

Miers Court Matters

UPCOMING EVENTS

16.12.24– Christmas Story Time
KS1-4:00-4:30
KS2-4:45-5:15

16.12.24-PJ Day
Items for Christmas Raffle

17.12.24– Christmas Class Parties (Year R–5)

18.12.24– Christmas Dinner Day

19.12.24 Year 6
Christmas Class arty

19.12.24– Christmas fayre
3:45pm-6:30pm

20.12.24– Last
Day of term

Note from Mrs Fordyce

It has been a really busy week this week. School has definitely embraced Christmas with open arms and it is looking and feeling very festive all around. It was fantastic to see the children in their Christmas jumpers this week. Thank you to any parents that came along to the productions that took place this week, I am sure you will agree that the children looked and sounded amazing and we were all very proud of them. As we move into our final week of Term 2 just a reminder that Monday is py-jama day and after school we have our snuggly bedtime read where we invite the children in with a parent or carer to read some books, have a hot chocolate and little chat with Father Christmas if they would like to. We look forward to seeing you there! Our last day of school is Friday and we have a little bit of a surprise for you all when you come into school and when you leave ... Watch out for lots of Christmas FUN ! HO HO HO

Mrs L Fordyce

Attendance – Well done Bumblebee (year r) for achieving 96.8%, Nightingale Class (year 2) for achieving 96.5% and Flamingo Class (year 4) for achieving 96.3%. These classes are this week's top attenders!

This year's attendance to date 95.1%

**MOMENTS
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ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Celebration Corner

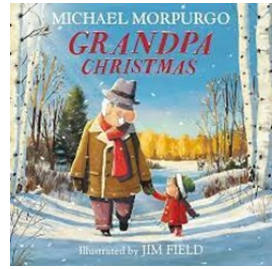
Congratulations to for earning 10 Dojo Points

Congratulations to Hope, Jayson, Lukas, James and Olivia-Mae in year 2, Toni in year 5 for earning 25 Dojo points

Book Talk

Year 3 Book Talk

In Year 3 this week we have been reading Grandpa Christmas by Michael Morpurgo



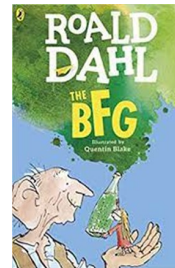
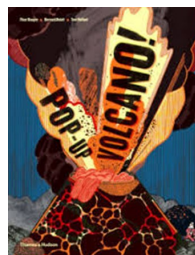
This is a wonderful story about a little girl called Mia and a letter she has received from her Grandpa. He wishes that everyone in the world needs to work together to make the world a better place for Mia and her family to grow up in, taking care of the planet and the animals within them. Every Christmas Mia and her family read Grandpa's letter as part of their own Christmas tradition, reminding themselves of the important message within it .

"I enjoyed the pictures and how they talk about protecting the planet" - Finley S

If you like this book, then you might also like this other book by Michael Morpurgo that we have shared



Recommended reads for our age group at the moment include:



Sports Section

Tri-Golf-

A selection of year 3 and 4 children went to The Howard School for Boys they had a great time. Look out fo next week's MCM for more info and photos.

Swimming— Phoenix Class had their last swimming lesson this weeks o there ill be no swimming next week. It ill be year 5's turn for swimming in January, please keep a look out for a letter in the new year.

Quote of the week

"A problem is only a problem when viewed as a problem"

Robin Sharma

Safeguarding Corner

As a reminder, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs L Fordyce. Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are; Ms Munns, Miss Collings, Mrs Doherty, Miss Bradley and Mrs Kavanagh. If you have any safeguarding concerns, do not hesitate to get in contact.



Online Safety

Online Safety—The ABC Checklist

With Christmas just around the corner, the holiday period is a great time to take stock of the devices children have (plus any new Xmas devices) and ensure they are set up correctly with any parental features you feel are appropriate for your child.

One frustrating issue is that the available features and how you set devices up differ, so to help parents Internet Matters have really good, non-techie guides which you can follow as part of their ABC Checklist. ABC stands for:

- A - Activate parental controls.
- B - Balance screen time.
- C—Check and Chat

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/abc-online-safety-checklist/>

Online Safety - Emotional Safety on Roblox

The Jed Foundation have put together a great guide for parents regarding emotional safety/wellbeing on Roblox. Although the guide refers to US teenagers, the guide is appropriate for all children, not just teens. It covers cyberbullying, signs a teen might be struggling online and what parents can do.

Christmas at Miers Court



We are on our final week of Christmas at Miers Court we know there has been a lot of reminders but here are the last remaining dates of events for next week:

- ◆ **Monday 16th December Year R Christmas Crafts 2pm—3pm**
- ◆ **Monday 16th December Christmas PJ day, Items for the Christmas Raffle**
- ◆ **Monday 16th December Story Time parents invited in school hall KS1-4:00pm-4:30pm, KS2 4:45-5:15pm Hot chocolate, cookies and marshmallows**
- ◆ **Tuesday 17th December Christmas Class parties (Year R—5)**
- ◆ **Wednesday 18th December Year 6 Christmas craft and cake sale 3:30pm-4:00pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 19th December Year 6 Christmas party**
- ◆ **Thursday 19th December Christmas Fayre 3:45pm-6:30pm**



Platters Farm Christmas Shoe Box

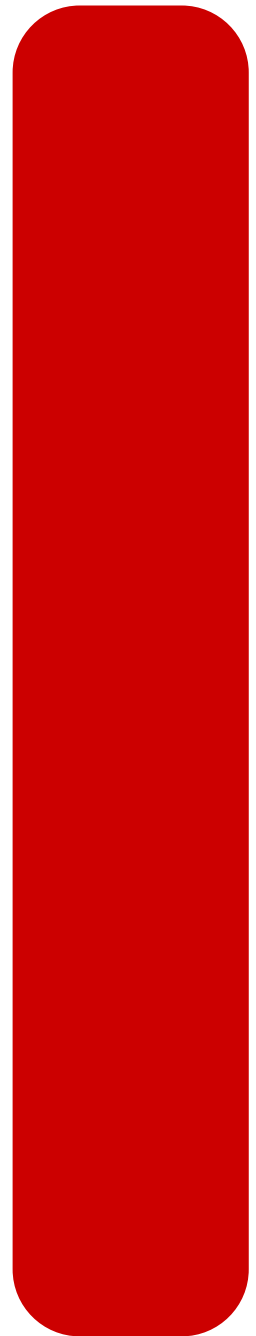


Last year the Miers Court community put together a number of gift boxes for the residents of Platters Farm Lodge which offers short breaks, respite and long stay rehabilitation for adults in Rainham. We wanted to do the same for them again this year. We wanted to ensure they had something special to open on Christmas Day.

We are so please to let you know that Miers Court community have managed to put together 13 female gift boxes and 8 male gift boxes, we asked for a list of donations that they would love and we were able to make sure that each box contained all the items.

We will be delivering the shoe boxes on Monday 16th December.

Thank you again for your continued support.

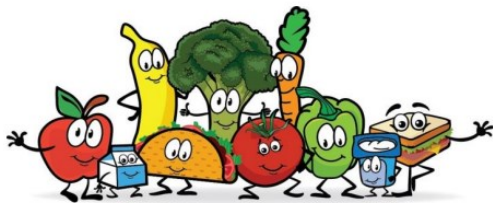


Battery Recycling – This week we have **235** batteries!! Fantastic total, thank you. We submit our total to the Duracell website each week.



We also collect empty, clean bread wrappers and used ink cartridges (domestic only, please), which we give to Gillingham Street Angels, who receive a small amount of money for them. This money is used to help fund the projects that they run, for example, the soup kitchen and food bank.

Meal Balance reminder – Please can we remind you to keep an eye on your child's meal account, and top up when needed. Thankyou. Please remember that, if your circumstances change, you child may be eligible for Free School Meal Support. You can apply on line for this and we are always happy to help if you are finding it a little tricky. The link will take you to the application page and you will get a decision really quickly. https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200164/school_information/354/free_school_meals



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20.12.24-Last Day of term

07.01.25-First day back to school

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