

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

*'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3: 18*

We have returned this week remembering Epiphany and the importance of Jesus in all of our lives.

The theme of 'Service' is our focus this half term both in whole school worship and class reflection areas

**'Serve one another in Love'**  
*Galatians 5:13*



## Staffing update

We welcome this term Mrs Cook who is working in the school office and Mrs Smyth will be teaching full time in Maple whilst Mrs Casterton is on maternity leave.

## School attendance

### Attendance Matters



The DfE states that pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Good attendance is very important so that children are given as much opportunity as possible to develop academically and socially. When children are absent from school, they often find it difficult to catch up on the work they have missed and can feel unsettled by this. I want to make you aware that we monitor attendance regularly and we will contact you directly if we feel attendance falls below the acceptable level. The attached poster illustrates what good attendance

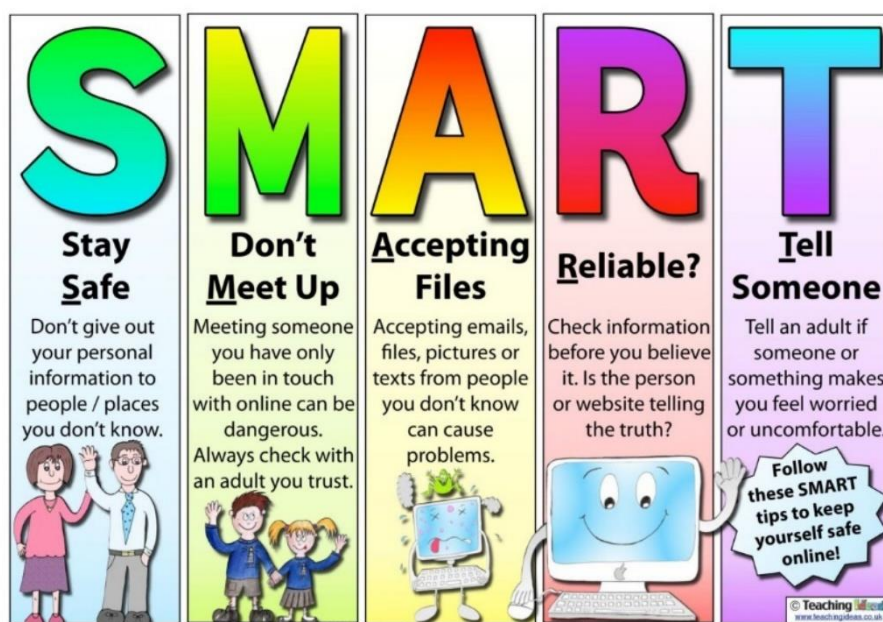
looks like.

I do urge you to reconsider your plans and take a holiday during the school holiday pattern, meaning that your child's education will not be interrupted. Please note the holiday pattern is now available on the school website; <https://www.st-johns-coppull.lancs.sch.uk/school-life/termdates> or a copy can be emailed home to you.

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## Octagon Visit

Children in key stage 2 will be visiting the Octagon Theatre to see the production of A Christmas Carol. Please note children visiting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January will return approximately to school for 5pm.



## Online safety

Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us. This includes staying safe online whether using the internet, using game consoles like Xbox or social media sites. We educate our children in school and we ask that you support the work we are doing at home.

We have a number of sites available for you to refer to on the school website...

<https://www.st-johns-coppull.lancs.sch.uk/school-life/online-safety>

and I have attached the most recent online safety newsletter for your perusal.

## Reading / Phonics Workshop for parents

On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** there will be a workshop for all parents/ carers with a focus on phonics and reading. Oak and Maple staff will focus on the phonics programme in school and the decodable reading books, with Willow and Sycamore staff focussing on the reading programme and how you can support your children with comprehension questions and understanding texts.

The workshops for KS 1 will **start at 3.30pm** in Oak class and the workshop for KS 2 will **start at 4.15pm**, please go to Willow for the meeting.

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## Upcoming events in school

Event	Dates for your diary
Yr 3,4,5 visit the Octagon Theatre to see A Christmas Carol	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Yr 6 visit the Octagon Theatre to see A Christmas Carol	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Phonics and reading workshop	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January from 3.30pm
Reception balance bike sessions	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January and 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Eco squad conference	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January from 1.30pm
Children's mental health week... 'Let's connect'	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> February
First aid workshops for all children	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Runshaw college performance in school	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Safer internet day... 'want to talk about it'	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Bikeability level 1 year 5	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb
HALF TERM	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
School reopens	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Ash Wednesday service	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb
KS 1 SATS workshop for parents	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb from 5.00pm
Bikeability level 2 year 5	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> February
KS 2 SATS workshop for parents	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb from 5.00pm
Start of Fairtrade fortnight	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
Fairtrade market	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March from 2.30pm
British Science Week 'Connections'	From 10 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> March

## Coppull library

The local library has asked us to share with you the following... Our winter reading scheme for young borrowers starts on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and continues to the end of the February holidays. We are offering 3 different sessions to help the child complete the task of making a card. Please find the poster and the weblink attached. We hope you'll be able to encourage your children to participate and get off to a great start to reading in 2023!

[https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/event\\_details.asp?eventid=13441&q=&area=allVenue&venue=Coppull](https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/event_details.asp?eventid=13441&q=&area=allVenue&venue=Coppull)

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