

## Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 10th December 2020

### Welcome

The children have been busy this week preparing for Christmas. Hopefully you will soon see our talented staff playing their musical instruments!

Please ensure that you are careful this week and follow COVID guidelines as I'm sure you don't want to be unwell or isolating over the Christmas period. Walsall is still significantly higher than the national average for COVID cases and local hospitals are still under significant pressure. Please be careful and considerate of others. Walsall Public Health have also shared that the largest transmission in Walsall currently is from household to household contact. Remember, you should not be entering another household. Please help us to protect our school community.

We have had a few complaints from local residents about their driveways being blocked by parents/carers. Please be considerate when parking.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

### Attendance

This week's attendance: 89.9%

Golden Classes: Foyle

### Curriculum

This week, children have been finishing off their art projects for 'Diversity in the Arts.' Next week, we will share some of the fantastic finished pieces!

This year's Music quiz is live tomorrow! Please see the link on Dojo to name that tune played by a range of our talented Rivers staff. You can earn extra points by guessing the correct instruments too. Please enter by paying an entry fee of 50p via Parent Mail. Please select under the shop icon to pay. Your child will then receive an entry form. All entry forms need to be returned to school 15th December and winners will be announced 17th December.

First prize: Sweet hamper, second prize £25 Body Shop voucher and 3rd



prize a selection box.

### Year Group Focus: Year 5

Across Year 5, we have been working really hard at understanding numbers up to 3 decimal places and related fractions. We started by exploring what happens when we x and ÷ by 10, 100 and 1,000.

We have also explored equivalence e.g.  $\frac{6}{10} = \frac{60}{100} = \frac{600}{1,000}$

Children have shown an excellent level of resilience - challenge us, if you dare!

### Rivers Love to Read

This week's star readers:

Name	Words Read This Week
Liarni J	182,796
Aqram BL	142,651
Max Darren H	57,951
Ali A	35,037
Kai MB	34,463

Class Leaderboard

Class	Words Read This Year
Fuji	5,337,618
Amazon	2,885,867
Tiber	575,142
Clyde	221,350
Hvita	214,503
Foyle	213,003
Kuma	212,136



Reading  
is for awesome people.

### Times Table Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children for improving their rockstar status. They will receive a certificate next week. Please make sure that your child is logging onto Time Table Rock Stars.



Rock Star (< 3 secs)	Headliner (< 4 secs)	Support Act (< 5 secs)	Breakthrough Artist (< 6 secs)
Harry B (Hvita)	Cherrie A (Hvita)	Domnik B (Hvita)	Evie M (Tiber) Martyna C (Foyle) Jenson W (Foyle)
Unsigned Act (< 7 secs)	Gigger (<8 secs)	Garage Rocker (<10 secs)	Wannabe (10 logins)
Ruben B (Clyde)	Eloane B (Kuma) Thomas N (Hvita) Lexie S (Tiber)	Daniel I (Hvita)	Tiguidanke (Fuji) Ebere (Fuji) Isabel (Fuji) Harry C (Hvita) Julian F (Hvita)

### Safeguarding

We understand that Christmas can be a difficult time for many. Please remember our pastoral team is here to help if you are worried or concerned about any aspects of school or home life.

If you would like to speak with Mrs Moorhouse (Pastoral Lead), please contact the school office.

## **Diary dates**

Reminder that the last day of term is Friday 18th December. Children to be collected at 1.15pm