

FRIDAY UPDATE



This is always a very busy term with lots of additional events. To ensure you are all aware of the arrangements around these events, a separate newsletter has come out to you today. Please take the time to read this carefully so you do not miss important information.

Next week, in particular, we will be attending the Beauty and the Beast pantomime at The Castle theatre, Wellingborough. This is being fully funded by FOTAS, so thank you for your generous support for our fundraising over the year which enables this to happen. Please note changes to collection next Friday - see newsletter.

Please note, there will be no Friday Update next week. Have a lovely weekend.

In celebration assembly today we said well done to the following children, who received **Special Awards** and special gold Headteacher's Award sticker:

Isla (Beech class) - for making wonderful and creative shapes in gymnastics.

Isabella (Hazel class) - for creating an excellent moving vehicle in D.T.

Joshua (Maple class) - for trying hard to complete all his learning journey each week.

Adwaith (Cherry class) - for working hard to complete all his learning journey and also improve his handwriting.

Alicia (Willow class) - for wonderful singing when practising our Nativity songs.

Krishna (Oak class) - for super singing of our Christmas songs and fabulous dancing in P.E. today.



Class Accolades

Maple Class - For showing determination in your hot write stories this week.

Cherry Class - For creating brilliant innovated Stickman stories.

Each class received two class ticks. Well done everyone!

LETTERS / EMAILS HOME THIS WEEK:

Christmas events newsletter

Pantomime letter

Photograph orders deadline

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK (Autumn 2 Week 5):

- Monday 1st December - Rock Steady lessons
- Reception Christmas Crafts - parents invited - 2pm- school hall
- Tuesday 2nd - Year 2 Christmas Crafts - parents invited - 2pm- school hall
- Wednesday 3rd - Year 2 P.E.
- Year 1 Christmas Crafts - parents invited- 2pm- school hall
- Thursday 4th - Year 1 P.E.
- Pre-Loved Christmas Jumper sale 3.15pm Playground
- Friday 5th - Year 1 Family Reading 8.50-9.10am
- Reception P.E.
- **Whole school trip to pantomime at The Castle Theatre** Collection from the theatre at approximately 3.20pm (time tbc) - see separate newsletter for details.



As part of our commitment to safeguarding, it is important that we ensure that parents/carers are as informed as possible about online safety and well-being.

What parents need to know about smart phones

According to Ofcom, 69% of under-18s use a smartphone as their main method of going online. Additionally, 49% of children use them for online gaming – putting smartphones only behind consoles (59%) as the device of choice for playing games on. Most people won't require such statistical evidence, however, to acknowledge the huge importance of phones to young people.

Given that Santa's upcoming visit may bestow smartphones on an even greater number of young people, it's a particularly opportune moment to ensure that children are able to use any handsets responsibly – and, above all, safely. From passcodes to parental controls, and from screen time to scams, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has the essential advice.

The guide on this subject can be downloaded from our school Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/TheAvenueInfantSchool/> and from the school website.