

Friday 8th December 2023

Dear Families.

The end of this year is fast approaching and with it the Christmas celebrations. Our celebrations were launched last weekend by the superb Christmas Fair, which was organised by Friends of Coupe Green. The fair was once again a huge success and designed to give our children magical experiences. The highlight of the event was most certainly Father Christmas in his grotto and his trusty 'reindeer'.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the Friends of Coupe Green members, volunteers and staff that attended to make the event possible.

The Christmas cheer is set to continue with our upcoming Nativity and Christmas performances. We will also host Coupe Green's Got Talent in our final week, on Monday 18th December. Children get practising as auditions will be held next week.

Family View Questionnaire

I would like to thank all of those families who took the time to complete the parent view questionnaire. The results of the questionnaire have been hugely helpful when reflecting on school's practice and planning next steps to continue to develop our school and meet the needs of our children.

It was very pleasing to see that responses were positive, especially in regards to children feeling safe and school being a welcoming place.

An area which we have reviewed and wish to develop further is our extra-curricular offer. As part of our sports premium offer, school buys into South Ribble events and coaching. This enables us to provide a wide range of experiences for our children, which are selected to broaden experiences, such as fencing and curling, and enables school to provide clubs free of charge. However, we understand that this has its limits and would like to further develop our club offer.

The clubs that we have provided since September are:

- Junior Football Club •
- Art Club •
- Dance
- **Gymnastics** •
- Library Club (Tuesday and Friday lunch) •
- Choir .
- **Multiskills**

As a staff team, we have looked ahead at our event calendar and begun to organise clubs to support competitions and celebrations in the year, whilst trying to provide clubs across all age groups and interests.

The introduction of Kick On provision at lunch time and after school, has been hugely successful and, after Christmas, this provision will expand to further lunch times and clubs, supporting younger footballers and providing girls' football provision. It has been wonderful to see so much active engagement during Monday lunchtimes and we see such great value in that and therefore wish to continue this good work.

The full calendar list will be shared next week, stating the extracurricular clubs that will be available from January to July.



Welcome Back

On Wednesday 20th December, we welcome back Mrs Taylor from her maternity leave. She will return to Ash Class, working alongside Mrs Dowbekin, and she is very excited to hear all about the achievements Ash have made so far. Mrs Taylor will be visiting Ash Class next week, ahead of her return.

This does mean that we need to say goodbye to Mrs Leigh. We would like to thank her for her hard work, whilst at Coupe Green, and wish her luck in her new teaching role.

Football Celebrations

This year, our junior football team have been working extremely hard and have reached the final of two separate competitions. Yesterday, the children took part in a competition held at Penwortham Priory. They played extremely well and were selected to represent South Ribble in the small schools final, which will be held in the new year. We are very proud of their achievements – well done team!

School Council News

As you will be aware, our School Council launched a kindness event, ahead of the festive season. They have asked that food goods are donated to send to our local food bank and help those who are less fortunate so that their Christmas can be filled with happy memories. Please bring all donations to the school office by **Friday 15th December**. Thank you for supporting the children in their mission to spread kindness.

To ensure that Christmas cheer fills out community, the school choir will be singing at Arrowsmith Lodge Care Home on Wednesday 20th December. More information on who will be taking part will be shared with families next week.

We look forward to finishing this year, filled with cheer.

Yours sincerely,

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