Holyoakes Field First School

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Welcome to another edition of the Holyoakes Field First School Newsletter!

As another busy and exciting week draws to a close, we are proud to reflect on the fantastic learning, achievements and memorable moments that have taken place across our school. From classroom successes to special events, there has been plenty to celebrate, and we are delighted to share some of the highlights with you. 📚✨🥕

🏆 Celebrating Success 🌟

We have been delighted to see so many examples of enthusiasm, perseverance and kindness across the school this week. Our pupils have worked hard in their lessons, supported one another and demonstrated our school values each day. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements and would like to congratulate everyone who has received awards, recognition or positive feedback from staff. Well Done to all!

Attendance Matters: 📅✅ Everyday Counts - School Success Starts with Attendance

Holyoakes Attendance Champions 🌟

Fir Class came out on top once again this week with a fantastic **100% attendance**, continuing their excellent commitment to being in school every day.
Closely followed by Rowan Class, who achieved an impressive **98% attendance**.
Well done to all of our pupils and families for making attendance a priority and helping to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed each day.



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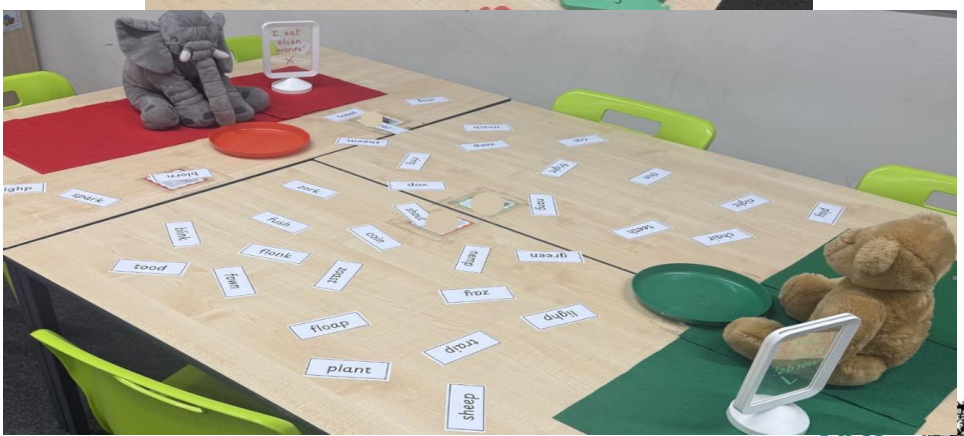
Some highlights from this week

Our KS1 Parent Engagement Session on Thursday was a great success, with parents joining their children for a fun and engaging phonics workshop. Take a look at some of the activities enjoyed during the session below.









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✨ Classroom Highlights

Our classrooms have been buzzing with activity this week! Here are some of the wonderful learning highlights from each year group.

"Our Nursery children have been learning how to use the beebots, learning the language relating to directions. We have continued our work learning about Diwali and had a go at sorting some objects for Concept Cat, this week's word was 'soft'."

"Ash and Birch class have been learning about bedtime routines including how to brush their teeth. In the home corner they have been helping our babies to get a good sleep by brushing their teeth, dressing them, and reading them stories. It's a good job that they have such strong fingers as the babies clothes have a lot of poppers to close!"

"This week in Maths, Year 2 have been working hard to identify and describe 2D and 3D shapes, using their properties to sort and compare them. The children have enjoyed exploring shapes in a variety of practical activities and applying their knowledge to solve problems.
We have continued our learning around Little Red Riding Hood. The children have particularly enjoyed learning and practising a dance inspired by the story, helping them to bring the characters and events to life through movement."

"Year 3 enjoyed their Indian dance workshop on Monday. We were very impressed with their concentration and 'have a go' attitude they all showed. They also worked hard during our anti-bullying workshop on Monday, where they learnt how to speak up when they see bullying. A very busy day!"

"Year 4 have been exploring a woodland setting in English, using our senses in our writing to make our reader really believe they are there! In Art, we have replicated Claude Monet's famous painting 'Bridge Over a Pond of Water Lillies.' Reminder - students need 50 dojos in order to get their golden ticket this half term. This will be gained from reading at home and homework. The treat this half term is Christmas Disco!"



This week in RE, Year 1 have been learning about how Christians welcome a new baby into the church family through a christening. We explored the important roles of the vicar, parents and godparents, and learned about the special symbols of holy water and oil used during the ceremony. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their own christening role play and acting out the different responsibilities involved.
Next week, we will be exploring how babies are welcomed and celebrated in different religions, discovering both the similarities and differences between these special traditions.









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☃ Vote for Our Snowman at Botany Bay Garden Centre! ☃

The children in our After-School Craft Club have been busy decorating a snowman kindly provided by Botany Bay Nurseries, Garden Centre & Café.
As well as creating a fantastic display, they developed new crafting skills, worked collaboratively, supported one another, and showed excellent teamwork by sharing resources and taking turns.

The completed snowman will be collected during the week commencing 23rd November and will then be displayed at Botany Bay Garden Centre throughout December alongside creations from other local schools. If you visit the garden centre, be sure to look out for our snowman! Visitors will also have the opportunity to vote for their favourite display, giving us the chance to win a fantastic prize.



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With Christmas just around the corner, we're delighted to announce that our much-loved **Christmas Enterprise Event** is returning! This festive occasion is always a highlight of the school calendar, bringing creativity, excitement and plenty of Christmas cheer. Keep an eye out over the coming weeks for more exciting festive updates, special events and seasonal activities as we count down to Christmas together. 🎄✨



We are hoping to make our school hall look extra festive with a real Christmas tree. If you, know of anyone who may be willing to donate a tree, maybe a local business we would love to hear from you. Donations of this kind make a wonderful difference to our school community and help create a magical atmosphere for the children to enjoy throughout the festive season. Please contact the school office if you can help. 🎄✨

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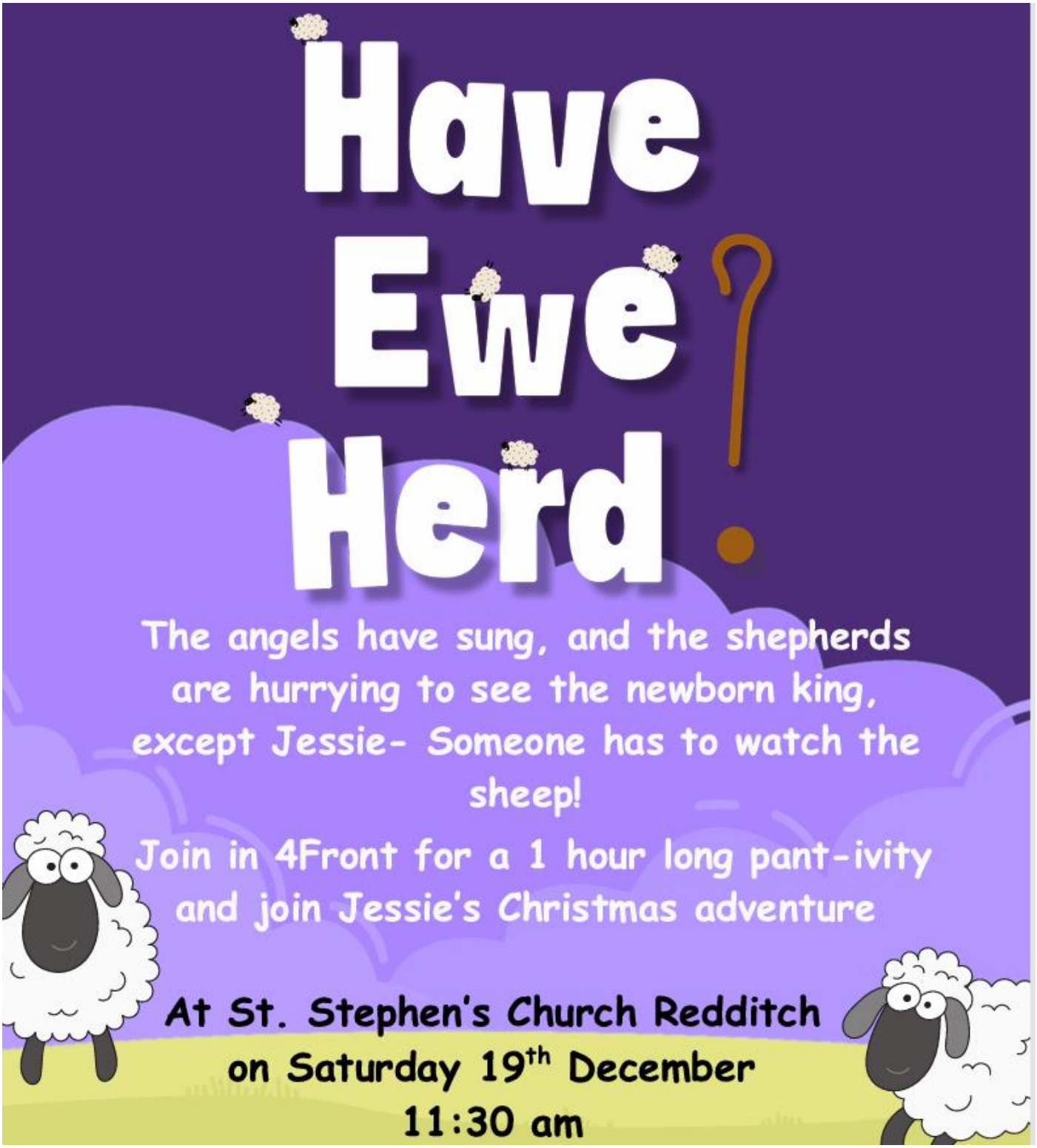

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Support Encourage Succeed Together!

Year 4 Parent Engagement Session

You're Invited!

Confident Children Brighter Futures

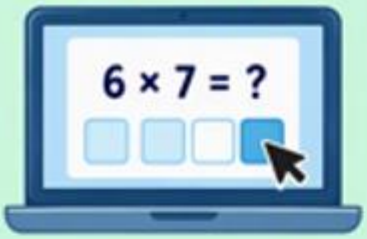
We would like to warmly invite Year 4 parents and carers to join us for a Parent Engagement session on

Thursday 26th November

from 8:45am to 9:30am.

Small Steps Big Progress

All about the Year 4 Multiplication Check



We will provide information about the Year 4 Multiplication check.

Practical ideas and tips



We will share practical ideas and tips that you can use at home to support your child with learning and quickly recalling multiplication facts.

Activities with your child



There will also be an opportunity to spend some time with your children and have a go at some multiplication activities.



How to join us

If you are able to attend, please drop your child off at their classroom as usual and then make your way to the school hall, where the session will take place.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing ways we can work together to support your child's learning and development.

We hope to see you there!

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Key dates for your diary….

Date	Event	Time/location
24 November	Year 3 Forge Mill Educational Visit	During school day
26 November	Year 4 Multiplication Information session for parents	9am school hall
2 December	Year 3 Assembly	9am School Hall
2 December	Year 3 Reading Comprehension Information session for parents	9.15 am School Hall
10 December	Christmas Enterprise event	From 2.45 in school hall
10 December	Art and DT Showcase	From 2.30pm in classrooms
11 December	Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Visit	During School Day
11 December	Nursery Christmas Stay and Play	2.30 – 3pm
14 December	KS1 Carol Concert	9.00 am & 2.15 pm School Hall
15 December	KS2 Concert	9.45 @St Stephens Church
15 December	Christmas dinner	Menu to be confirmed
16 December	EYFS Nativity	9.00 am & 2.15 pm School Hall
17 December	Christmas Party Day	During School Day
18 December	Teacher Training Day School closed for pupils	

Thank you for your continued support.
As we continue through the term, we look forward to many more exciting learning experiences, celebrations and achievements across our school community.

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