



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have had a really successful term so far. The pupils have all settled well and are enjoying their class groups and new school if they started with us in September.

We have really enjoyed working with Jessie's Fund, we have learnt so much about how music can unlock enjoyment and learning for all our pupils. This year's Christmas event, on the 12th December at 9.30 am, will be a film that shows the pupils enjoying lots of different learning connected with music and we hope that you will all enjoy what amazing things they have been able to achieve, there will be some live music on the day too. After the film showing we will have our Christmas Fair in 6a for you to enjoy and hope that you will join us for a mince pie and cup of tea.

We are currently taking part in three research projects, these projects are looking at different elements of provision for pupils with additional needs, projects like these are important to inform educational thinking in the long term and how pupils are supported to fulfil their potential so we are excited to be part of these.

I have really enjoyed being back in the classroom for a bit of time this half term, working with pupils developing our outside space and garden area, I am so lucky to have such amazing young people to help me with this and would like to thank my Gardening Club for all their help.

We continue to try to be as ecologically minded as possible in school, we are recycling as much as we can and are looking at ways to buy local produce and to reduce the amount of packaging that is brought into school. I hope that you will be able to support us with this.

It just remains to say a huge thank you to the amazing pupils and staff of The Grove School for another wonderful year, I think it is an honour and privilege to work here and hope that you all have a happy, restful and joyful Christmas.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries



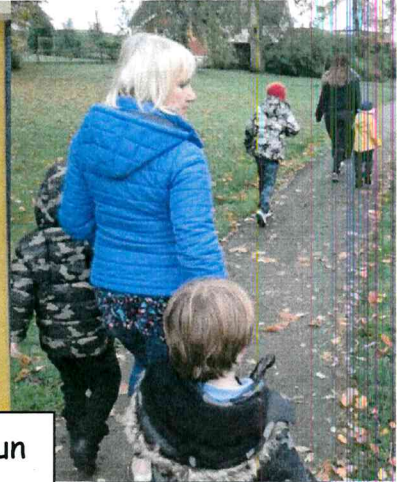
Some of the children have been enjoying the thrill of being out on a boat.



Maple/Willow have been enjoying 'Outdoor Learning' in the garden.

With waterproof clothes on the children have been out exploring in the rain and have had great fun playing in the last of the Autumn Leaves.





Elm Class have been having great fun pretending they're explorers like Christopher Columbus. We have explored lots of parks in the local area and discovered a ship at Whitsome Park. We really enjoyed climbing the rigging, looking out of the portholes and steering the ship. We explored Duns Park and found binoculars. We looked out to sea like Columbus would have done with his telescope. Elm Class had fun making a 3D Santa Maria ship like Christopher Columbus. We also made small boats using recycled materials and tested them to see if they would float or sink.





Beech Class Newsletter

Beech class have been exploring Autumn by collecting natural objects during our outdoor learning sessions. We used them to create Autumn collages which are displayed in our class.



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Sycamore 'Snack Time' News

There is a lot of learning during snack time in Sycamore class. We are learning to be more independent in preparing our own snack, for example, by using the toaster, spreading our toast and pouring the juice. We take turns to tell Mrs Henry what we want to eat. Some of us help to wash the dishes afterwards. Last week we were learning the important skill of cleaning the fridge. We are all learning to be more independent in our communication and life skills, so we can put them in to action at home!



Making our snack choices.



Being sociable, friends together.



Pouring juice and spreading the toast.



The fridge cleaning team in action!

Oak Class- Christmas 2018

This term Oak Class have been working hard on a range of life skills and practical activities. We have been doing lots of gardening and outdoor tidying ready for the winter and hopefully will see new plants growing in the spring. Our students have been very enthusiastic and have really smartened up the school grounds.



We had a great day for Children in Need and many of the class came in interesting clothes ranging from Pudsey Bear to Imperial Storm Troopers to help raise money for this worthy cause.



We studied the Hindu festival of Divali in class. We then tried some traditional Indian dancing used as part of the celebration. Next stop Bollywood!



We created a lovely wall display for Remembrance Day and spend some lessons looking at the First World War and its ending 100 years ago which many of our class found both moving and inspirational.

