



Newsletter – 29th November 2021

On this day - 1975: Motor racing driver Graham Hill killed in a plane crash in Hertfordshire.
Birthdays - 1976: Chadwick Boseman, American actor, born in Anderson, South Carolina.

Dear parents, carers and families,

I hope you found the chance to meet with teachers last week a positive and useful experience. Thank you for supporting us as we continue to host our parent appointments virtually. I know the teachers worked hard to prepare and deliver information to you as accurately as possible during the meetings and I would like to offer my thanks to them all for their efforts. I expect it is frustrating, for all of us, that work cannot be shared as easily as it can when we are face-to-face, but it was great to see that so many appointments had been booked.

The situation around Covid-19 is one that continues to concern us in school. As you will be aware, Cambridge is an Enhance Response Area. This means that, under direction of the Local Education Authority, we continue to ensure classrooms are ventilated, surfaces are cleaned and children are washing hands regularly. Visitors to school will be asked to wear masks and we are managing the events on site carefully to ensure a safe environment. These measures have been in place since before half term.

It was an extra-cold morning today, which provided a reminder of the need for children to have the right equipment in school. Please ensure your child/ren have coats to keep them warm, along with hats and gloves as needed. Staff are strongly encouraging coats to be worn outside and we appreciate your support with this.

You will see from the figures below that attendance dipped last week. We know there are colds and sickness bugs around in addition to the presence of Covid-19. You will also see that our punctuality data was lower than the previous week. On the positive side, we were down to just 1.1% of all entries happening after 9.00am. I appreciate the cold mornings can make it harder to leave that house on time and we are grateful for your ongoing support in our efforts to improve punctuality.

With best wishes for the week ahead,
Richard Martin.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th December: East Chesterton Xmas lights switch-on.

Wednesday 8th December: Flu Nasal Spray – NHS.

Tuesday 14th December: Royal Institute of Science events.

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	100%
2 nd	Pine Class	96.5%
3 rd	Hawthorn Class	94.3%
4 th	Elm Class	93.1%
5 th	Oak Class	93%
6 th	Beech Class	88%
7 th	Elder Class	85%

Punctuality data...

1 st	Hawthorn Class	96.3%
2 nd	Pine Class	94.8%
3 rd	Elder Class	94.2%
4 th	Hazel Class	92.3%
5 th	Oak Class	91.3%
6 th	Beech Class	88.2%
7 th	Elm Class	87.5%

