



Newsletter - 13th December 2021

On this day - 1996: Kofi Annan is elected Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Birthdays - 1974: Sara Cox, TV and radio presenter, born in Bolton, Greater Manchester.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I thought I would start, rather than finish, with attendance data this week. Overall attendance for last week was 93.3%, with on-time arrivals at 92.5%. 2.8% of arrivals were after 9.00am.

I am sure yourselves and the children will be looking forward to the Christmas break and a chance to rest, recharge, spend time with loved ones and celebrate the season. I do hope you are all able to have a peaceful and happy time, without restrictions around Covid-19 affecting your plans.

The pandemic has given us plenty to think about in school over the past 20 months or so. However, the management of it has been greatly supported by the attitude of our staff, volunteers, parent and carer community, and of course the children. I believe we have risen to the responsibility of keeping each other safe and ensuring our school can operate successfully. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our parent and carer community for being so supportive of us, particularly this past term when there have been positive cases in school. This has meant a change to classroom organisation in one case, but also many calls home to request that PCR tests be arranged. We have not made these calls lightly, and we are aware of the impacts they will have had on your days. However, we cannot afford to take any chances and we are very grateful for the co-operation and support we have received.

There is lots to look forward to in school this week, of course. We are hosting the Royal Institution tomorrow for a 'Science in Schools' day. This will involve three separate shows to groups of children. On Wednesday, it is both Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch; on Thursday, the children will be watching *Puss in Boots* in two separate performances; and on Friday, it is dress-down day with class parties in the afternoon.

Finally, a reminder that the children return to school on Thursday 6th January 2022. We will be focusing on our core value of 'Care' throughout next half term, and making links to this in our learning, play, community and relationships.

With best wishes for the week ahead, and for a happy and healthy Christmas to you and your families,
Richard Martin.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th December: Royal Institute of Science events.

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day.

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Dinner.

Thursday 16th December: Pantomime in school.

Friday 17th December: Last day of term & dress-down day.

Tues 4th January 2022: Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (observed).

Weds 5th January 2022: Professional Development day for staff.

Thursday 6th January 2022: All children return to school.

Attendance data...

1 st	Hazel Class	98.3%
1 st	Oak Class	98.3%
3 rd	Elder Class	97%
4 th	Beech Class	95.8%
5 th	Elm Class	88.9%
6 th	Pine Class	88.4%
7 th	Hawthorn Class	86.7%

Punctuality data...

1 st	Hawthorn Class	95.2%
1 st	Pine Class	95.2%
3 rd	Oak Class	93.9%
4 th	Elm Class	92.4%
5 th	Elder Class	91%
6 th	Hazel Class	90.8%
7 th	Beech Class	88.9%

