

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Message from Mr Chapman

**It's Christmas already- an encouraging term with a great feeling developing in school!**

As the festive season kicks into full swing, many colleagues have commented on how quickly this term has passed by. We have enjoyed our journey to date, achieving so much. We are however aware that there is still a long but very exciting journey of learning and improvement ahead in our efforts to achieve our shared vision of world-class education for all.

In recent times, it has been lovely to listen to the children's best moments of our school year so far. Responses have been varied but all very positive, including the educational trip to the Space museum and receiving WE CARE awards and follow-up hot chocolate! What is certain is that all have enjoyed success through a WE CARE approach to learning and others, it's very pleasing to see this culture grow. Last Friday, we witnessed a special achievement in our new school and recognition of our drive to establish the culture of WE CARE. Nia Evans from Y2 Hameln class achieved the first Bronze merit award, gaining 10 merits for demonstrating excellent learning behaviours. Well done Nia! I'm confident that this will be the first of many merit awards. Early signs strongly suggest all of the children are committed to show their personal ambition, pushing themselves 'to be their best' encouraged by individual progression through our merit system.

As a school, we continue to establish and explore promising education partnerships with other schools, this in the attempt to provide great learning opportunities for all. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, our Y3/4 children enjoyed an Anglo-German trip to the Goeken bakery in Bad Dreiburg and I'm sure that Year 5/6 will also gain a great deal from their visit on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Next year, we are working hard to establish partnerships with bi-lingual schools within the German network to maximise learning opportunities presented by our host nation. In addition, in 2020 we will continue to seek collaboration with schools demonstrating the very best practice from the UK and within our MOD Schools network.

**Key Events**

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup>  
December

No after-school clubs –  
winter break

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
German Bakery trip Y5/6

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Anglo-German Christingle  
Service  
(Abdinghof Church)  
1700-1800hrs

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Nativity  
Performance  
0930hrs in the Community  
Hall

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Lunch  
1145-1315hrs FS2-Y6

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
School Christmas Fair and  
Carols by the Christmas  
Tree event 1445-1615hrs

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Mufti Day  
1300hrs – School closes  
for Christmas holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
First day of the spring  
term

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Swimming lessons for  
Y5/6 commence

**Dates for the diary: Christmas jumpers and Mufti Day...**



Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Mufti Day Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December



## In Der Weihnachtsbäckerei

In Germany, Christmas time is spent with the family and it is a time when tradition and custom take centre stage. Attenborough School children were recently invited to participate in the 'Heimatcheck' event at the Goeken Bakery.

The Heimatcheck event is when children from British and German schools bake together. One of the many family Christmas traditions here in Germany is baking together during the advent period, whether it is baking Buttergebäck, Kipferl or Zimtsterne, biscuits are one thing you cannot go without at Christmas!

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December children from our Y3/4 Dortmund class went to the Goeken Bakery in Bad Dreiburg. The children were able to practice their Germany and baking skills while making new friends from different schools and experiencing a professional baking environment. During the time there, the children were able to taste a variety of baked good and tried their hand at baking 'Weckmann Stutenker' before being treated to a traditional Frühstück by the bakery staff. The children can be very proud of what they achieved on the day, they showed our WE CARE values throughout the day and proved that our daily German provision is beginning to pay off as they engaged in small talk with the German children. Nikita (Y3/4 Dortmund) commented, "it was really fun to put all those sprinkles on the biscuits" and Oskar (Y3/4 Dortmund) agreed whilst also adding "I had a good time, and I made some friends from the German School".

We would like to say a big Danke Schön goes to Mrs Young and Mr Wallace for their help. Also, Danke Schön to Mrs Kopp who led the partnership work enabling the trip to happen. We all hope Y5/6 Hanover and Berlin class enjoy their time at the bakery this Monday just as much.



# Goeken backen

*WE CARE about Excellence*



After the festive season please bring your real Christmas tree to the school for Forest Schools to use.

### **School Uniform:**

You will be pleased to know that we have book bags and sweatshirts available again from the school office. We would also like to introduce a green polo shirt with the school logo as a new item to our uniform from January 2020. The decision was made to introduce this item due to parents mentioning that the white polo shorts get dirty very quickly. These are now available at the cost of €7.00





# News from Attenborough Early Years



We have started our Forest School journey on Mondays this half term with Mr Cunningham and our adventures with “Stickman” have been embraced by all. Firstly, we had to find Stickman and his family who were hiding in the trees. Then our learners were helped to balance on logs and jump safely on to the ground. We also explored the Forest School area, hiding in dens that had been made by the children from Hanover and Berlin classes, we walked, bounced and even swung on ropes that were tied to the trees. One week we arrived to find that there was a fire engine at Forest School. We were able to meet a team of fire fighters who showed us how the lights on the fire engine worked and where the water from their engine comes from. The fire fighters were kind enough to let us try on a helmet and hold the fire engine’s water hose! On the same day, we also had access to a log fire that had been built by Mr Cunningham that morning. Carefully, we warmed our hands and learned about keeping safe around log fires. Last week in nursery, we have been embracing the festive spirit by decorating a very special tree. This tree is a large branch that we found at Forest School. We brought it back, planted it in a special bucket and made decorations for it. We think it looks great! The nursery team would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and good luck to all the children who are moving up to FS1 in January. Further information regarding stay and play sessions in 2020 will be made available in January.



## Follow our exciting learning journey on Twitter

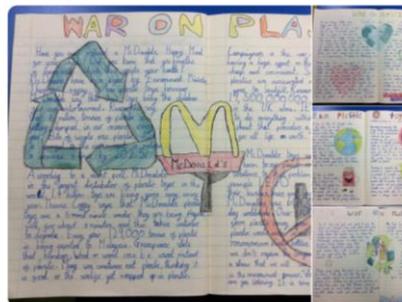


@AttenboroughSc1 <https://twitter.com/AttenboroughSc1>

Attenborough School Retweeted  
 Mr Parkinson @EdParkinson5 · Dec 5  
 Staff development session this afternoon. We've come along way in our maths journey. Excellent use of anchor charts happening after just two weeks. Also great to share books with each other and see the quality of learning taking place!  
 @doctalkteach @AttenboroughSc1 @MrSherwin1



Attenborough School Retweeted  
 Amy Cunningham @Amy86Cunningham · Dec 3  
 Our Year 5 & 6 campaigners continue with their 'War on Plastic' and battle against McDonalds plastic toys as they finish their double page spreads  
 @AttenboroughSc1 @AttenboroughSir @HughFW @MrSherwin1 @MissStanleyY6



Attenborough School @AttenboroughSc1 · Dec 2  
 Bold, brave and authentic...@AttenboroughSc1 we're a school with big dreams and an even bigger appetite to learn from partnerships and collaboration in



Alex Bell FRSA FCCT- Director, Portland Education @A...  
 Woah! @AttenboroughSc1 @andyteacher5 @ChrisMcC16 @Amy86Cunningham @EdParkinson5 @MrSherwin1 what bold, brave & authentic forward thinking school leaders, great kids & team. The #WorldEconomicsForum ...

## November's Bookflix Review of the Month Competition



Congratulations to Inoke Baleiwasawasa (Bielefeld Class) KS1 winner and Ama Addo (Dortmund Class) KS2 winner.

Both received a £10 Amazon Gift voucher in last Friday's Achievement Assembly



**Kingfisher Award - for outstanding conduct during break and lunchtimes:**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Ruby Hounsell and Liam Reynolds

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Nana Addo and Rania Manzoor

### **WE CARE - Headteacher Award Winners**

Congratulations to the following learners for winning our **WE CARE Headteacher Award**

#### **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

Skylar Thakur, Zac Clibery, Aiden Smit, Paige Alcock, Samuel Turuva and Kyle Alcock

#### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Luca Wallace, Glory Gurung, Amelie Wallace, Joshua Kirkham and Adam Crawford

### **Class Attendance Awards**

Well done to the following classes for winning our highest Attendance Awards:

#### **Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November**



Dortmund

#### **Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November**



Detmold

We wish you all a lovely build-up to Christmas and thank you for your continued support of our incredible school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Chapman  
Headteacher

