



KEMSLEY COURIER



Praise and Thank You!

W/C: Monday 4th December 2023

Sycamore	Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose & Mrs Pullen would like to praise the members of choir who represented Kemsley so amazingly well at the Highsted Christmas Jamboree this week. They would also like to praise Oliver D and Ella-Rose for representing Kemsley at the Cluster 8 Pupil Parliament. Writer of the Week: Henry, for all the hard work and enthusiasm he put into his rhyming poem on tsunamis. Maths Master: Matthew, for his excellent understanding of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions as well as finding fractions of amounts. Star of the Week: Wilburn, for always giving 100% effort to all areas of his learning in class and during early morning catch up sessions. Dojo Champion: Emily
Birch	Miss Bright, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to praise Shaun, Poppy-Reese, Louie, Lois, Archie and Vinnie for their understanding of how to subtract different fractions, including mixed numbers. Well done also to Jurica, Mason, Kara and Freddie for their engagement in reading sessions and explaining vocabulary. Writer of the Week: Finley, for his incredible ideas towards our class write. Maths Master: Lee, for his understanding of subtracting fractions. Star of the Week: Theo, for his consistent engagement and focus throughout this term. Dojo Champion: Miley
Ash	Well done to everyone in Year 4 for being so resilient when we have had some different adults in our class. You have worked very hard with them and we are proud of you. Writer of the Week: Ella, for her careful use of persuasive sentence starters in our shared write. Maths Master: Sianna, for her hard work multiplying 3 numbers together this week. Star of the Week: Miles, for his kindness towards others and hard work in our lessons. Dojo Champion: Daisy
Beech	This week the adults in Year 3 would like to praise Amber, Archie M, Kerryann, Harley and Matthias for their brilliant rhyming couplets! They would also like to praise Madalena, Jaden and Isaac for their lovely ideas in PSHRE. Writer of the Week: Amber for her lovely independent writing in Literacy. Maths Master: Jonjoe for his excellent understanding of dividing by 3. Star of the Week: Maceo for his resilience and can-do attitude. Dojo Champion: Archie S
Maple	This week Miss Hardy, Mrs DH and Miss Filipovic would like to praise the whole of Maple class for their performances this week in our nativity! You were all amazing and we are so proud of each and every one of you. Writer of the Week: Emma, for working really hard to use capital letters and full stops at the beginning and end of each sentence. Maths Master: Bailey-Jay, for comparing number sentences using the more and less than signs correctly. Stars of the Week: Frankie and Harry P, for showing confidence when performing on stage and practising hard to make sure they knew their part. Dojo Champion: Harley
Willow	Mrs Hardiman and Mrs Earney would like to praise the whole of Willow class for their amazing performances this week to the school and parents/carers. We would also like to praise Teddy P and Bethany for being extremely helpful with little jobs around the classroom this week. Writer of the Week: Belkisa, for writing a beautiful sentence in RE this week telling us why she is thankful at Christmas. Maths Master: Oscar R, for keeping a positive mindset and determination during our end of unit assessment. Star of the Week: Rosie, for being a consistent member of Willow Class with all of her learning and attitude. Dojo Champion: Veronika
Oak	Mrs Donaghy and Mrs Gaffney would like to praise the whole of Oak class for their amazing performance in the Nativity, not only did they sing beautifully, but they also displayed excellent behaviour and support for their peers who performed alongside them. We would also like to thank the whole class for their amazing chocolate contributions to the Christmas Fayre. Writer of the Week: Harrison, for making an excellent effort to write a shopping list for a street party. Maths Master: Elaine, for her super-fast shape sorting. Star of the Week: Oliver S, for completing six Rainbow challenges in one day. Well done Oliver. Dojo Champion: Lacey.
Cherry	Thank you so much to the lovely ladies from Nitter and Natter club for creating our beautiful festive toppers for the post box. Another big thank you goes to Dominic's mum for creating all the children and staff within Cherry class a ball-ball - the writing on them is beautiful, so thank you so much! Well done to all cherries on performing in the nativity great efforts and singing beautifully 😊 Writer of the Week: Yoan, for forming letters of his name within the ice/snow in the playground. Maths Master: Fanta, for her resilience in practicing patterns and taking part in the interactive pattern game. Star of the Week: Holly, for being a brilliant role model of all of Cherry's golden rules within our classroom. She's a beautiful friend and a real credit to our class.

Coming up:
Tues 12th December
Choir Performance at
Clock Tower Hall
(10:30am)

Weds 13th December
Christmas Jumper Day
& Christmas Dinner!

Tues 12th December
Christmas Fayre
3:15pm-4:30pm

Thurs 14th December
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Panto

Thurs 14th December
Nursery Stay and Play
Session (2pm)

Fri 15th December
Christingle Service at
school (2:15pm)

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Wow! What a super exciting week we've had! It has been BURSTING with fun, joy and sensational performances! Firstly, I would like to extend thanks to our children in Year N, Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 who put on four outstanding performances this week, one to the school and three to our parents and carers. The children projected their voices incredibly well and sang so beautifully and their acting and dancing was fantastic! Well done! I would also like to extend thanks to Ms Millar, Miss McRoberts, Miss Stafford, Miss Thrall, Mrs Donaghy, Mrs Gaffney, Mrs Hardiman, Mrs Earney, Mrs Dalla-more Hynd, Miss Filipovic and Miss Spenceley who helped the children prepare for their Nativity. I would like to give special thanks to Miss Hardy, who prepared and directed the entire Nativity! Thank you also to our parents and carers, who helped the children to practice their lines and songs. Thank you!

I would also like to extend praise to our wonderful choir who sang at the Christmas Jamboree at Highsted Grammar School on Monday! They represented our school wonderfully and made Mrs Pullen, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Brijman very proud! Well done! Finally, I would like to praise Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 who sang like angels at our Christmas Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church this morning. Well done everyone! Thank you to our parents and carers for joining us at this wonderful service and a special thank you to our Head Boy, Ben, and Head Girl, Orla, who led the service excellently with readings about the Nativity. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Father Rob for hosting us, as well as Mrs Pullen, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Brijman for teaching the carols in our singing assemblies, and lastly to Mrs Bond for preparing the beautiful programmes. Also not forgetting thanks goes to Mrs Utton, Miss Martindill, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Dixon who helped to walk the children safely to and from the church. Thank you so much!

On Wednesday, EYFS & KS1 pupils enjoyed a visit from the pantomime 'Treasure Island' and on tonight the children had the opportunity to join the Kemsley discos. Special thanks goes to Miss Donald and Miss Bright who arranged the school discos and to the many staff who stayed after school to support with the discos. The children had a wonderful time. Next Thursday, KS2 pupils will be attending their pantomime at Swallows. Please ensure you do NOT book your child a dinner on this day, if they are attending this pantomime. All KS2 pupils attending the panto, will be having packed lunch on this day. **If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like your child to have a packed lunch prepared by CH&Co on Thursday 14th December, please ensure you contact the school office by Tuesday 12th December at 9am and let Mrs Coleman know.**

Attendance is currently at 95.26 and the classes who have won Reggie this week with 98.89% attendance is Year R! Well done!

Presentation Ted goes to Ronnie (Y4) for outstanding presentation throughout all of his learning! Well done!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Miss Homer, Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

Cherries along with the rest of the school have had a busy and exciting week this week and have enjoyed creating their own wreaths and a wish list to father Christmas and posting it within our beautiful post box, created by the lovely ladies from Nitter and Natter club.

Year R

This week has been very busy and exciting in Year R! We have been so busy with our Nativity. We hope you enjoyed it! On top of this, we were also lucky enough to watch a pantomime in school, which the children enjoyed immensely. The whole class behaved beautifully and joined in all the fun.

Next week will be the last school week before Christmas break and will be another busy one. We will be reading 'The Jolly Postman at Christmas'. We will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated in England and why we send Christmas cards. We also have Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner and a Christingle service to look forward to.

Year 1:

This week we have been having an amazing, fun, and festive week. We have performed our Christmas play to the school and to you our parents / carers. We were also given the opportunity to sit and watch the very magical travelling panto, we absolutely loved this.

In literacy we have been finalising our plans and writing up our non-chronological reports on giraffes. In maths we have continued to look at and learn about 2d and 3d shapes. We have started to create repeating patterns using them and completed our end of unit assessment.

In RE we have been learning about why Christians are thankful at Christmas and discussing what we are thankful for at this time of the year.

Year 2:

This week we performed our nativity for lots of you. It was so much fun! I am so proud of every single child both in our class and also in Year 1 and Year R and of course Year N. The children worked incredibly hard and I must thank all of you parents/carers for helping the children learn their lines and songs to make it the play it was. Thank you!

We have had lots of other exciting events this week such as watching a travelling pantomime on Wednesday in the hall. We also had a talk from RLNI lifeboat service who taught us all about water safety.

Amongst all the fun we managed to squeeze some learning in too! In English we wrote a recount of the story we have been focusing on this term: Flat Stanley. Next week, our English lessons will focus on 'The Man on the Moon' John Lewis Christmas advert and we will be writing a diary entry.

In Maths we have been comparing number sentences using the more than, less than and equal signs. Next week our lessons will have a Christmas theme and we will be revisiting addition and subtraction with 2-digit numbers. In PE this term we have been doing dance. We have learnt how to control large and small movements by pretending to be a cat catching a mouse.

In Geography we completed our unit learning about Europe. Our lesson this week focused upon human and physical features of different countries. Next week our focus country is Poland where we will learn about Christmas celebrations there.

Please can we ask that you continue to send your children in with their reading folders every day. It is really important these come in so we can read with your children.

Year 3:

Next week is a very exciting week for us at Kemsley - Christmas Week! We will be sticking to our usual timetable (for the most part) but will be theming our lessons around Christmas. In Literacy, we will be writing a letter to the man in the moon. In geography, we will be learning all about Christmas in Germany, and will be using our art and DT lessons to create German-style Christmas decorations. In RE we will be learning about the Christmas story and in PSHRE we will be thinking about Christmas values of love, thankfulness and family. On Thursday, we are visiting the panto and on Friday we will be welcoming Father Rob to our school for our Christingle service.

Year 4:

Next week we will be completing some Christmas literacy and maths activities. In Literacy, we will be using the video 'Man on the Moon', to write a poem. We will also be completing some Christmas arts and crafts throughout the week. We're looking forward to spending a fun-filled week with you all before the Christmas holiday!

Year 5:

Next week will be our last week of this term! Alongside our festive activities and events, we will be learning about how people in Nigeria celebrate Christmas and we will be creating a newspaper report about this. We will be making some exciting things to sell at the Christmas Fair next week too, so keep your eyes peeled. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6:

I cannot believe we are entering the final week of Term 2, it has certainly flown by. Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children for their continuous hard work and resilience this term. All the children have impressed the adults in Sycamore Class with their attitude towards their learning.

This final week will be another fully packed week. Wednesday is Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day which will be followed by our school Christmas Fayre. The fayre starts at 3:15pm; please pop along after school. On Thursday KS2 will be visiting the KS2 pantomime at the Swallows Leisure Centre. If you have not already signed your child up for the pantomime please can you do this as soon as possible. On Friday the children will be researching Christingles. Each child will then make a Christingle in preparation for our end of term Christingle Service in the school hall. We are lucky enough to have Father Rob joining us for this celebration.

All our learning this week will have a Christmas theme. In Year 6 we will be focusing on Christmas in Mexico and making some Mexican Christmas decorations. Our Literacy learning will be linked to the John Lewis Christmas advert 'The Man on the Moon'. The children will be working towards writing a narrative. In maths we will be completing some Christmas code breakers, using all of our fraction knowledge from this term to help us.

Week 7 – w/c Monday 11th December – Christmas Week

Tuesday 12th December – Choir Performance at Clock Tower Hall (10:30am-11:30am)

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day!

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Fayre! (3:15pm-4:30pm)

Thursday 14th December – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Pantomime at Swallows

Thursday 14th December – Nursery Stay and Play Session (2pm-2:45pm)

Friday 15th December Christingle Service 2:15pm at School

PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THIS PAGE AND DOJO FOR FURTHER UPDATES ON SCHOOL EVENTS. THANK YOU.