



**Our Tree of Values**

**Thank you Mrs Deadman**

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to our fantastic cleaner Mrs Deadman, who is retiring today after 28 years of dedicated hard work with Ryarsh Primary School. On Friday we held a special retirement assembly for Mrs Deadman where children sang special songs for her and explained how grateful we are for all her kindness and care for us and our school. We were able to present her with some lovely gifts, including a new coffee machine and microwave—thank you for all of your contributions towards this. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Deadman back to school in the Spring when she will be returning to help in school, listening to children read and finally being able to put her feet up!



**Christmas week** in school has been lovely, with lots going on including Christmas parties, Christmas lunch and Christmas pantomime. Thank you to our PTFA for once again funding this year's pantomime, Alladin, which was as entertaining as always, even if the jokes were crummy! (They were on a roll...)

On behalf of everyone here, I would like to wish all of our families a Happy Christmas. I hope you all enjoy a fun-filled Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing all children back in school on Thursday 4th January (remember there is no INSET day this January). Enjoy your Christmas break!

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**Diary Dates**

- Thurs 4 Jan**  
Start of Term 3  
Growth mindset week
  - Friday 5 Jan**  
Language workshops
  - Thurs 18 Jan**  
Open morning and parent workshops
  - Fri 2 Feb**  
PTFA discos
  - Tues 6 Feb**  
Safer Internet Day
  - Wed 7 Feb**  
Koala class assembly 9.05
  - Fri 9 Feb**  
End of Term 3
  - Tues 20 Feb**  
Start of Term 4
- Complete dates are at [www.ryarsh.kent.sch.uk](http://www.ryarsh.kent.sch.uk)

**Attendance this week**

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
92.6%	97.2%	92.2%	98.3%	89.4%	95.6%	97.2%

Whole school attendance is currently 97.8%

Congratulations to all children who achieved 100% attendance in Term 2—certificates and awards were handed out today.

Also today we have drawn our first '97% plus' attendance award. This new award will be given at the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms, when all of our children with attendance at or above 97% for that period will go into a special prize draw. The prize is a family prize of a £50 Bluewater voucher, provided by our PTFA. Today we had 162 children's names in the draw and the winner was Ellena in Seahorse class—congratulations!



**Superstar Corner**

Congratulations

- Arika (Y1)**  
Distinction in Prep Ballet exam
- Samuel (Y1)**  
Deputy Red Belt in Karate
- Emily (Y1)**  
Stage 7 Swimming Certificate
- Elsie Mae (Y1)**  
Stage 3 Swimming Certificate

