

Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School

Newsletter

Friday 10th December



‘
Now may the Lord of peace himself give you
peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be
with all of you.’

Thessalonians 3:16

Highlight of the week

The highlight of the week was definitely the Nativity performance. We hope you enjoy watching via the You Tube link. The narrators could be heard clearly; the singing was amazing, the acting was brilliant and all the children looked fabulous in their costumes!

Thank you to all the staff involved in putting the performance together and to parents for helping them learn their lines and listening to them singing the songs at home!

Our Key Stage 2 pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed being the audience.



KS2 Carol Service:

This will take place on Tuesday afternoon. After lunch, the children will walk down to church for a 1:45 pm start. They need to be in full school uniform and please can the girls have their hair in a bun if possible? The service will be no more than an hour so there will be time to walk back to school before 3:30 pm. We haven't received the Christingle collection envelopes yet as they are delayed – if you are able to send in a donation in an envelope, we would be very grateful. These will go to The Children's Society. The service will be recorded and a link will be posted on Class Dojo for you to watch.

Christmas Parties:

Each class will be having a Christmas party next week, starting with Pre-School, Ash Class and Year 2 on Monday. The class teachers will send home more information.

Christmas Lunch:

Our whole school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 15th December. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their school sweatshirts.

Can ALL parents please select arrangements for lunches next week using the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/exTQMJtNLL>

Celebration Worship:

Our end of term Celebration Worship will take place on Friday 17th December in the afternoon. We have moved lunch forward so we can have our special worship after lunch before we finish at 1:30 pm. There will be many certificates to give out but please also send in any awards your child has received out of school.

Rock Steady Concert:

Each of the bands will perform for the rest of the school on Friday morning. We will record this so that you will be able to watch at home. The You Tube link will be sent to the parents of pupils involved.

Dates for your diary:

School Christmas Dinner—Wednesday 15th December—£2.35 via ParentPay

Christmas Jumper day in school—Wednesday 15th December

Carol Service—Tuesday 14th December—St Oswald's Church— during the school day

Lancaster on Ice trip—some Y5 & Y6 - Thursday 16th December

School Close for Christmas —Friday 17th December—1:30pm

Carol Concert— Sunday 19th December—St Oswald's Church—10:30am

INSET day—Tuesday 4th January

School opens for pupils—Wednesday 5th January

Progress Reports:

Your child will be bringing home a progress report on Wednesday next week. This will give you information on how much progress they have made through the autumn term; attitude to learning; and whether they are on track to meet end of year age related expectations. It will also show attendance for this term.

Our attendance figures through school are currently low due to Covid absence and also the fact that we have asked parents to keep children at home who are unwell. Next term, as we hopefully move into a better situation, we will be trying to improve our overall attendance figure and parents of pupils with particularly low attendance will be contacted separately.



Lancaster on Ice Trip:

Thursday 16th December

All pupils going on this visit will need to arrive at school by 8:20 am as we will be leaving by 8:30 am. They should come straight to the front door of school.

Please ensure you have given consent and made payment on Parent Pay.

They will need to wear warm layers, a waterproof coat and I definitely recommend gloves and a hat. It would be advisable to send a complete change of clothes as they can end up getting very wet.

Please send a disposable packed lunch. The pupils on school dinners will have a packed lunch provided.

I anticipate that we will return to school at approximately 4:00-4:15 pm. They will then either be collected; go straight to After-School Club Film Night or go to dance.

Events next term:

We already have a few exciting events booked in for next term: Wyre and Fylde Schools' Dance Competition; Young Voices Concert in February and the Celebration of Music Concert in March. Yesterday I realised that Young Voices is the day after Dance Competition which means some children will be attending both evening events. As it is the week before half-term, I intend to plan in a themed week through school which means being tired will hopefully have less impact.

We will announce our new extra-curricular club timetable in January.

And Finally ...

Despite all the challenges around Covid, we have had a really great first term in school. There has been some fabulous teaching and learning taking place; our pupils consistently follow our three core school rules and work hard to get rewards and we have had a whole range of wider school experiences.

Thank you for your understanding around the difficult decisions we have had to make over the past few weeks. We love having parents in school supporting our events but under the circumstances, we feel the right decision was made. Hopefully, you will still enjoy the performances and we will make up for all the events you have missed out on in the future!

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and New Year and everyone stays well!

I will look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of a new term in January.

We finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 17th December at 1:30 pm (no After-School Club)

School will re-open on Wednesday 5th January at 9:00 am

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governing Body (GB) reviewed the way in which it supports Fleetwood's Charity School and has put together an action plan for the next 12 months. This can be seen on the school website in due course.

One of the things we thought we could do much better is communicating with parents and families about the work we do. So myself as Chair and Janet Danson-Smith, Vice Chair, attended the parents' forum to talk about our contribution to school life and both the support and challenge that we bring to help the school move forward and improve its performance. Although the numbers attending that meeting were small, we felt it was a good start to developing a closer dialogue between school, governors and parents. The next meeting will be in the spring term and we hope to be able to attend and deepen our understanding of parents and carers perspective on what is good about the school and what could be further improved.

In our attempt to improve communication between governors and families we decided to write to you at the end of each term and to share with you the main focus of the term's priorities for the GB and the aspirations for the following term.

The names and photographs of all the governors will appear on the website in January. We meet as a full GB once a term. Similarly, the three sub-committees – Ethos, chaired by Rev. Andy Shaw, Curriculum and Standards, chaired by David Sanders and Resources chaired by Janet Danson-Smith, meet once a term and support the work of the school generally and the Headteacher, in particular. Mrs. Gladwin, as you might expect, is a member of all three sub-committees and the full Governing Body. Together we have high expectations of the school and high aspirations for the performance of your sons and daughters.

As you will be very aware the last two years have been extremely difficult for everyone involved in children's education so our first priority has been the health and well-being of both pupils and staff and hopefully this has come across to you very strongly in your contact with the school. Thereafter we have had a number of key priorities such as:-

- * reviewing the curriculum with a focus on English and mathematics, ensuring that progress is made across the subjects;
- * reviewing pupil performance – trying to ensure all children achieve their potential
- * resources – maintaining and improving the building and ensuring any expenditure provides value for money; and
- * reviewing the GB performance and developing an action plan – please see the school website next term.

I will talk about these items and the progress made in more detail in my next newsletter.

Meantime I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas,

With very best wishes,

David Sanders

Chair of Governors