



11th January 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is settling back into the school routine.

We have had such a busy week! The classes have all been focusing on Books from other Cultures. There have been some wonderful stories being told as well as some fantastic pieces of writing from the children.

Next week we will begin our Topics for this term - classes and corridors are awash with new displays and objects ranging from a chocolate bar door ('Scrumdiddlyumptious!' Topic year 3) to platform signs and broomsticks ('Potions' in Year 4)! It's going to be a very exciting term!

I look forward to Monday when some classes have their WOW days.

Have a restful weekend - it's been a busy week for all.

Mrs J Murphy
Executive Headteacher

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- **Year 6** - During Term 3 Year 6 are going to be fundraising for their Residential trip. If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to support the children in some of the activities then please let Miss Slattery know!
- **Year 5** - During Term 3 Year 5 will be learning all about Pinocchio and Italy. If any parents have any Italian children's books, toys, songs or films it would be greatly appreciated if these could be brought in. Miss Bennett has promised to look after them!
- **Year 4 and Year 6** - Residential Trip reminder – Please ensure your payments are up to date.
 - **Year 4** - Monday 14th January - Harry Potter Dress-up Day
- We have had a rise in the amount of KS2 pupils who have been arriving at school and hanging around at the main gates or on the playground a lot earlier than they should be, one or two arriving as early as 7:50am. If you have the need for your child to be in school early then please consider Breakfast Club which opens from 7:30am.
- Payments for clubs are now due. Please ensure you have paid for your child's club via ParentPay.

Hello to all our new children and their families!

As we have had several new children start this January we thought it would be useful to send a reminder of who our SLT (Senior Leadership Team) are. Also from Monday SLT members will be visible by wearing Royal Blue High Vis Jackets in the mornings and at the end of the school day.



Mrs Murphy - Executive Headteacher



Miss Gleave - Acting Head of school



Mrs Bacon - Assistant Headteacher



Miss Morgan - Assistant Headteacher



Miss Thornton - Assistant Headteacher



As stated in the previous Newsletter before Christmas, New Horizons' overall attendance for Term 2 was 97.4%. As this was such a great achievement and we want to continue striving for the best attendance for our pupils we thought we would create our own little New Year's Resolution for them. We would like to aim for all pupils to try their very best to achieve at least 96% attendance. We appreciate that children get poorly but would like parents/carers to think about whether a day off for a cough, cold, sore throat or headache is necessary. Quite often if children have a dose of paracetamol before school by the time they get to school they forget all about their aches and pains because they are so busy learning new things! Please remember if your child is too unwell to be in school we will always send them home. We really do appreciate your continued support!



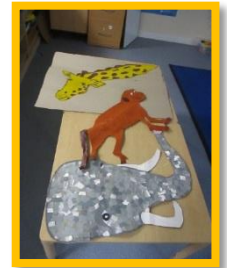


Nursery

In Nursery we have been listening to the story 'Handa's Hen' for Book Week. We have been creating a large hen and made our own individual chicks.

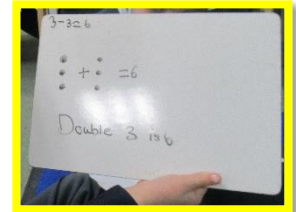
Reception

In Reception we have been discussing and writing about our winter holidays. For Book Week we have listened to the story 'Handa's Surprise' and have been practising walking with baskets on our heads as well as engaging in various artwork projects.



Year 1

In Maths, we have begun to explore doubling an amount using manipulatives and making 2 groups of the same number and counting on. In English, we have been looking at a book from another culture. Our culture is Africa, whereby, we have sequenced the story, acted it out, compared and contrasted Chatham to Africa and created speech for the characters. In topic, we have explored Africa through dance, creating Art work of the characters, designing the main character, suitable clothing to protect him from the sun, drawn our own African settings on the programme Paint and written non-chronological reports about facts we have learnt about Africa.

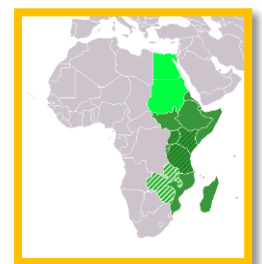


Year 2

We have had a great first week back. We have been looking at the text Pattan's Pumpkin and used this as a base for a range of our curriculum subjects. We have written diary entries for the character of Pattan and poems based on a pumpkin in English. We have also looked at floating and sinking in Science. On Monday we will be beginning to think about our topic of Muck, Mess and Mixtures. Please could your child bring in an old t-shirt/jumper that they can wear for the afternoon as making mixtures can get very messy! This can be brought to school in a bag ready for the afternoon.

Year 3

We have started this term by looking at a book from another culture. We have been studying The Village That Vanished, a story set around the Yao people in East Africa. It describes a tribes efforts to escape the slavers and find safety. We have been rewriting the story in English and considering the perspectives of the tribe in Guided Reading. We have also looked at the geographical locations of the real Yao people and recreated the Art of the author of the book.



Year 4

In Year 4 we have enjoyed coming back to school and learning with our friends. In Maths we have been using the inverse to check our column addition and subtraction skills. In English we have enjoyed learning about poems from the Caribbean. As a class we have enjoyed learning about El Dorado and Anancy and we have created letters, diary entries and our own poems. In Science, carrying on our Caribbean theme, we designed our perfect boat after investigating why some objects float and some sink.



Year 5



What a great week we have had learning about a book from a different culture. We read the story of Pinocchio written by Carlo Lorenzini (also known as Carlo Collodi), and it was not the version we all knew from the Walt Disney film! We also investigated Italian Christmas Festivals, made our own puppets and spoke some Italian words and phrases. Did you know that the English alphabet is longer than the Italian one? Next week we are looking forward to transforming our classes into Victorian ones, what will be different?

Year 6

Hello from Dennis and Aldrick. Yesterday we presented our lovely homework project based on refugees from many different countries and we learnt many different facts. In P.E we did different activities based on speed and we really enjoyed it. A reminder that Year 6 clubs are continuing next week and it is really important that you attend these

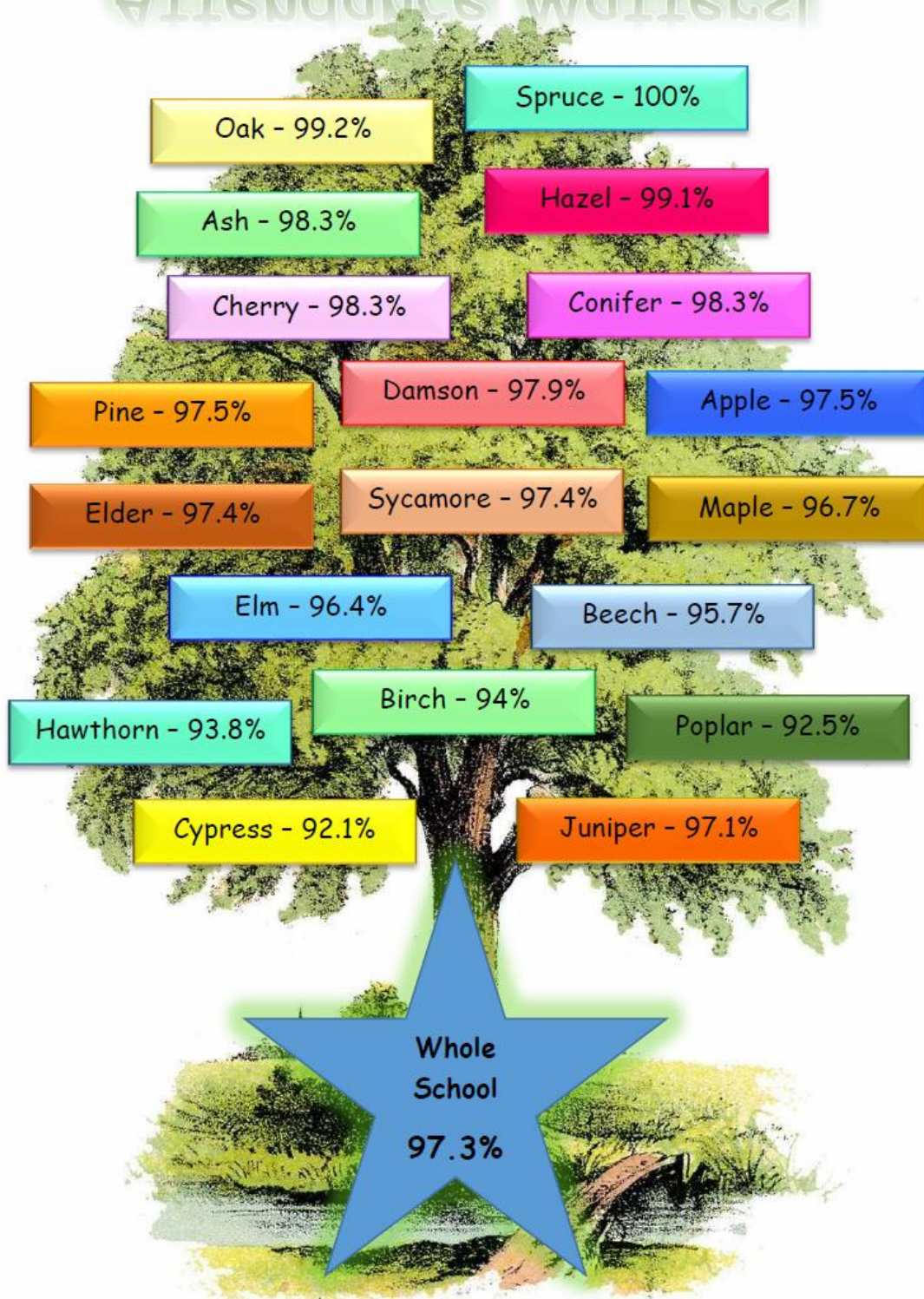


clubs. Please speak with Miss Slattery if you would like to join these clubs. We are going to be starting advanced Maths clubs in Year 6 so we will keep you posted! Make sure you are still reading every night and getting your book signed Year 6, it is so important! That's all for now!

Dennis and Aldrick

TEAM POINTS		
This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to Brook.		
Attendance Ace	Spruce with 100% Well Done!	
Punctuality Penny	Ash, Damson, Juniper, Maple and Oak with 0 lates!	
Golden Tie	Congratulations to: Ash - Zachariah Elm - Harry W Oak - Charlie Beech - Demi Hazel - Avi-Rose Maple - Alexander Birch - Archie-Le Pine - Tyler M Spruce - Shyanna-Marie Apple - Kenny Cherry - Ariyan Damson - Oliver Conifer - Rubin Hawthorn - Caoimhe Poplar - Junior Juniper - James Sycamore - Harvey Cypress - Marks Elder - Samuel	
Achievement Alley	Ash - Aiden Elm - Alara Oak - Esmee Beech - Elsie-Mae Hazel - Nia Maple - Evie-Louise Birch - Maci Pine - Daniel Spruce - Theo Apple - Brooke Cherry - Freya Damson - Evie Conifer - Sofia Hawthorn - Rachel Poplar - Harley Juniper - Brandon Sycamore - Jack Cypress - Dennis Elder - Tyler	

Attendance Matters!



Dates for your Diary - Term 2

- Monday 14th January - Year 4 - Harry Potter Dress-up Day
- Wednesday 23rd January - Chartwells Event - 'Superheroes'
- Wednesday 6th February - Chartwells Event - 'Scrumdiddlyumpious'
- Monday 11th February - YR, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - 4:00 - 7:30 - Parents Evening
- Tuesday 12th February - YR, 1, 2, 3 - 4:00 - 6:00 - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 13th February - Y4, 5, 6 - 4:00 - 6:00 - Parents Evening
- Wednesday 13th February - Year 4 - Making Potions Parent Workshop - Times to follow