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This week our attendance was...

92%

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

Dear Parents/Carers,



Merry Christmas!!!

All the staff (and Fudge!) would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Christmas. Have fun, be safe and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Please remember that we close on Tuesday at 1.30pm for our Christmas Holidays. School reopens on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Christmas Non-Uniform Day:

We'll have one more chance to wear those Christmas jumpers in school on Tuesday (our last day!) for our end of term non-uniform day. All children can come in their Christmas clothing or simply as non-uniform!

Staffing Changes:

This Christmas will see many ins and outs in terms of staffing. I would like to wish all of our leavers the very best for their future ventures and thank them all for their amazing contributions to our school. You have all been absolute superstars and you will all be sadly missed in terms of your role in school but also as amazing colleagues. So, we are sad to see go Laura Kirkpatrick who will be moving on to St Bernadette's, Keeley Palmer who is moving to Armfield and Nicola Rogers who will be moving to Red Marsh. We will also be saying goodbye to Heather in the office.

Finally, Denise Chamberlain who has been with us as a welfare assistant for 31 years will be retiring this Christmas. 31 years is such a long time and we wish her the happiest of retirements!

So, we have been very busy interviewing for a wide range of positions through school, some are replacements and some are brand new roles. We would therefore like to offer a warm welcome to our new members of staff who will be joining us in January...

Tom Sutton – 1/2K – Class Teacher (to be renamed 1/2S after Christmas)

Ashlee Archer – HLTA

Bridget Hindle – 1/2M – TA2

Jess Southern – 5/6B – TA2

Sara Cray – 1/2S – TA2

Molly Eastwood – 1/2R – TA2

Becky Davis – Reception Class – TA2
Kirsty Edwards – Admin
Lorna Marsden - Admin
Paula Wallace – Midday Supervisor
Mandy Powell-Mulholland – Midday Supervisor

Your child's attendance:

Attached to tonight's paper copy of the newsletter (which your child will receive at the end of the school day) is your child's attendance for this term. Please remember that the government expectation is that all children do not fall below 96%. If your child's percentage is lower than 96% then please ensure your child is in school as much as possible next term so your attendance figure can improve by the end of next term. It is so important that your child is in school so they can reach their potential. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Autumn Term Music Winner:

As you may remember we were lucky enough to have been donated the Bob and June Dark Memorial Award for Music which is awarded at the end of each term to a person who had shown determination and commitment to music. They don't have to be the very best at music but someone who always give 100% effort. Each class teacher has nominated a child from their class and these are the nominations...

Nursery – Reegan: For always singing and building up a repertoire of Christmas songs, exploring natural and instrumental sounds in the environment.

Reception – Marnie: For taking a natural lead in the nativity and being passionate and expressive when singing.

1/2M – Class – Esenoseren: For singing so beautifully.

TOPPS – Teddy: For a great understanding of rhythm.

1/2R – Class – Jaxson: For being such an enthusiastic singer.

TOPPS – Harvey: For overcoming his shyness and giving 100% in every lesson.

1/2K – Class – Dante: For enthusiastic ideas when creating a piece of music based on myths.

TOPPS – Olivia: For being a role model in lessons and always giving 100%.

3/4HP – Class – Shanequa: For singing so well with increased confidence.

Guitar – Ellie: For listening well and trying her best throughout guitar lessons.

3/4JP – Class – Santi: For giving 100% effort in singing and using his performance skills so well.

Guitar – Tiana: For making great progress when playing the guitar and Remembering to bring it in every week!

5/6P – Class – Victoria: For brilliant explanations and analysis of musical pieces.

Brass – Harlee: For great progress when playing the cornet and understanding the music.

5/6B – Class – Melissa: For such a great effort in learning our Christmas songs and performing these beautifully.

Brass – Braxten: For fantastic progress when playing the cornet.

5/6M – Class – Harry: For excellent work towards our Christmas concert.

Brass – Tommy: For excellent work in brass lessons and always being so enthusiastic!

A big well done to all of our nominees who will receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts. You have all been superstars!!

But, our Autumn Term 2021 winner of this award goes to...

Harlee in 5/6P – Well done

Harlee, we are so proud of you!

After School Activities:

We will be sending out an updated list of after school activities on the first day back in January, leaving a couple of days for you to sign up to the activities you would like to do. Activities will then start on the first full week in school which is the week beginning Monday 10th January.

Key Contact List:

Please find attached to the electronic copy of this newsletter, sent out on our parents' app, a list of key contacts for over Christmas. This includes contacts for if you feel you need to chat or text someone for support, emergency helplines and food banks.

And finally, this week's superstars are...

Nursery – Poppy for enjoying and looking after her books and counting independently during her play. She has been such a resilient little girl. Well done Poppy!

RT – Lexcy for always putting in 100% effort and making everyone smile and

Mollie for telling us all about her naughty elves adventures every morning.

You've both been stars – Well done!

1/2K – Harley for persevering with his phonics and doing very well, **Finlay** for working so hard in phonics and **the whole of 1/2K** for being such an amazing class this term. I will miss you all lots!

1/2M – Nylah for working so hard on learning her phonics and Shaun-Paul for demonstrating more confidence with his reading. You are both superstars!

1/2R – Kian and **Dominik** for both being absolute role models all day every day and making our classroom a positive place to be – Well done both of you!

3/4HP – Lydia for being a helpful and kind member of the class and **Nathan** for being super creative and imaginative in art – Well done both of you!

3/4JP – Ruby for overall a brilliant change in attitude towards everything and **Kaden** for pushing himself out of his comfort zone. Well done both of you!

5/6P – Louie-Jack for being a fantastic member of our class, trying hard and applying himself in all subjects and **Noah** for thoughtfully completing all work to the best of his ability. Well done both of you!

5/6M – Amy for a fantastic maths assessment. She is improving because she is working so hard, keep it up! Also, for **Ranee** for improving so much and working hard more independently – Keep it up! Well done to both of you!

5/6B – Charlie for independently writing a fabulous narrative on the piano and **Jordan** for trying really hard with his attitude and behaviour in class. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Ms S Upton

Headteacher



CHRISTMAS CONTACTS / INFORMATION

TALK / CHAT / TEXT

- Loneliness Advice Chatbox: Just add 07902 922 908 to your WhatsApp contacts, and then send a message saying 'Hi' to bring up a menu featuring information and resources from Connection Coalition member organisations.
- Samaritans: If you want to have a friendly chat with a volunteer 01253 622218
- Text "Hello" to 07860022846 for the Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation wellbeing service
- Silverline 0800 470 8090
- Wellbeing Helpline and Texting Service is a Freephone out of hours, person centred listening environment for people requiring emotional support in relation to their own mental health or that of someone they know. Call 0800 915 4640
- The Calm Zone for men aged 15 – 35 call 0800 585858 between 5-12pm
- Age UK Lancashire 0303 303 1234
- ICANN (Independent Community Advocacy) 01772 746061

EMERGENCY HELP LINE

- Fylde Coast Women's Aid 01253 596699 if you or someone you know are experiencing Domestic Abuse
- Adult Social Care out of hours emergency contact 01253 477678
- Shelter Helpline 0300 330 1234
- NSPCC 0808 800 5000
- Walk in centre Blackpool 01253 953953
- Light Lounge, looks to address both your immediate crisis and longer term recovery goals. It provides safe, high quality support with an emphasis on understanding the factors which contributed to your crisis. Call 01253 477743 or they have a drop in on weekdays 4-11.30pm
- Drugs/Alcohol Misuse, call Horizon 01253 205157

FOOD BANKS

- FOOD4U
Collections or any queries text or phone 07928 26265. Alternatively if you are online then Email: hisprovision4blackpool@yahoo.co.uk or search Facebook for 'His Community Food Pantry' (Note: Deliveries FY1 & FY4 Postcodes Text Order to 07704 031100 or FY2, FY3 & FY5 Text Order to 07561 697331) £5 and you can collect or have delivery for £2 extra
- Blackpool Council Discretionary Support Service
For short term and one off food parcels and advice call 0800 6940 100

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