

Christmas Newsletter 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy term we have had. Everyone here at The Florence has been getting into the festive spirit and enjoying lots of amazing experiences. We had a lot of fun recording the Trust charity single '[Carry You': Our Charity Single \(whptrust.org\)](https://www.whptrust.org) and our choir were able to join other schools at the Concert Hall to perform this – they were incredible! Our trip to the Playhouse to see Dick Whittington was fabulous the children enjoyed singing along and once again their behaviour was excellent, thank you to all the parent helpers for coming along too.

Nursery, Reception and Y1 children have also had a visit from the Playhouse, they watched a Panto and had the opportunity to tell their own story which included a castle, prince, princess, guards, and a scary dungeon – super imaginations!

Also a big thankyou to teachers and staff for organising our Christmas productions this year, it was something I have truly missed during the Covid 19 outbreak, so it was heart-warming to see all the children dressed up and singing their hearts out.

From Everyone here at The Florence, have a very merry Christmas.

Mrs Baxter



Christmas Fair



A big thank you for all our donations, the community really pulled together, and we had some lovely raffle prizes. Well done to Y6 who wrote some very persuasive letters to local shops asking for prizes to be donated. We raised an impressive £837 which will be put towards events for our children in school.

School Values

We have updated our school values. With the help of Y6 Head pupils and prefects these were launched in assembly. Each half term we will have a focus around one of the core values.



RESILIENCE



CREATIVITY



ASPIRATION



INDEPENDENCE

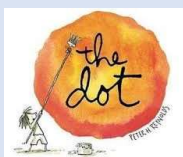


INTEGRITY



TOLERANCE

We then did some whole school work based around the book *The Dot* which enabled them to use their own creativity, the work is now proudly displayed in the lower hall.



HAF Programme

Hall Park are running a Holiday activities and food programme in the holidays, which is free to children in receipt of Free school meals. Click here for further information [Nottshelpyourself | TB Sport \(Hall Park Academy\) HAF \(Holiday Activities and Food programme\) Listing](#)

Attendance

This terms class attendance is:

Reception – David Attenborough	91.20%
Reception – Elsie Widdowson	88.24%
Year 1 – Mary Anning	94.29%
Year 1 – Maggie Aderin Pocock	94.12%
Year 2 – Rachel Carson	88.85%
Year 2 – Zhang Heng	93.61%
Year 3 – Mary Somerville	89.80%
Year 3 – Sarah Gilbert	84.72%
Year 4 – Alan Turing	93.04%
Year 4 – Gladys West	94.04%
Year 5 – Michael Faraday	94.63%
Year 5 – Rosalind Franklin	93.86%
Year 6 – Marie Curie	93.00%
Year 6 – Tommy Flowers	94.83%

Autumn 1 winners were Y4 Gladys West Class, who had a film afternoon well done!

Autumn 2 winners were Y6 Tommy Flowers Class -class reward to be decided.



Congratulation to all our children who have won behaviour badges this term. They are:

Nate – R, Monty – R, Lucy Y1, Gabriel Y1, Noah Y2, Tommy Y2, Harley Y3, Scarlett Y3, Cole Y4, Maisie Y4, Nikil Y5, Bailey Y5, Simone Y6, Summer Y6

We are very proud of you!

House point update

5th Place – Discovery – 2110, 4th Place – Endeavour – 2239, 3rd Place – Challenger, 2nd Place – Apollo, 1st Place – Atlantis.



Parent/carer volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who have given up their time to come in and support the class teachers this term. If you have any spare time and would like to volunteer then please contact the school office.



Support for families

Please see below the following links, which may be able to help support you.

Nottinghamshire County Council

<https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/home.page>

Financial support for families

Some families may be eligible for certain types of financial help and depending upon financial circumstances. This includes discretionary school uniform allowances for families in exceptional circumstances. For more information please visit: [Financial support | Nottinghamshire County Council](#) or to make further enquiries please contact our customer service team on 0300 5008080.

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

A screenshot of a webpage titled "Help for Households - Get government cost of living support". The page has a white background with a green header and footer. The main content area features two columns of text and images. The left column has a photograph of a brick house and is titled "Cost of Living Payment". The right column has a photograph of a hand turning a dial on a white appliance and is titled "Energy saving tips to save money". The text in both columns provides information about the respective topics and includes links for more details.

See what support is available to help with the cost of living and find out how to save money with our energy saving tips.

Cost of Living Payment

If you claim certain benefits or tax credits, you may be eligible for an extra payment to help with the cost of living. If you're eligible, payments will be made automatically.

[Find out about the Cost of Living Payment on GOV.UK](#)

Energy saving tips to save money

There are several simple, quick actions you can take that could add up to serious savings on your energy bills, alongside some home improvements to reduce your bills in the long term.

[Find energy saving tips](#)

Parking Please be mindful when dropping off and collecting children on Chewton Street, it is extremely busy at the end of the day. If you can walk, then please do. The council are monitoring the situation as there have been several complaints this term. Thankyou.



Key dates for your diary:

Wednesday 4 th January 2023	School reopens for Spring term
Thursday 9 th February 2023 (Friday 10 th February – INSET Day)	Half term
Friday 13 th Jan 2023 Friday 20 th Jan 2023 Friday 3 rd Feb 2023 Friday 24 th Feb 2023 Friday 3 rd March 2023 Friday 10 th March 2023	<u>Class Assemblies</u> Y5 - Michael Faraday Y5 – Rosalind Franklin Y3 – Mary Somerville Y3 - Sarah Gilbert Y1 - Mary Anning Y1– Maggie Aderin Pocock Letter will be sent out to confirm
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day
Friday 31 st March 2023	School closes for half term

