

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

This week we have learnt a number of new songs in singing assembly and have been practising our Makaton signing on two songs that we know. Hearing the children singing old gospel songs acapella whilst signing them gave me goose bumps. It was quite special. We have been assessing the children's progress and talking to you all at parent's evening this week too. Thank you to those of you who completed our parental survey and resilience project questionnaire. We will be feeding the results back to you through the newsletter once the governors have finished collating them. I have had many conversations with children about the 'hard' work they have been doing this week and how pleased they have been that they have managed it by keeping on trying.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been PERSEVERANCE. Our pupils of the week for perseverance are Nancy in Oaks class, Taylor in Hawthorn class, Georgina in Rowan class, Alex in Chestnut class and Alex in Silver Birch class. After half term the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be SELF CONFIDENCE.

## The School Council

The School council have been very busy this half term carrying out a range of tasks. We have been very proud of the mature way in which they have conducted themselves, as well as how enthusiastic they have been about everything we have asked them to do.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

The class with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 100%. They have consistently achieved 100% as a class this half term. Well done. 69 children have received certificates today for 100% this half term. We would like this figure to be even higher leading up to Christmas. Our whole school attendance figure so far is 94.6%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as we can. With school attendance being highlighted on a daily basis in the media at the moment we wish to state that **we consider 'regular school attendance' under law to mean 100% attendance** and that this is reflected in our attendance policy. We want to work with parents but we firmly believe that children need to be in school every day to avoid there being gaps in their learning that take a long time to catch up and can have a huge impact on their achievement both now and in the future.

## Jubilee Opera

Children in Years 4,5 and 6 will be going to visit the Jubilee Opera's performance of The Drummer Boy of Waterloo on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November. They will leave school at 1.30pm and return by 3.30pm. Letters will follow shortly. The children had a visitor in assembly yesterday to tell them the story and set the scene for the opera to enable them to understand fully what they watch on the day.

### Staffing

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Mawson. Baby Isaac Thomas Mawson was born on Sunday, weighing 8lb 10. Happily Mrs Atherton is on the mend and able to return on a part time basis after half term. She will be joining Rowan class in the afternoons in preparation for taking over from Mrs Hall when she goes on maternity leave at Christmas. Mrs Atherton will also teach Year One Science and is very much looking forward to being back and working with the children again.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Osborn who stepped in at such short notice to ensure the Year 6 class continued to receive high quality learning opportunities. We have been very grateful for the way in which they have integrated themselves in the life of the school and have made certain Year 6 are on track for where they need to be in this important SATS year. We hope to work with you again in the future.

### PTA

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the weather proofing of the cabin during half term. This is part of the on-going maintenance of the cabin to ensure it remains a warm, dry, water tight building that we can continue to use for Cabin Club nurture group and intervention groups. If you are able to help please let us know via the school office and we will provide additional details. Thank you.

### Samaritan's Purse

We are now beginning to fill our Christmas shoe boxes. Special flat pack boxes are available at a cost of 40p and can be collected from the school office now they have arrived. If you would still like one we have a few extra. The boxes will need to be returned to the school office by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November so we can arrange for them to be sent on to others less fortunate than ourselves. Let's see if we can make Christmas a little bit more magical for others less fortunate than ourselves.

### Junior Road Safety Officers

Our new Junior Road Safety Officers Keira, Tommy and Holly launched their new road safety campaign in assembly this week. They have asked children to design a poster about being safe and being seen and these will be judged by a panel of the school council and staff. The winning entries will be made up into road safety signs to be displayed outside of the school grounds. The Parish council have also been considering road safety along Judith Avenue and have made representation to the council regarding a possible change to the speed limit to 20 miles per hour to ensure the safety of families travelling to and from school. Can I remind parents that parking on the pavements can be dangerous for other users and request that this stops. There have been a number of reported near misses.

### Dates for your Diary

**23.10.15 PD Day - no children in school**

Half Term 26.10.15 - 30.10.15

02.11.15 Launch of mini enterprise projects in school

03.11.15 Educational Welfare Officer in School regarding School Attendance

03.11.15 Full Governing Body Meeting

06.11.15 Drummer Boy Of Waterloo Jubilee Opera - Years 4,5,6

Have a well-earned holiday and enjoy the break. There is lots of hard work ahead after half term.

Mrs Amanda Fewkes  
youngsters)

20.11.15 Quiz Night Knodishall Village Hall