



Newsletter

24th November 2023



Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent questionnaire. The feedback we received has been extremely helpful. The main strengths highlighted were: children feeling safe and well cared for in school, good teaching and feeling welcome.

An area of school, which we had identified as an area to develop, and the questionnaire confirmed this, was our extra-curricular offer.

Shortly, a letter will be shared outlining the offer currently in place and the clubs that will be available from January to July. The questionnaire also highlighted some varied responses regarding communication and this will be highlighted as an area to reflect upon.

The results of the questionnaire, and our actions, will be shared, in full, next week.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, or will be arriving late, please ensure that you have phoned school and left a voicemail by 9:00am, at the latest.

Having good attendance is essential to enable children to reach their full potential in school and ensure that key learning is not missed. This half term, we have seen our whole school attendance increase, which is great to see. We monitor attendance, each half term, and will continue to share our achievements.

If your child's attendance is below the school target, or you have concerns about it and need support, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or Mrs Littlewood. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all those who have booked their parents evening appointments using our new online booking system. From the new system, you should automatically receive an email reminder of your appointment date and time both one week before and one day before your appointment. Thank you.

School Council

Our school council members have been considering ways in which we can share the power of kindness with our community. They gave their peers the chance to vote for a kindness inspired event. As a result of the vote, we will be collecting food to donate to our local food bank.

The school council also felt that it would be special to create a school choir and spread Christmas joy to people in our community to combat loneliness. Lots of children have showed an interest in joining the choir and more information regarding this will be shared next week.

Class Visits – Coaches

This year, we are facing great challenge when securing transport for trips and sporting events, at a reasonable price. The cost of school transport has considerably increased, which in turn is impacting the total cost of trips and our ability to manage events out of school.

We will continue to search for the most reasonably priced transport available but need to make you aware that the cost of trips, moving forward, will be higher than in previous years, due to this increase.

Nativity

As we write this newsletter, some of our KS1 pupils are busy in the school hall learning songs for this year's school nativity, which is called The Twinkly Nativity. We are delighted that our children are not only learning the lyrics and tunes for this year's nativity songs, but are also learning Makaton signs to use when performing too. Performances will take place both during and after school on Wednesday 13th December.

Our EYFS pupils, in Acorn Class, are also excited to be making preparations for their own Christmas performance and we look forward to sharing further details of all our Christmas activities, including ticket details for the performances, very soon.

Live Nativity with Rev Bryn Naylor

We look forward to another special day in our Christmas preparations on Friday 8th December. Firstly, Rev Bryn will be joining us to share the Christmas story during our whole school morning assembly. Then, after school, everyone is welcome to attend a live nativity, which is taking place in Coupe Green and being organised by All Saints and Holy Trinity Churches. Please join Rev Bryn at 3:30pm on Friday 8th December, in our school hall, to begin a journey through the surrounding area of Coupe Green and learn more about the Christmas nativity.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

This year's nasal flu immunisations will take place, in school, on Tuesday, 5th December.

The link is now closed. If you have not already given your consent online, your child will have brought home a paper consent form. Please return this consent form to school by Monday 27th November if you wish your child to have the vaccine. Thank you.

Friends of Coupe Green

Tesco Blue Tokens

We are very grateful to everyone who voted for Friends of Coupe Green with their Tesco blue tokens. We are very pleased to let you know that we have been awarded with £500!

Harold and Alice Bridges Fund

A successful grant application has resulted in an astounding £1000 being awarded to FOCG which will be used to provide essential ICT equipment for school.

Sponsored Santa Dash

Thank you to all those who supported the Santa Dash on Wednesday. All the runners did so well! We hope you were pleased with your festive medals and had good fun taking part or supporting the event. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set-up, serve drinks and cakes, stamped hands to mark the laps, handed out medals and baked delicious cakes.



Please can all Santa Dash sponsor forms and money be returned to the office by next Wednesday, 29th November.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 1st Dec

On Friday 1st December, to help us collect lots of fabulous prizes, the children are invited to come to school in Christmas Jumpers (or non-uniform) in exchange for a donation of chocolates (infants) or a bottle (juniors).

Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December

The Christmas Fair is a week on Saturday! As always, we strive to make each year even bigger and better. This year, we have a better layout for all of our fabulous stalls and games, so it will be easier to find your way around without missing anything. There will be lots of gorgeous crafts and gifts for sale. We have hot food, drinks, mulled wine and cakes. The popular winter wonderland grotto is back with the addition of Fudge the pony, who will be just outside the grotto waiting for a cuddle as the children leave. He will be wearing his best antlers for this very special occasion. A big thank you to the Crompton family for sharing their beautiful pony with us. Hoghton in Harmony choir will be performing again, this year, which we always look forward to.

The fair is open to the public from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. The earlier opening of 12:30pm is specifically for those with sensory or mobility issues for a quieter and calmer experience.

FOCG would like to thank you all for your continued support.

School Lunches

Our school lunches, are extremely popular with more than a hundred pupils enjoying a school lunch every day. Lunches are available to book on ParentPay through to 12th January 2024. This includes a special Christmas Dinner and Christmas Party Buffet Lunch. Please log in and book, as far ahead as possible, ensuring that lunches for the first week in January are booked by the deadline of Thursday 21st December. Ad-hoc, occasional lunch bookings are always welcome, if your child would like to try a particular meal.