



Monday 4th December

Whole School
Attendance to date
this year: 94%

House Point Winners this week:

Phoenix

House Point Winners last week:

Griffin

We are well and truly in the Christmas spirit at school.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Chapman, Ms Deer, Ms Heyes and Mrs Hughes for all their work and effort on Friday to make the children's Christmas fair a great success. Also thank you to those parents who had stalls after school. We will let you know how much was raised once we have a final figure.

We will be selling hot chocolate and mince pies next week after school – more details to follow.



STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

TAKE PRIDE

RESPECT ALL

SHOW RESILIENCE

BE KIND

This year we are presenting children with certificates for demonstrating the school values. The children and staff worked together to choose our school values which are: Strive for Excellence, Show Resilience, Take Pride, Respect All and Be Kind. These values underpin everything that we all do in school.

Recent Values Award Winners:

1st December – Sam, Harrison, Isabella, Tilly, Lucy

24th November – Ella, Niall, Mason, Sophia, Sophie, Leo, Marley

17th November – Dylan, Fletcher, Seren, Lily, Esmee

Class Champions

Friday 17th November

Rec Bobby

Y1 Olivia

Y2 Harper

Y3 Zoe

Y4 Zac

Y5 Ted

Y6 Annabelle/ Neilas

Class Champions

Friday 24th November

Rec Amelia

Y1 Joshua

Y2 Archer

Y3 Lahtiah / Tina

Y4 Freya

Y5 Ashbie

Y6 Charlie

Class Champions

Friday 1st December

Rec

Y1 Lottie

Y2 Hallie

Y3 Islay

Y4 Ari

Y5 Alfie

Y6 Dylan

Christmas Nativities

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas nativities next week. KS 1 parents have received 2 tickets (1 for each performance). Please swap amongst yourselves if you wish to have 2 for the same day.

There are additional tickets available on a first come, first served basis – please speak to Mrs Arragoni.

No tickets are required for the KS2 performance at the church.

Visits to local churches

We always like to enhance our curriculum with visits and visitors. This term Y4 visited St Michael's Church for their Christmas Experience and Y3 visited the Methodist Church for theirs. Thank you so much to all the people who gave up their time to share the Christmas story with our pupils and brought their learning to life.

ECERS (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale)

On Friday 1st December, our foundation unit was assessed by 2 members of the CWAC Early Years team. The team looked at all areas of the setting; the curriculum, the environment, how staff spoke to children, how children engaged in activities. It was a very intense morning. I am so pleased to tell you that the team were really impressed with what they saw and scored us 6 out of a possible 7. A number of aspects were given the top marks and any areas of development were quick fixes. I want to say a really big thank you to Mrs Strand, Miss Imms, Mrs Wollaston, Mrs Bailey and Ms Walley for all the work that they do day in and day out.

Reminder that the Nursery room Festive Stay and Play is on Wednesday 6th December from the start of the day.

We are also holding a Foundation Open Evening on Wednesday 6th from 5-6:30pm – please share with anyone you know with early years children.



Thank you to those people who donated items on Saturday morning. If you have any loose parts suitable for den building, and would like to drop off after school one day – please get in touch.



Stuff the Sleigh

Thank you for all the donations to the Stuff the Sleigh appeal. Mrs Field Baines will be coming in on Wednesday morning to collect.

Following the success of Ready, Set, Read Summer Reading Challenge, the theme has been extended into the Winter Mini Challenge. With the holidays approaching, now is the time to encourage your children to tackle the holiday reading 'dip'. Join in at wintermini.org.uk from 1 December 2023. More information on the Challenge can be found on the website.



As we go into winter, common illnesses can keep children and teenagers away from their classmates and studies. One of the best things we can all do to avoid illness is to practice good hand hygiene.

Good hand hygiene helps stop infections from spreading, which means less disrupted learning time.

Teach your child to wash hands properly for 20 seconds and stay away from others when sick. The [e-bug resources](#) for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits – and why they are important - to your child or teenager.

To avoid catching bugs or passing it on to others wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water. This is most important following an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting, after using the toilet, before eating or preparing food, after changing nappies, as well as cleaning up vomit or diarrhoea. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are not effective against some infections.

Anyone who has diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay at home. Do not return to work or send children to school until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped and do not visit your GP or hospital while symptomatic. If you are concerned about your symptoms, talk to your GP by phone, contact NHS 111 or visit the [NHS web pages](#). For useful handwashing tips please have a look at the [following NHS video](#)

Forthcoming Events this term –

December

6th Nursery Stay and Play 8:45-9:30

6th Foundation Stage Festive Open Evening

8th Termly reports to parents sent out

11th + 12th KS1 Nativity - am

12th KS2 Carol Concert in the Parish Church – pm

13th Christmas Dinner and Parties – own clothes

15th Christmas Fun Run - Christmas jumpers

15th Close for the Christmas Holidays

THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY – SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN FOR THE SPRING TERM

Pupil Absence

Could parents please make sure they contact the office on **0151 832 6251** if their child is absent or let a staff member know if you are bringing a sibling to school. This will save the office time in the mornings and also prevent you from receiving calls asking where your child is.

A reminder that holidays in term time are discouraged. **Any taken will be marked as unauthorised in the registers and may result in a fine being issued.**

A copy of the Attendance Policy which details the fixed penalty notice procedure can be found on the school website. If you require a paper copy, please email the office.

Permission for Photos and updated contact details

Thank you to everyone who completed the online slip for photo permissions, if you still haven't done this, please do so we have up to date permission for posting photographs of your children. Contact the office if you need the link emailing out again.

If you haven't updated your contact details this year, please contact Mrs Arragoni in the office.