



Corrie Forum - December 2023

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The Golden Rules

We are kind and gentle
We are prepared for the school day
We work hard
We look after property
We listen to people
We are honest

Check the website

See our website for all the latest school information, events, class details and class blogs
www.corrie.tameside.sch.uk

Attendance

The whole school attendance target for the school year is 97%

Dates for your Diary January/ February 2024

Day	Date	Event
Monday	8th	School Reopens
Tuesday	9th	Reception open day
Tuesday	9th	Air Raid Shelter Y6
Friday	12th	PTA Coffee Morning
Monday	29th	Storytelling week Nursery and Reception
Monday - Friday	5th - 9th	Career and Aspirations week
Wednesday	7th	Young Voices
Thursday	8th	Valentine Disco
Friday	9th	Excellent Citizen Award
Friday	9th	School closes for half term
Monday	19th	School reopens

Lunches

Please remember to order your child's lunches for the whole term and inform the office if they are switching your child's lunch preferences from school lunches to packed lunches or vice versa.

REMINDER

School closes on Thursday 21st December for Christmas.





Nursery

Nursery have had a very busy and exciting half term! We have enjoyed mark making on a large scale to make a story and small scale to invite fairies.



The children helped to decorate the Christmas tree, and our trees outside



The children worked hard on their Christmas Songs. We have enjoyed all the activities on offer in the run up to Christmas. We wish all of our families a lovely break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year,

The Nursery team x





Reception

What a busy and fun half term we have had! We have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the seasons Autumn and Winter, but most of all I think we have loved learning about all of the celebrations that take place during these seasons!



The children worked so hard during our performance of 'Humph the Camel', we hope you enjoyed it just as much as we did! Well done Reception, together you have made this festive season so special for so many!

December has been jam packed with so much fun, here's a few snapshots from our Winter Wonderland Fair, Christmas Dinner Day and Festive Forest School Workshop!



We hope all of our families have a brilliant Christmas and a brilliant break! The Reception Team xxx



Year 1

What a fantastic few weeks of fun we have had with the big lead up to Christmas. The Year 1 children have enjoyed all the activities and events. Thank you to all the grown up's for helping and sharing these special times with us. 1M have had great fun at Forest School and 1ER are excited to take their turn in Spring. Space homework has been outstanding this term and we are looking forward to our next topic Dinosaurs in the New Year! Happy Holidays from all the Year 1 team.





Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy half term!

In RE we have been looking at: Who is a Muslim and what do they believe? We visited Ashton Central Mosque and looked at lots of different items that are important to Muslims such as prayer mats. We visited where Muslims wash before they pray and the classrooms where Muslim children learn.



In English the children were excited to find a 'diary' in their playground which they learned was written by Samuel Pepys. The children then studied the Great Fire of London looking at how it started, how it could have been prevented and wrote their own diaries pretending to be a survivor. As part of their topic 'World Kitchen' the children have also created some fantastic homework.

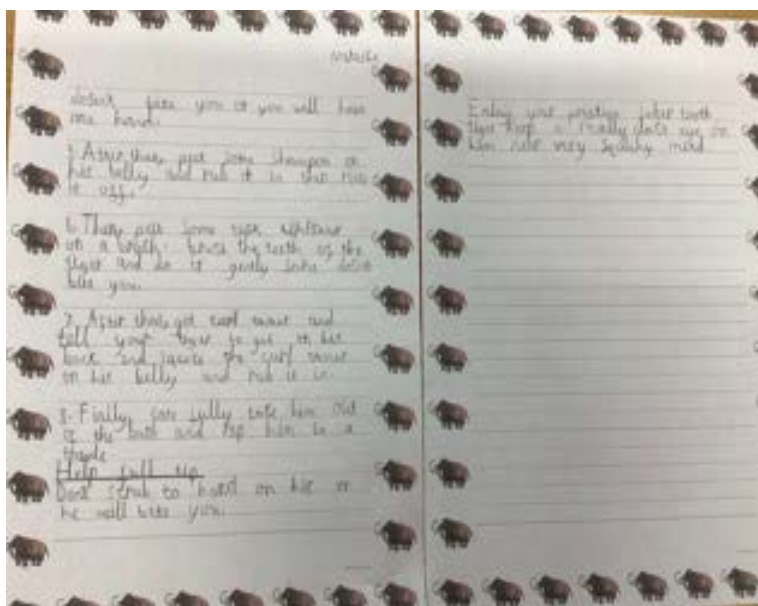
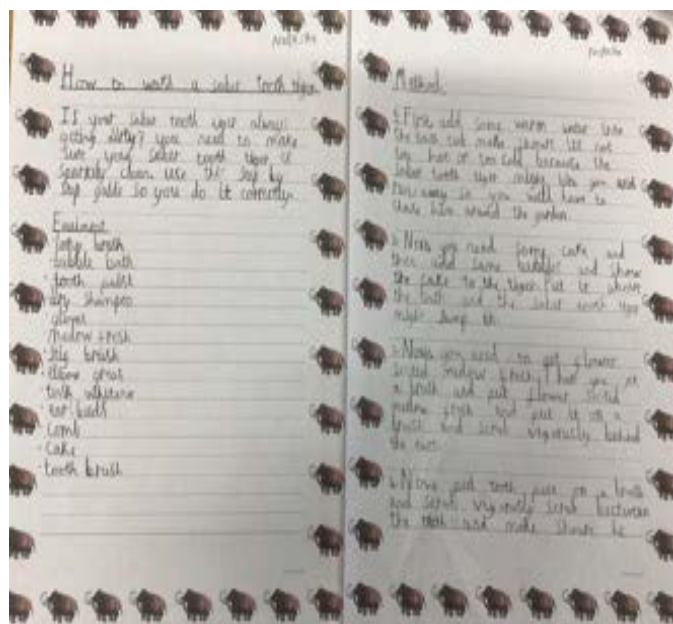




Year 3

The children in year 3 have had a busy half term. They started the half term taking part in an extremely exciting live online chat with Michelle Robinson, who wrote our class text, *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*. The children asked her lots of questions about where she got her ideas for her books from, how she became an author and what she was interested in when she was their age. They then went on to write their own instructions on washing a stone age animal. We will be sending some of their instructions off to Michelle Robinson soon.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed the Stone Age workshop which Mr Derbyshire ran. They all learned so much.





Year 4

We have had a great half term in Year 4, we have enjoyed learning about the Vikings in our topic work, especially designing our own Viking shields.

In English, we have been reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes, we enjoyed designing a metal based menu for the Iron Man with dishes such as 'Stainless steel soup served with crispy copper croutons!'.



It was lovely to have so many parents join us at the 'Winter Wonderland' craft afternoon, the classroom was a hive of activity! It was super to see the children sewing their own puppets (with a little help!) a fun afternoon for everyone

After the holidays, we will be starting our new topic studying rainforests with a focus on the Amazon. In guided reading we are going to read 'The Borrowers', a great book for us all to enjoy.



Year 5

Year 5 has had a very busy and exciting half term. We have been scientific investigators for the Pandora Special Investigation Team in our English lessons. We had the unusual delivery of a special specimen and we had to solve clues to work out what it was and what was inside. Then we wrote a non-chronological report about our findings. We have also been on a problem solving trail to help us work out who the Highway Man is in our Poetry lessons.

We really enjoyed Tudor Day, where we learnt all sorts of different facts about life in the Tudor times. We took part in a Tudor court, found out about the Plague Doctor, played a Tudor game, wrote with a quill pen and learnt a Tudor dance. It was a fantastic day!





Year 6

Year 6 has had a hectic and exciting half term! We have enjoyed learning all about the Titanic in our topic lessons. We explored what it was like for passengers on board the ship and investigated how the 'unsinkable' ship met its tragic ending. We held a debate to discuss who we believed was to blame for the tragedy. As always, we have been blown away with some of the exceptional homework.

In our English lessons we have been learning about the Christmas Truce. The children watched a short film about the historic event in 1914 and were very moved by the story. This inspired them to write incredible and very emotive letters home as a soldier in WW1.

Many of the year 6 children have been busy helping around school with festive activities such as the Winter Fair. It has been wonderful to hear many people around school comment on how well mannered and responsible they have been. Well done year 6!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year!





27th December 1914

Dearest Rose,

The most bizarre event happened on the cold, Christmas eve, the British and the Germans united together in the middle of No Mans Land, it was like a Christmas miracle. Every body dropped their guns and we all held a truce, we shook hands, exchanged gifts, switched uniforms and even played football.

It all started when the postman delivered your precious gift. My spirits lifted and my eyes filled with tears as your letter reminded me of home. All of a sudden, we heard a faint murmur from the Germans' trench with a familiar tune from "Silent Night". Music blanketed the cold, frosty air as me and my comrades

27 December 1914

Dearest Rose,

The most unbelievable thing happened on Christmas eve the British and the Germans stopped fighting it was a miracle! It all happened amongst the chaotic No Mans Land. The deafening cries and gunfire all fell silent. We exchanged gifts, played football and even switched uniforms. Nothing like this had ever happened before.

It all happened amongst the chaotic No Mans Land when I received your wonderful parcel,

Stop was over and I stood up on my trembling knees and my hands began to shake violently. This was terrifying. This is going to be in my mind forever. I was in NO Mans Land....

Peering across the desolate land screams pierced my ears as terrifying gun shots seemed to fire in every direction.

Frosty snow flew down into the polluted wasteland as I gazed around looking at the total devastation. Putrid death lingered in the sky as it suffocated everyone on the vile battlefield. Dead trees stretched their bare hands like skeletons pulling me in. It's last leaf gasped for desperate puffs of air. Manky smoke covered the

their sickening cries. Pools of oozing mud engulfed my feet, dragging me down. Unrecognisable, footprints coated the blood splattered land. Suddenly, it hit me, this land was once a wonderful home; a place you wanted to be, it was full of beautiful life. Now it is a barren wasteland.

Peering out into the treacherous No Mans Land I saw something I would never forget. Mangled bodies and a fresh body, curdled blood poured out of his gaping mouth. Suffocating smoke surrounded me. It was like a blanket swallowing everything in it's path. The dying trees reached the cloudy sky, all they wanted was one last breath.

Slowly, the Fritzes and us the British stepped closer and closer until eventually we met in the middle. Me and Otto (one of the German soldiers) shook hands like we had been friends for years. The warm sun began to shine between



KS1 Resource Base

In the Resource Base we have had a busy half term.

As part of our topic learning about winter we dressed in winter clothes and tasted different soups that people might want to eat in Winter.

We have also read and enjoyed a number of texts about winter and looked at how people keep warm in winter. Our favourite text was Winter by Ailie Busby.



The children have also been excited to make their very own Christmas decorations to take home and really enjoyed Christmas jumper day.



We wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



KS2 Boost Group

The children have continued their learning about Prehistoric Britain. We were fortunate to be able to visit Cineworld Ashton. All the children enjoyed the trip to the cinema and watching the film Early Man.



The children have also continued to brave the cold outdoors during Forest School and have been helping to improve our school grounds and the environment by helping to plant trees. Due to the activities that they have completed they have also helped the school to be awarded the Silver Award in The Woodland Trust's Green Tree Schools Award.

In art, the children have learnt about different artists that have specialised in collage artwork and then they have produced some amazing collages themselves in the style of each of the artists.

It has been wonderful to see the children taking part in the many events that the PTA has run this half term, along with the other festive activities that have taken place in school. The children sounded fantastic as they practised their Christmas Bells performance for their parents.

Congratulations to Bethany who was awarded the Headteachers award of Wizard Learner.

All the staff would like to wish all of the children and their families a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2024!



Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance

The vast majority of our children are achieving our school attendance target of 97% or above which is fantastic. Below is a grid of the impact of having time off school has on children. Taking the odd day off if they are feeling unwell does have an impact not just on their attendance but also their future. Being in school every day also builds their resilience and sets in place good routines that they will need in the future. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year.

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for college, university or work.

95%: 10 days absence a year.

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and have opportunities for college, university or work, but could still improve their attendance!

90%: 19 days absence a year.

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

85%: 29 days absence a year.

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they are unlikely to do their best.

80%: 38 days absence a year.

Young people in this group are missing a year of school over the five years of secondary education, it will be almost impossible to keep up with work.

Lates

Arriving on time for the school day is incredibly important. It not only ensures that your child has a positive start to the day but also means that they are ready to learn and can engage with all their learning. Arriving late every day means that they have to walk into class when everyone else is settled but also means they miss out on the input to the lesson which will then impact on their potential to understand what they are learning. We know that sometimes it is unavoidable being late due to traffic or unforeseen circumstances. Being late just 5 minutes, every day will equate to 2 hours and 5 mins of lost learning time each week. Being late 5 minutes, every day will then equate to 12 hours and 30 mins of lost learning time in a half term which equates to 2 whole school days that they have missed by being late 5 minutes every day, which is a huge amount of time. If you are having any difficulty in getting your child to school on time, please let me know and I'll do what I can to support you.

Mrs Higginbotham



Message from your Headteacher

We have all had a really busy and wonderful run up to our christmas break. I am really proud of all our children and enjoyed all the Christmas shows and concerts. Our learning mentors and parents worked so hard to make our Winter wonderland fair a real success, it was great to have so many parents in school sharing the winter activities with us. The children work so hard and are a real credit to us all.

Our Christms service at St Marys was as always lots of fun, many thanks for the kind donations to the food bank.

We are saying 'goodbye' to Trish our forest school leader and Miss Kirby our Reception class teacher at the end of this term. We have loved having them working with our children and will really miss having them around school. Mrs Lomax will return from maternity leave and take up post in our Reception class in January.

We are also saying goodbye to Ms Holt, she has been a much valued member of the Corrie team and I know the children and staff will miss her.

I hope you all have a lovely break with your children, on behalf of all of us here at Corrie, 'have a very merry christmas and a happy new year'

Mrs Cartledge