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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS 24th NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all keeping well (and warm) as we head into the colder Winter months. In addition to sharing information about some recent events and reminders, I thought it would be useful for you to also have all the dates for our Christmas events and activities.

Just to remind you also that school is closed to children for a Training Day tomorrow and they will return to school on Monday 28th November.

Wishing you all a happy weekend,

Mrs Lavelle
Headteacher

Remembrance

As always our children were very respectful during our discussions about this subject and during our 2- minute silence on the 11th November. A large group of our Year 6 pupils also took part in a Remembrance Service at Ouston Community Centre along with other community members. They brought along Art work to show and a number of pupils read poems and other texts during the service. Their behaviour was impeccable and we were very proud of the way in which they represented our school.

Attendance and Punctuality

I am becoming increasingly concerned about the number of holidays being taken during term- term and the punctuality of some of our pupils each morning. Unfortunately, we have had to issue fixed term penalty notices in some cases which is something we never like to do.



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We do monitor Attendance every half term and will invite you in for a meeting if we feel there is an issue with your child's attendance and/or punctuality and you may need support.

To support with attendance and to reinforce the message about the impact of positive attendance and punctuality on learning, we are re-introducing the Ouston Attendance Bear where each month, the class with the highest attendance % win our Ouston Bear for their classroom for the month and an extra ticket for a class raffle at the end of the year.

I will also be announcing our class winner each month in our newsletters from December and giving you attendance figures for all classes that month.

As always, please get in touch with us if you feel we can help with this issue for your child/family. We have a number of strategies that can help with improving school attendance and punctuality.

Please note that our school doors close at 8.55am and anyone arriving later than this should come into school with the parent/carer who has brought them to school via the Main Entrance.

Christmas Activities

As December rapidly approaches I would like to share with you the events and activities we have planned this Christmas. These are as follows:

2nd December: Christmas Lunch Day Children may wish to come to school in non-uniform and wearing a Christmas jumper, top, hat etc if they wish. If your child is usually on packed lunches but wishes to have a school Christmas Lunch, please let the office know either by returning the reply slip with the letter sent out recently or by phone/email.

2nd December: Salvation Army Toy Appeal – We have already asked a lot of you this term but if any family is able to donate a child/young person's gift to the Salvation Army Toy Appeal, it would be very much appreciated. The Salvation Army will distribute these to families within our local area. If you wish to make a donation, please send these into school by the 2nd December.

Christmas Performances

These will be as follows:

8th December – KS2 Christmas Show at 2.15pm (Year 3/4 Parents/Carers)

9th December – KS2 Christmas Show at 2.15pm (Year 5/6 Parents/Carers)

13th December – Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Show at 2.15pm (Nursery and Reception Parents/Carers)

14th December - Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Show at 2.15pm (Year 1 and 2 Parents/Carers)



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Raffle tickets will be on sale on entry with proceeds going towards the purchase of new books across school.

Christmas Parties/Events

These will be as follows:

Nursery and Reception – 20th December

Year 1 and Year 2 – 19th December

Year 3 and Year 4 – 16th December

Year 5 – 14th December. Trip to Park View Cinema to see a Christmas movie. Travel provided by Park View School and we will provide snacks and a drink. Non-uniform, Christmas jumpers etc can be worn on this day

Year 6 – 12th. Trip to the Tyne Cinema, Newcastle to see a Christmas film. Film choice to be confirmed

Carols around the Christmas Tree with Year 6 and their Reception Buddies 9.10am on the 16th December. Family members invited.

Mr Walsh's Class Assembly 9.10am on the 20th December

End of Term: 20th December

We are looking forward to sharing all of these lovely events with you during December. Please get in touch if you have any questions or require further information.

Best Wishes, Mrs Lavelle



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