

Friday, 13th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers



Christmas Performances

Thank you for joining us for this week's Christmas performances. Classes 1 and 2 sang, read and acted brilliantly in 'Baubles', their wonderful retelling of the nativity story. They were well supported by pupils from Classes 3 and 4 who added their voices to the nativity while also performing some favourite carols and Christmas classics. It has been a long, tiring week for the children with two performances for parents, carers and families, and another this morning for members of the community and the staff and children from the pre-school. I am really proud of all the children who have taken part and given their best. I am also very grateful to the school's talented staff who worked extremely hard to put everything together.... from rehearsals to costumes and tickets. What a great team effort!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class 1	Molly: for an excellent performance in the nativity
Class 2	Lyla: for showing great confidence and working hard all week
Class 3	Ellie: for super spellings!
Class 4	Evie A: for excellent mathematics and being helpful and considerate to others

Christmas Events

In the final week of term, a number of Christmas-themed events are taking place in school:

- ◆ On **Tuesday** (17th), the children will have the opportunity to have a school **Christmas dinner**.
- ◆ On **Wednesday** (18th), parents, carers and grandparents are invited to join us for a **Christmas Coffee Morning**. There will be an opportunity to have a coffee and mince pie, and take part in Christmas activities with the children in their classrooms. If you are free, please come along at **9.00 am** in the school hall.
- ◆ After school on **Wednesday**, the children are welcome to stay in school for a **Christmas Film Night**. Further details, including a permission slip, are being sent to you today in a separate letter from Mrs Bennett.
- ◆ On **Thursday** (19th), all children are asked to bring in their special clothes (including Christmas jumpers) for our **Christmas Party**. They will get changed after lunch for an afternoon of festive fun.
- ◆ The school will close for the Christmas break at **3.15 pm** on **Friday** (20th).



ATTENDANCE HEROES



Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Whole School
92.5%	94.7%	93.8%	95.1%	93.9%

Managing Winter Illnesses

During the winter months, we all know that there is an increase in illness and we have already seen a number of children missing school due to sickness in the last few weeks. The school received some general guidance from Public Health England and I have been asked to share this information with you all. I would be grateful if you could spend time reading it and talking to your child about the importance of 'good hand hygiene'. We will also share this information with the children in school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Bike Marking Service



PCSO Stephen Marnick visited school this week to offer families of the school a free security marking service for bicycles. If you would like to have your bikes marked, please contact PCSO Marnick via his email address: stephen.marnick@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

After School Clubs

All after school clubs will be running as normal next week. Information about our spring term clubs will be included in next week's newsletter.



17th December: Christmas dinner

17th December: Flu vaccinations

18th December: Christmas Coffee Morning at 9.05 am

18th December: Christmas Film Night from 3.15 to 5.15 pm

19th December: Christmas Party

20th December: Last day of term; school closes at 3.15 pm

Have a restful weekend and I look forward to seeing you next week!

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

Mr R Harley

FLU-LIKE ILLNESS IN SCHOOLS INFORMATION FOR PUPILS, PARENTS AND STAFF

General hygiene

The spread of most infectious illnesses is reduced through good hand hygiene. Please ensure that you and your child wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap, particularly after using the toilet, after using a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze, and before eating. If you are in a place where you are unable to wash your hands wet wipes or hand gels can be used.

Influenza (Flu)

Flu and flu-like viruses spread easily between people from coughs and sneezes. They can live on hands and surfaces for up to 24 hours. Symptoms of flu may develop quickly and can include:

- sudden fever
- dry, chesty cough
- sore throat
- aching body
- headache
- tiredness
- diarrhoea or tummy pain
- nausea

For most healthy people flu is an unpleasant but self-limiting illness. However, some people can be more at risk of developing severe illness or complications including the following groups:

- those aged 65 years or over
- pregnant women
- those with a long-term medical condition – for example, diabetes or a heart, lung, kidney or neurological disease
- those with a weakened immune system – for example, because of chemotherapy or HIV

If you or your child are affected by flu-like illnesses please stay off school until recovered and not had a fever for at least 24 hours.

If you or your child are in an at-risk group AND develop symptoms of flu, please seek prompt medical assessment via NHS 111, by a GP or a nurse who will be able to provide further advice.

If you or your child are not in an at-risk group but develop flu like illness and are concerned about your symptoms, please consult NHS 111, your GP or nurse in the normal way.