



Newsletter 2

December 2022 **Celebrating this term's successes!**



Skylarks



The Skylark's have had a wonderful term making new friends. We have had lots of fun exploring our wider environment in the search for autumn treasures and they were fantastic on stage as snowmen.

EYFS have had a very successful term. Swifts and Robins have settled into school life brilliantly learning all of the routines quickly. They have all been amazing with their independent learning within the classroom where they always have a positive attitude, show kindness towards each other and engage in independent learning co-operatively. They have been brilliant with completing their challenge tasks with enthusiasm each week. Keep it up Swifts and Robins and we can't wait to see what fantastic learning we can achieve in the Spring term.



The children from Pre-School, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 performed brilliantly in this year's Christmas performances of "The inn-Spectors"



We hope you enjoyed the show!
Well done everybody.

Earlier this term, the children received a letter from Sunny the meerkat. He told us all about his exciting adventure. The children have worked really hard to plan and write a letter back to Sunny. I was really impressed with their concentration, enthusiasm and creativity when writing their letters. Well done Doves!



Hérons enjoyed their visit to the pantomime this term. They had so much fun watching the actors and cheering along to the chants and songs. It inspired them to do well in their own Christmas performance! We hope you enjoyed their Christmas performance as much as they enjoyed the pantomime!

+Earlier in the term the Kingfishers had the chance to visit the village library. The children walked to library and were really curious about the books within the library. They were able to take out books and had lots of fun choosing. A great opportunity to continue the love of reading.



The Kestrel class have shown dedication and enthusiasm with their reading throughout the Autumn term. All of the class have loved reading in lessons and participated fully in all aspects of Reading! The children have enjoyed going to the library and browsing through the different genres of books to read in their own time. The enthusiasm the children have shown for reading is such an achievement and the children should be really proud of their dedication!



Year 3 and 4 had a brilliant day when the Egyptian Queen Nefertiti came to visit us!

We took part in several Egyptian activities throughout the day such as drama re-enacting stories of the gods, an escape room where we had to solve

lots of puzzles to collect stamps for a heart weighing ceremony, and making our own Egyptian jewellery.



Year 4 have been loving learning to play their instruments this half term. All of the children enjoyed picking the instrument they want to play and learning how people perform as part of an orchestra. They have learnt to read music and can now play lots of brilliant songs. Year 4 are looking forward to performing their instruments to the rest of the school, particularly the song We Will Rock You!

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Year 4 were lucky enough to have the model creators of Wallace and Gromit come in to create their own Gromits! They received this prize due to Emily in Year 4 winning the 'Cracking Ideas' competition. Well done all!



Year 5 have loved going swimming. It's been a fantastic experience, with all children developing their skills.

This term Year 6 had a visitor from the NSPCC come in to do a workshop with the children relating who to talk to if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable. There was some great conversation had between the children along with some very valuable knowledge.



Year 6 have been to visit the Warning Zone to learn all about different dangers in the world we live in. The children were a credit to our school and represented Cosby brilliantly. Additionally, all pupils learnt some valuable lessons that will help to keep them safe in the future.

Sports News



We have had a very successful term with lots of sports events and many successes! Cross country team came third overall out of 7 teams that entered.

The football team have got through to the second round of the Rice Bowl Cup beating Montrose 8-0.

The cheerleading after school club have been amazing and performed a routine to Pre-school, Early Years, KS1 and KS2 hitting every single stunt!

We are delighted that a brand new Friends of Cosby School Committee is up and running!

Friends of Cosby School are a group of parent volunteers who organise fundraising events and social activities for our children and families. Over the years they have made a brilliant contribution to playground equipment, IT provision and most recently, our brand new library.

There are always lots of opportunities to be involved and I know the new committee already have lots of ideas. Look out for more information coming soon, or check out the Friends of Cosby School Facebook page.



Spring Term Dates and Events



Tuesday 3rd January	School opens for the Spring Term
Wednesday 1st February	Year 6 Parents' PGL Meeting
Tuesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 7th—Wednesday 8th February	Book Fair in school
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March	Parents' Evenings
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20th—Friday 24th March	Year 6 Residential
Friday 31st March	End of Term

School opens for the summer term on Monday 17th April.

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term

School Opens: Tuesday 29th August 2023

Half Term: Monday 16th – Friday 20th October

School Closes: Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Opens: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February

School Closes: Friday 22nd March

Summer Term

School Opens: Monday 8th April 2024

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

School Closes: Tuesday 9th July

Attendance

A key factor to your child achieving academic success at school is through regular and punctual attendance. Full attendance makes a significant difference to the progress and success that your child can expect to achieve.

We recognise the positive impact that regular attendance has on achievement. Excellent attendance at school is crucial in order to give your child the best chance of success. We need your support in ensuring that absences are not planned in school time so that your child has every opportunity to succeed.

Parents should be aware that in line with government guidance, holidays in term time are always unauthorised. All holiday absence is reported to our Attendance Officer and where attendance is below 90% and/or where it is the second holiday in the last two years, a fixed penalty notice may be issued.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PUPIL PREMIUM?

The current criteria for claiming are as follows:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
- Child Tax Credit, provided the annual taxable income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue is not in excess of £16,190. Families who also receive an award of Working Tax Credit **do not** qualify to claim for free school meals
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit—household income must be less than £7400 a year

Families of children entitled to Pupil Premium may also be entitled to additional support in school, as well as help towards the costs of other activities in school.

It is worth applying for Free School Meals, even if your child continues to have a packed lunch. If you think you may be eligible please contact the School Office.



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from all the Staff, Governors and Children