



The Ark Federation

FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our first federation newsletter! Each month we will share news from across the federation so that both of our wonderful communities can share in our success and celebration. We can also share important updates and information, keeping everyone in the loop.

Mr Freeman
Executive Headteacher



Parking

Parking is a real issue at both of our schools. Please would all parents consider parking further away from school and then walking in to drop off and pick up. This will spread out the traffic and give the children valuable exercise. If you do need to park closer to the schools, please park with consideration for others and always remember to be kind. Members of staff will be outside the schools in the coming days and weeks to encourage better parking and more considerate behaviours.

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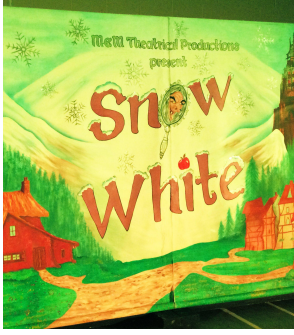
Attendance Letters

I know that some of you don't like getting our attendance letters each term. However, please understand that it is our duty to ensure children attend school regularly and on time. Attendance in both of our schools is too low and until it has improved we will continue to send out letters each half term. I would suggest that if you know that your child has had a one off illness such as Strep A or Covid and that they normally have excellent attendance, you ignore the letter knowing that it will be better next time. We need to use the same system for everyone to avoid any risk of favouritism or inequality.



Moorlands Author Visit

Moorlands has had a visit from the author Matt Dickinson. He spent time with key stage two children talking about his life as an author and explaining how he comes up with his wonderful ideas. Matt also did some writing workshops with the children in Year 3 and 4. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to work with a professional author, and impressed him with their enthusiasm and knowledge.



Peterhouse Pantomime

The children at Peterhouse had a wonderful time watching their annual pantomime. The creative cast from M&M Productions visited the school once again to put on their version of Snow White. A great time was had by all with some classic pantomime shenanigans and a touch of staff participation!

EXCITING NEWS - Next year both schools will be getting a pantomime visit - oh no they won't.... They will actually and it will be Sleeping Beauty in January 2024!



A Look Back To Christmas

Christmas seems like a distant memory, but before we all forget about it completely it would be nice to look back at the lovely activities across both of our schools.

Christmas Plays

The children in both of our schools put on super Christmas performances. The quality of singing, reading and acting in both schools was excellent. Thank you to the many parents that came to watch a performance - we hope that you enjoyed them.

Carol Service

We had a festive carol service on the Peterhouse farm. The weather was a little against us, but those who attended had a lovely time singing Christmas carols together and hearing the Christmas story.

Food Bank Donations

The children and families at Moorlands donated food for the Gorleston and Belton food banks. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. The amount of food donated was astounding.

Decoration Day

Decoration Day happened in both of our schools this year and was a festive, rip-roaring success. We hope that the parents who joined us during the day had a wonderful time being creative with their children.

Thank You

Finally, we would all like to say a big thank you to all of the parents that brought in a gift for their teacher or teaching assistant. Your kindness is most appreciated. We know that money is tight at the moment and we don't expect anything. With that in mind, we are extra grateful to those who chose to send something in.



Upcoming Dates

30th January - National Storytelling Week (no dressing up - both schools))

6th February - Healthy Me Day (Peterhouse only)

7th February - Safer Internet Day (Both Schools)

10th February - Children break up

20th February - Children return to school