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24th November 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that one month from tomorrow will be Christmas Day. There are lots of things to look forward to and a busy few weeks before the holidays!

Christmas Card Competition

We were over the moon to hear that Gabriella, from Year 6, was runner up in Richard Holden's Christmas Card Competition. Well done Gabriella and thank you to all who took part. Gabriella will receive her prize when Richard visits school in a couple of weeks.

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop/Christmas Lunch

We are still accepting Christmas Jumpers for Christmas Swap Shop. If you have any nearly new jumpers that you would like to donate, please pass these to a member of staff.

Children will be able to wear their Christmas Jumper on Christmas Lunch Day which is Wednesday 13th December. If you still need to order your child's Christmas lunch, you can do so before 9am on Monday 27th November by clicking on the following link https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv_fRWSDc02_Oo-YvfENh_0s-3NYz6NDIm0PB8wF0UIUOVFGS1FYVEFBQ1FYVFFSSVFNQ0NWNFZYM4u

Christmas Events/Cost

We are asking parents to help us with the cost of Christmas by paying £5 for an individual child/£10 for a family. This will go towards Christmas parties and Pantomime visiting school on the 4th December. This can be paid via ParentPay until the 8th December. Thank you!

Mobile phones

It has come to our attention that some children have been using their device inappropriately to send messages. We understand that it is parental choice if children should/should not have a mobile phone. We would ask parents/carers to continue to check their child's mobile phone daily.

Nicola, our PSHE co Ordinator, has also shared some useful resources as our theme- for this half term- is 'Keeping Myself Safe' Please use this link for resources <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home/keeping-myself-safe>

Thank you!

Thank you to the parents who have got in touch- with us- to help with the parking issues in and around school. We have passed all the relevant information to PCSOs. It just demonstrates that everyone working together will hopefully improve parking and consider the safety, of all, in our community.

Cashless School-ParentPay

We are a cashless school for payments such as school dinners, school fund (non-uniform days), school photos and After School Club. We must ask that all parents set up a ParentPay account to pay any bills as we can no longer accept cash for the items listed above. If you are having difficulty setting up an account, please contact the school office and we can support.

Attendance w/b 20th November 2023

	Class	%
1 st Place	Year 2	95.7%
2 nd Place	Year 1	93.6%
3 rd Place	Year 3	93.8%
4 th Place	Year 4	93.5%
5 th Place	Year 6	93.1%
6 th Place	Reception	91.5%
8 th Place	Nursery	83.8%

Well done to Year 2 !

Our target for each class is 96%

Please remember if your child is absent for any reason, that you must contact the school office as soon as possible. If your child is not in school, they cannot learn.

Christmas Holidays

School will close for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 19th December at 3pm.

School will reopen for the Spring term on Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Attendance- General reminders

School attendance is monitored carefully throughout the whole school from Nursery to Year 6 and good habits formed now will follow your children throughout their school career. Within the early years, most important of all is the children's personal, social and emotional development.

Regular attendance will ensure that all the children have the greatest opportunity to develop these very important early skills and become lifelong learners. Of course, from time to time, it will be necessary to keep your children home due to sickness.

Copies of appointment cards and hospital letters must be brought into school to be photocopied or shown to a member of staff. Wherever possible please try and arrange appointments such as doctors, dentist, opticians and hospital outside of school time.

We are sure that you can appreciate that teachers take time to: plan lessons, interventions and get resources ready so if your child's attendance is below 90% they are considered as a persistent absentee. Our school target is 96% which is in line with government expectations.

We would like to work with parents to resolve any issues regarding attendance and we hope that you will continue to ensure that your child attends school as much as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

PD Day- Friday 1st December 2023

Please remember that school is closed for a PD Day on Friday 1st December. School will reopen on Monday 4th December.

Year 3 visit-29th November 2023

Our Year 3 children will visit a Hindu Temple and The Baltic on Wednesday 29th November. The visit will take place during the school day. Children must wear full school uniform and bring a coat as they will be outside for most of the day. There is additional information for parents/carers on Tapestry.

Children who were absent for immunisations- 5th December 2023

The immunisation team will visit again on 5th December. This is for any child who was absent when they visited earlier this term.

Christmas Fayre- Thursday 14th December 2023

As part of our Christmas Fayre on 14th December we are also going to be running 'stalls' which can be used by people within the community to sell products. We would ask for a donation of £5.00 to school fund per stall.

If you would like to or know someone who would like to run one, please contact the school office to book a table.

Sharing experiences from home

We love to see your experiences from home. Whether it is a day away, practising reading, spellings or counting; we love to see it all!

Please continue to share these experiences- via Tapestry- as children love to share them with their friends in the classroom on the big screen ie the whiteboard!