



Friday 15th December 2023

BULLETIN

Dear parents and carers,

With a working telephone system and no gas supply issue to manage, the only drama this week was a power cut on Tuesday. Luckily, it only lasted for a few minutes but it did result in a £600 bill for some damage to the school server. It has been an expensive few weeks! Don't tell Mr Rossington!

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be taking place on the following afternoons next week:

- Monday: Year 5
- Tuesday: Year 6
- Wednesday: Year 3 and Year 4

A magician has been booked for children in years 3 and 4. The older children will be enjoying a range of party games, music and activities. All children will be provided with a drink and a snack. This has all been very kindly funded by the FOAV.

All the children need to do is bring a named bag with party clothes/non uniform (whatever they feel comfortable in) to get changed into for the afternoon. Obviously, this is not essential and they can remain in their uniform if they would prefer.

Christmas Dinner

A huge thank you to the kitchen staff and team of midday supervisors for preparing, cooking, serving and organising such an enjoyable Christmas dinner on Wednesday.

British values and protected characteristics

I really enjoyed spending some time in Year 6 this week to see some of the work they have completed as part of their PSHE unit on '**Celebrating Differences**'. The Year 6 children were able to articulate their understanding of the protected characteristics incredibly well. I was very proud of them!

This week's assembly was about the British Value of **democracy**. Here is the video we used as a stimulus for discussion. [Fundamental British Values - Democracy \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Clay Creators / Brickz 4 Kidz

Tonight is the final Clay Creators session. Please remember to contact them directly if your child cannot attend. Next week, I'll be sending out information about a new Brickz 4 Kidz (Lego) club which will start in January.

Children in Need

We raised £168 for Children in Need. Thank you for your kind donations.

Punctuality

We are committed to working with parents and carers to provide the best possible opportunities for children to learn. To achieve this, we expect good attendance and **punctuality** from all of the pupils. Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children arrive on time for school. Good punctuality has been shown to promote successful learning. **It sets a foundation for the positive habits needed in the next phases of education and later in the workplace.**

A reminder that the morning bell is rung at 8.50am and the school day starts at 8.55am prompt with electronic registers taken as soon as the pupils are settled. External doors are locked at 8.55am. All latecomers must be signed in through the main entrance with a reason given for the lateness. These records are used to track punctuality and for fire safety reasons.

Our policy states that:

Teachers and administration staff will work together to monitor lateness, and if any concerns arise the class teacher will arrange to speak to the parents/carers. If the issue is not resolved at this point, a letter will be sent home and punctuality will be monitored.

Reminders from previous bulletins:

- Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to eat at play time (a piece of fruit is ideal). Please note that crisps and chocolate are not allowed at playtimes as these do not constitute a healthy snack. Also, a reminder that we are strictly a nut free site.
- Over the counter medication can be accepted in exceptional circumstances but a medicine form will need to be completed.
- Children are expected to wear the correct school uniform and have the correct kit for PE lessons.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Chris Baker (Deputy Headteacher)