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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: DECEMBER 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

An even busier lead up to Christmas than usual with our 60th Anniversary added into the mix! Following lots of hard work and end of term assessments, we enjoyed Christmas Lunch Day and our fantastic Christmas shows, then finished with an action packed and fun-filled week of parties and festive activities.

As always a huge thank you to our brilliant staff team for all of their hard work this year. And many thanks to parents/carers for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Lavelle

Class Attendance



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Our overall attendance figure for the school since September is **95.8%** which is excellent.

Attendance in each class for December was as follows:

Reception: 96.2%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 93.4%

Mrs Wise's Class: 96.2%

Mrs Baum's Class: 98.1%


Miss Stebbings Class: 97.1%

Mr Walsh's Class: 93.9%

Miss Allen's Class: 93.6%

Mr Storrar's Class: 95.5%

Mrs Baum's class are the Attendance winners this month and were delighted to be given our Attendance Bear in Assembly today. Well done Year 2!

 *The Rights of the Child, Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.*

KS2 Choir

The choir have been very busy in December! They performed for residents at Chester View and for the Neuro Active group at Ouston Community Centre. They have represented our school so well in the local community and we are very proud of them. They are now preparing to perform at Durham Cathedral in the NSPCC Carol Concert tomorrow which will be a lovely festive event.



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Christmas Crafts

As always our staff have come up with lots of creative ideas for Christmas cards, calendars and other activities. Here are a few examples of some of the lovely Christmas cards produced.



60th Anniversary Celebrations!

We had such a lovely day in our 60s outfits and enjoyed lessons and activities around the theme of the 1960s. A big thank you to parents/carers for your support with this event. Our commemorative mosaic is now a lovely feature at the main entrance and it was so special for Jacob in Reception and Lucas in Year 3 (along with KS2 School Council members) to unveil the mosaic with their grandad Bob who was one of the first pupils at our school 60 years ago!

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Safe Driving and Parking


Our regular reminder about parents/carers being extra careful please when driving and parking on the roads near to school.

Please continue to avoid parking/driving on Ardrossan as it causes high levels of congestion and makes things very hazardous for our children and parents/carers coming out of school and trying to cross roads. It can also mean that residents sometimes struggle to get out of their street in their vehicles at this time. Please be aware that residents may contact the police if you are blocking their drive or the street with your vehicle.

Parents/carers on foot must monitor their children closely next to roads around school to ensure children do not run into the roads and that everyone takes extra care when crossing.

It is great to see that lots of parents/carers park a little further away from school to avoid congestion building up close to school. Whichever street you park in, please continue to have respect for all of our neighbours and take care not to block driveways or paths.

We really appreciate your support in this matter.

 **unicef** *The Rights of the Child, Article 24: All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy.*

Dates for the Diary

6th January: School Closed for a Teacher Training Day

7th January: Children return to school

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21st February: Mrs Baum's Class Assembly at 9.10am

21st February: Mr Walsh's Class Assembly at 2.30pm

21st February: End of half term

3rd March: Children return to school

11th April: Miss Allen's Class Assembly at 9.10am

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