year 2



We really enjoyed making clay owls.



Pic Collage

Letter from Mr North

3rd December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Now in the first week of December with our Christmas trees adorning the school and EYFS Nativity rehearsals well underway, it's feeling very festive at Upton Heath!

Our EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed meeting the Author Darron Rodgers this week and Year 6 are all very excited about their imminent trip to Min-Y-Don – I know they're going to have a fantastic time.

I appreciate I've already sent out various communications this week re Covid etc, and thank you for taking the time to read them. I'll therefore keep today's letter "short and sweet" and wish you all a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Conrad North

Headteacher

Leave of Absence Request

Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution.

When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.