

Acorn Park School



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Newsletter



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Acorn Park Round Up!

Today is the last day before Christmas for staff and pupils. As we hand over to you for the next 2 weeks, we begin with a thank you - to you - for the gift of your children. We are so proud of our pupils at Acorn Park. The journey for you to get them here, we recognise, has been enormous, and you face challenges daily at home and school. We do not always get it right for you, although we always try. And we hope that you feel you can always approach us if you feel we can do anything differently or better. We have had so many cards and kind words from families in the run up to Christmas and we send heartfelt thanks for them. We all send our best wishes to families and friends of Acorn Park and wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas.

I have a request please for January. Please send only round, plastic water bottles to school for pupils. I am sure that you appreciate that metal bottles, particularly those with edges, can cause damage and are heavy. We will have some bottles in school for pupils to use and will have to ask pupils with metal bottles to hand them to class teachers until home time.

Thank you to all the pupils who have helped in school in the last few weeks - in the kitchen, in maintenance, doing jobs for staff, helping with younger pupils, preparing for events...the list goes on. This is testament to the kindness of our children and we are very grateful for their help.

We do not set homework for most of our pupils, but we do encourage reading at every opportunity, since reading is fundamental! We do not mind what pupils read - books, cereal boxes, games, shopping lists, Argos Catalogues - just that they continue to access words and symbols. We also love audiobooks - what could be better than immersing yourself in a fantasy world?

Well done to Steinbeck Class, who (again) won the class attendance award this half term, just 0.1% ahead of Shakespeare class - a close call. Steinbeck win a lunch of their choice.

Congratulations to those pupils who have been out on work experience this half term - to Libraries, Garden Centres, Combat Paintball - the feedback we have received from the settings has been glowing!

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I have some staff, nominated by their colleagues for their work this term - congratulations and thank you for your hard work...

Rebecca Dingle - For all the brilliant support she has given this term, leading the class when the teacher is not there and for all her hard work doing so many other tasks.

Vicky Dowsett - For supporting her class

Lisa Murton - For all the support given to Kinney, Dahl and Milne. Lisa is always very kind and tries hard to find cover for these classes when it is needed.

Sara Mendes - For the support she gives to her team in class and the wider school. She is a natural problem solver and understands our pupils so intuitively.

School will be closed between 4.30pm today and 8am on 3rd January (which is a staff Inset). Pupils return on 4th January.

See you in 2023!

Philippa Whipp
Head of School

