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10th November 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week after the half term holidays. Thank you for sharing your half time experiences with us via Tapestry. This half term will be a busy one in the lead up to Christmas. We have had to make a few diary changes and have included these on the next page, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you to Year 6 who led us in a fitting tribute to all those who have been involved, in injured and lost their lives in war by participating in our Remembrance Assembly today.

Well done to our choir who sang beautifully at The Salvation Army Luncheon on Monday. Thank you to Giovanna, Jo and Lindsay for giving up their time to help them to rehearse and accompany them too.

Rewards for attendance

To reward our attendance, School council are introducing the following:

On a Friday lunchtime there will be a 'top table' in the hall. This is for the class with the best attendance the previous week.

Class attendance will be announced in our celebration assembly and on our newsletter every Friday and the winning class will sit at the 'top table' the following Friday.

The winning class will be first to go for lunch. On the 'top table' all the children in the class will also receive a small 'yummy' treat to go with their lunch.

We will find out who our first winning class in on Friday (10th Nov) and they will be our first VIPs the following Friday (17th.) We look forward to seeing which class it is. 😊

This week, we have talked to children about good attendance and 'genuine' reasons for absence and how we can manage coming to school with a bit of a cough, sore throat or cold but how we might not be able to manage if we are more poorly.

This is also the same for P.E./Swimming sessions and we would expect if children were in school then they would be able to attend these sessions.

Attendance w/b 6th November 2023

	Class	%
1 st Place	Reception	100%
2 nd Place	Year 6	96.5%
3 rd Place	Year 2	95.8%
4 th Place	Year 3	95.4%
5 th Place	Year 4	94.4%
6 th Place	Year 1	90.8%
7 th Place	Year 5	88.3%
8 th Place	Nursery	85.3%

Well done to Year

Our target for attendance is 96%

Dates for the rest of the term...

Date	Event	Date	Event
Monday 13th November	Y1 visit to Kirkley Hall Autumn Disco	Friday 8th December	EYFS Nativity @9.30am
Tuesday 14th November	Odd Socks Day	Monday 11th December	Y2 Christingle was previously advertised but this might have to be changed. We will let parents know asap!
Friday 17th November	Children in Need (non uniform)	Tuesday 12th December	Y1/2 Nativity in the hall @9.30am
Wednesday 22nd November	No OPAL club today	Wednesday 13th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 29th November	Y3 visit to Hindu temple	Friday 15th December	Reception Stay and Play @2pm
Friday 1st December	School closed for Professional Development Day	Monday 18th December	Christmas Party Day for all
W/b Monday 4th December	last week for Autumn Enrichment Clubs	Tuesday 19th December	Whole School Carol Concert 2.15pm (all welcome) This was previously advertised as 2.30pm
Monday 4th December	Whole School Pantomime		
Thursday 7th December	Choir singing at Tesco (pm session)	Tuesday 19th December (No After School Club)	School closes for Christmas holidays at 3.15pm

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 School re-opens for Spring term

We may have some additional dates to add. Thank you for your patience!

OPAL updates

With the weather changing and the ground becoming more wet, could we ask that if children are bringing a scooter in from home to also bring a helmet in. We have helmets in school for our scooters but we have a limited supply of these. It would be useful, as always, to add a name to the helmet and children can store these in a bag on their pegs or attached to their scooters.

We will be asking children with no helmets to choose a different thing in OPAL to play with to keep everyone safe.

The weather is getting colder so your child/ren will need a coat in school as we all know how quickly Consett weather can change!

Our football pitch is still very wet so when we can open it again we will ask children either to bring old clothes to change into or us school waterproofs.

Thank you!

Parking outside of school

Please look out for the double yellow lines along Oakfield Lane. The Police will be continuing to do spot checks and we would not want any of our families to eventually receive a parking ticket! Thank you to all the parents choosing not to park where there are double yellow lines so that our families can cross safely.