

Friday 14 December 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Ms Fernandes in Y2 will be leaving us at the end of next week. We thank Ms Fernandes for her efforts with Poppy Class this term and for ensuring the Y2 children had a settled start to the year. From January, Ms Black will be teaching Y2 for the rest of the academic year. Ms Black knows these children very well (having taught them in Reception) and, as the Assistant Headteacher in charge of Teaching and Learning, has done a fair amount of teaching in Y2 this year already.

Ms Lloyd is already the lead teacher in Reception, and from January Ms Yates will be supporting in Reception as Ms Dawkins is on her alternative teacher training placement at another school until February. We will have another teacher trainee with us while Ms Dawkins is away, her name is Ms Hickey and she will be working across Reception and Y2 teaching phonics, amongst other subjects. You'll see Ms Hickey on the first day back in January.

A huge thank you to parents who attended Parents' Evening yesterday! Your feedback on the questionnaires was very positive and we appreciate your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Raheel Akhtar  
Headteacher

## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

We have one winner of the Headteacher's Award this week, and he is a worthy winner indeed!

Well done to Antoine in Poppy Class who has been given a Headteachers' Award for showing a great improvement in his reading comprehension. Antoine has shown a super attitude to his learning recently and this has resulted in him making great strides in understanding texts when he is reading them.

Good job, Antoine!



## KEY DATES 2018/19

### Autumn Term 2018

**Friday 14 December**

Xmas dinner for children

Xmas Jumper Day

**Monday 17 December**

Xmas performance from 2pm

**Monday 17 December**

School disco from 5pm

**Wednesday 19 December**

Last day of term—school finishes at 2.30pm

*\*Dates may be added and amended where necessary*

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Bluebell Class this week was 93.1%. Sunflower Class had attendance of 96.6%. Poppy Class had attendance of 83.3%. Well done to Sunflower Class for having the best attendance this week.

We will be handing out prizes at the end of this term for the children with the best attendance, and the children with the most improved attendance. These prizes will include children's books and cinema vouchers. Details of the winners will be in the last newsletter in December. Please do your best to get your child in to school every day between now and then!

Coming to school on time every day makes a significant difference to how well children achieve at school.

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

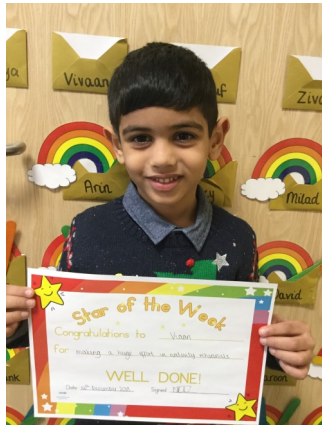
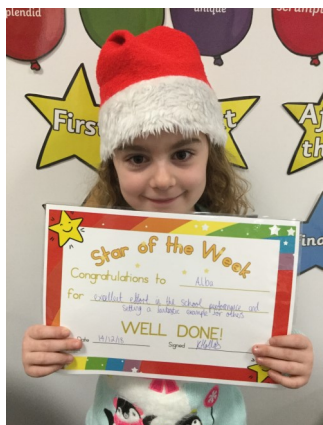


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## STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week in Poppy class this week is Sofia. Sofia has shown increased confidence in her Maths work recently. She is now able to solve harder problems independently. Sofia has been able to achieve this because she always tries her best and perseveres with work. Well done Sofia, keep up the amazing work.

Star of the Week for Sunflower Class is Alba. This week we have been working very hard on our performance to get ready for Monday and Alba has been doing a super job of staying focused, trying her hardest every time and setting a fantastic example for everyone else in the performance. Great stuff Alba.



Star of the Week in Bluebell Class is Viaan! Viaan has been working extremely hard to remember his lines and actions for the Christmas performance. Not only this but we have been pleasantly surprised by how well he has been projecting his voice in rehearsals. Well done, Viaan. We're looking forward to having you show off your hard work on Monday!

## CONCORDIA ACADEMY AT CARE HOMES THIS WEEK

This week, children in Y1 and Y2 visited local care homes to sing carols and songs for the residents. Both classes were well received and the children represented the school very well.

Last week we received a very generous and delicious gift from one of our parents (thank you to Ilias' mum!) of a homemade gingerbread house. The house was beautiful to look at and we are sure it will taste just as good. Concordia Academy donated the Gingerbread House to the staff and residents at Ebury Court Care Home. The house was gratefully received!



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