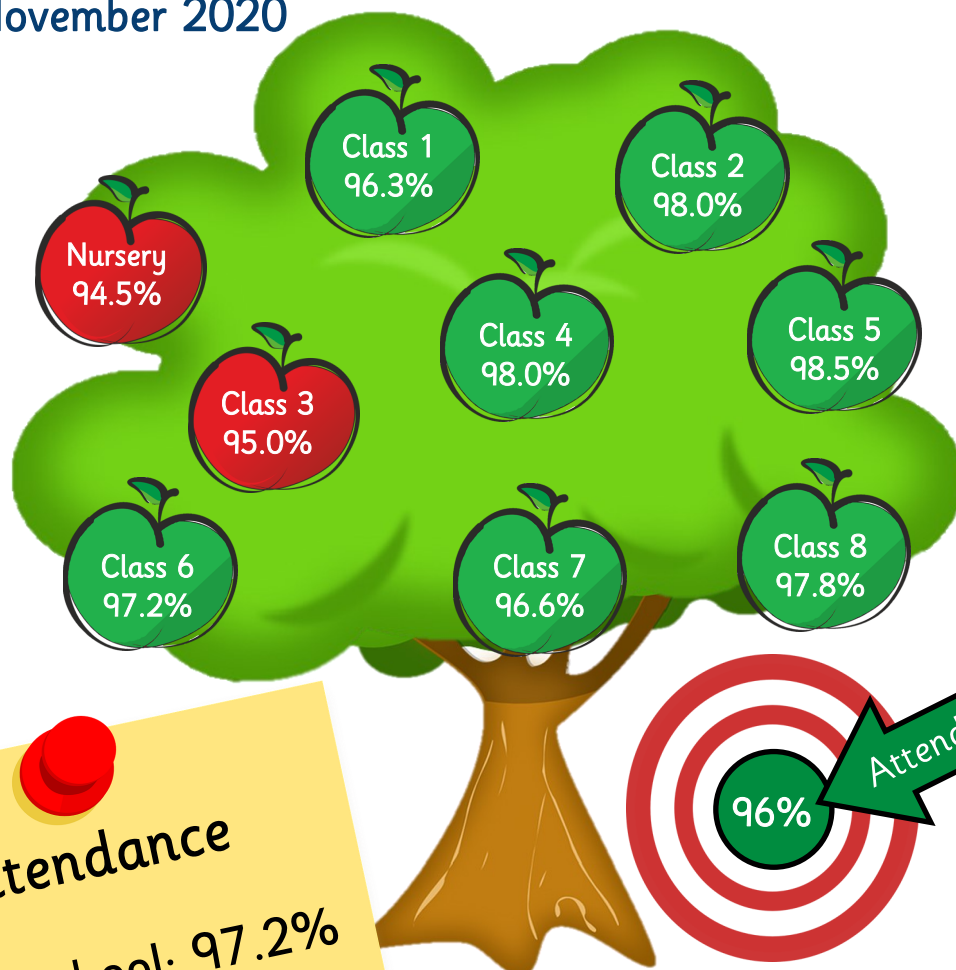




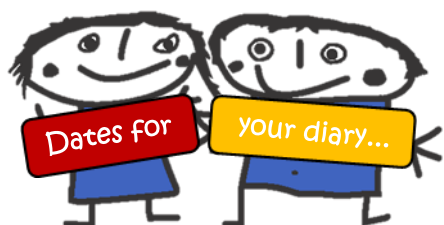
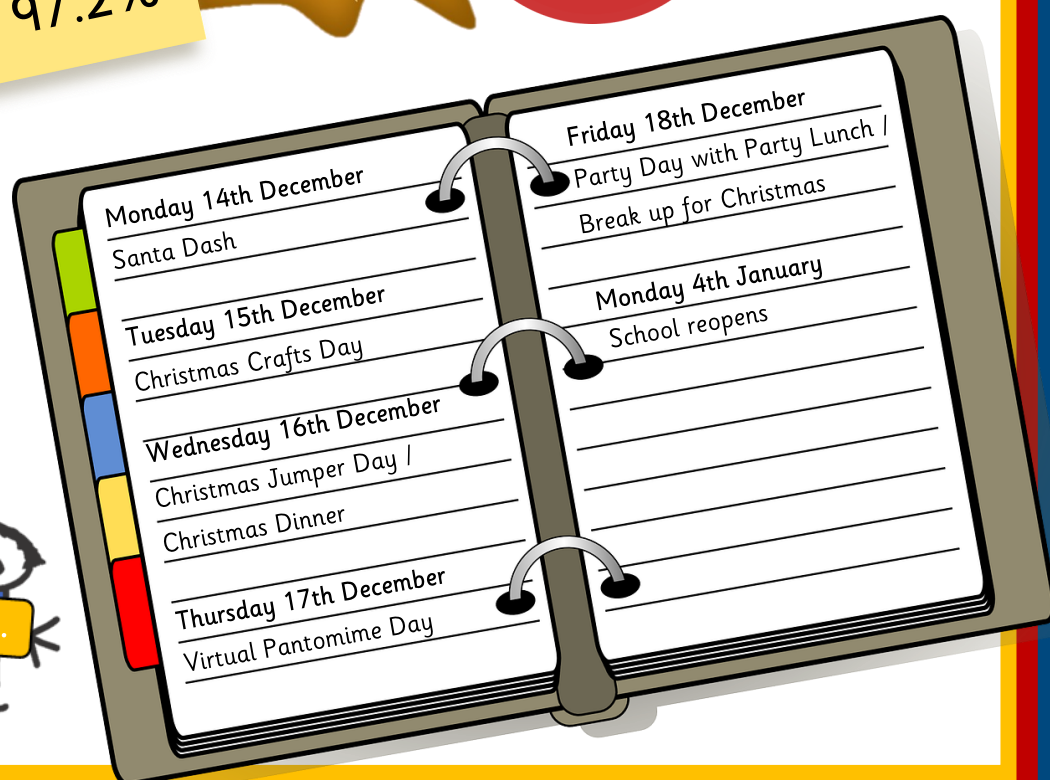
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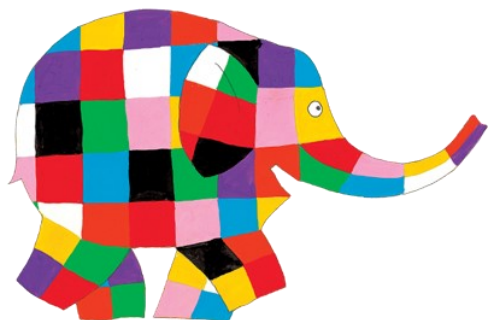
Attendance

Whole school: 97.2%



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been reading the story 'Elmer' by David McKee about a patchwork elephant called Elmer. We have all helped to create a really big Elmer elephant out of papier mâché, which we will be displaying in the classroom once it is finished!



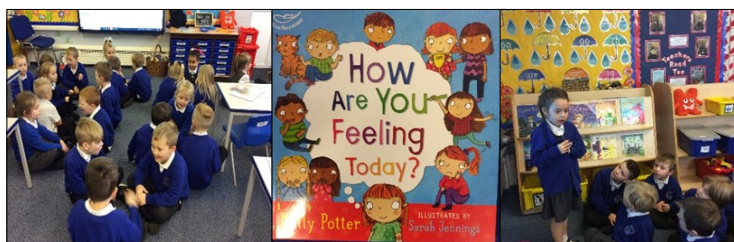
Reception (Class 1 & 2)

This week, the children in Reception have enjoyed learning about the new Word of the Week: 'diagonal'. This was very useful when they learnt about the letter 'x' in Letterland. They can't wait to find out what next week's word will be!



Year 1 (Classes 3, 4 & 5)

This week, Year 1 have really enjoyed participating in Oracy Assembly, where they have been learning all about managing their emotions. They took on the role of being a summariser, remembering and discussing their friends' answers with the rest of the class.



Year 2 (Classes 6, 7 & 8)

This week in Year 2, we have been comparing the different seasons. We have learned how to monitor and record weather conditions, temperature, rainfall and wind direction/speed. We also enjoyed taking part in a scavenger hunt around school to identify the signs of Autumn.



Message from Mrs Benton

As Doncaster will be in Tier 3 from 2nd December, please remember:

- People must not meet socially indoors or in most outdoor places with anybody they do not live with, or who is not in their support bubble.
- People must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in outdoor public spaces.
- People should aim to reduce the number of journeys they make and avoid travelling to other parts of the UK.

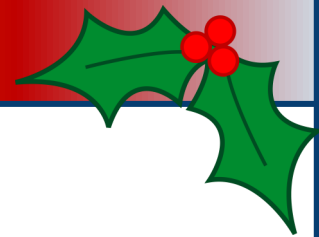
Please remember to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child and maintain social distancing.

COVID-19 testing

At Rowena Academy, our school community has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Please remember that if anyone in your household/bubble requests a COVID test, then everybody in the household/bubble is required to self isolate and children must not attend school until a negative result is received. This is imperative for everyone's safety and to ensure that Rowena is able to remain open. We are doing our very best in trying to keep all of the children and staff safe and by sending in your child while you are awaiting a test result is putting everyone at risk.



Countdown to Christmas



Santa Dash Monday 14th December

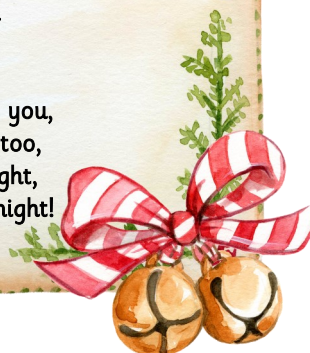
Our Santa Dash will take place on Monday 14th December. All children will be completing our Daily Mile and will receive a special Santa medal for taking part. Santa hats will be provided for the event.



Christmas Craft Day Tuesday 15th December

Tuesday 15th December is our Christmas Craft Day. All children will be making Christmas cards, calendars, Christmas decorations and a very special jingle bell to ring on Christmas eve at 6pm.

Ring this bell to help me fly,
On Christmas Eve across the sky.
At 6pm stand at your door,
And ring it so my reindeer soar!
I'll deliver the presents with help from you,
A little Christmas magic will help us too,
Get this bell ready for me to take flight,
Don't forget...6pm on Christmas Eve night!



Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Wednesday 16th December

Christmas dinner will be served in classrooms on Wednesday 16th December. It is also Christmas Jumper Day so the children and staff are invited to wear their favourite Christmas Jumper. If you would like to make a donation to the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day collection, there will be donation buckets at the gates in the morning.



Countdown to Christmas

Christmas Pantomime

Thursday 17th December

On Thursday 17th December, we have a very exciting virtual pantomime to show the children. They will watch it all at the same time in their classrooms. There is a dance for the children to learn beforehand, so they can join in when they watch it. Pop and popcorn will be provided for everyone while they enjoy the pantomime.



Christmas Party Day

Friday 18th December

Friday 18th December is our Christmas Party Day. Children are welcome to wear their party clothes. A party lunch will be served in classrooms and children will enjoy playing party games.



Christmas Cards

To reduce the risk of transferring the virus, we have decided not to have our usual Christmas post box in school. We would like to encourage all children to send one card to their whole class and the teaching staff with a special festive message. This will be shared with the class and all the class cards will be displayed in the classroom for the children to see.

