

Newsletter 4 December 2023

What a term!

Wow, what a half term it has been! Keys stage 1 have continued their dinosaur learning by kicking off the half term with a Life Long Ago workshop where they found out even more about dinosaurs! Reception have delved further into learning about Autumn and different animals such as birds and owls and finally Diamonds have looked into the Jewish celebration of Hannukah and also have been trying to spot evergreen trees.

Fond Farewells

As Reception already know we will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Huggins this week. Miss Huggins has been part of the Sparhawk family for nearly 20 years! It is certainly going to feel strange without seeing her everyday. Luckily for Sparhawk we may still see Miss Huggins at Breakfast Club. We want to thank Miss Huggins for everything she has done and we wish her the best of luck with her new career with Premier Education.

Christmas Performances

I have to say I was absolutely blown away by the Christmas performances this year. The children were incredible and it was so special to see them up on stage! So much goes into the play, children learning lines, singing and remembering words, facing an audience, being confident enough to stand on the stage, actually standing and performing for a substantial amount of time—the list could go on! Your children are simply amazing and I couldn't have been prouder

Attendance

Here is the attendance for the classes for this term:

Topaz 94.7%

Sapphire 95.91%

Coral 95.95%

Emerald 96.5%

Ruby 96.52%

Jade 97.66%

Well done Jade class!

Attendance for the whole school is 96.23%

which is fantastic and keeps us in line with the Norfolk attendance teams new campaign of every day counts.



New Staff

We are incredibly excited to welcome Alyshia Millroy to our team who will be teaching on a Monday and Tuesday in Emerald class and a Friday in Diamond class. As you are aware Miss Pagendam will also be moving to Topaz class to teach on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Miss Pagendam is also very excited for this new opportunity. Both teachers have spent time with their new classes over these last few days.

After School Club

We are pleased to share that we will be offering an after school club from September 2024 . More details will follow in the new year.

Terracycle Competition

We are holding a class V class competition to see who can collect the most (kg) of Rubbish over the Christmas break. See the posters on display by your childs classroom for further details. The winning class will receive a treat chosen by them as their reward!



Sparhawk Food Bank

Please don't forget our school food bank is always open! We always offer this service with complete confidentiality so please come and either speak to the office, class teachers or myself:)

A massive thankyou

I would just like to personally say thankyou to all of you for being so incredible supportive while I've been acting head. I couldn't be prouder to work with such an incredible team. From all of us we wish you a very merry Christmas and we can't wait to see you next year for an amazing 2024!



Exciting news



We are so excited to share that Mr Ainley and his wife are expecting their first child in May—a baby boy! Congratulations we can't wait to meet him!

School places

Prospective places for children's Reception year need to be in during January—We have been having open mornings and evenings and doing tours of our lovely school. If you know any parents who may like to come and join the Sparhawk Family please tell them to get in contact with Miss Bowler and Mrs Carr in the office to arrange a time to come and look round! This can still be done after Christmas

Diary Dates

January

4th —Children return to school

11th—Rocksteady Launch Assembly

19th—Mad Science Workshop KS1

February

19th—Half term



