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This week our attendance was...

92.7%

Oh no – Let's get to 96%

1st December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

School has certainly seemed quieter this week with UKS2 at waterpark. It looks like they have had a fabulous time and although cold the weather has been fantastic for them. If you haven't seen our photographs then have a look on our Facebook page. The children have been amazing and the staff are so proud of them. Thanks to all staff who have been away for the week with them and those who have had to shuffle into different roles because of it in school this week. Seeing the children's faces makes it all worthwhile!

Next Friday:

Thank you for all your chocolate donations today, they are very much appreciated. Next Friday is our second non-uniform day in aid of our Christmas Fair and that is for a bottle donation. This also ties in with Christmas Jumper Day so any non-uniform which is looking festive would be amazing.

Next Friday we also have a theatre company in school to perform the annual panto for all classes so it should be a great day!

Attendance winning week:

Next week we will be holding another attendance award winning week. All children who are in school every day and on time will be entered into a draw on Friday to win a supermarket voucher which I am sure will come in every useful in the lead up to Christmas. The winner will be announced on next week's newsletter. On Monday, I will also be handing out our attendance postcards for all those children whose attendance is 96% or above so far this term. There are so many of them to write I'm going to be very busy this weekend!

No Pens Wednesday:

Next Wednesday, the 6th December, all children are invited to dress up as a word, with a festive twist if they like, as we're celebrating speaking & listening with no pens for the day! Children can bring in a special item for show and tell if they like, please talk to them about why this object or photo is special to them, so they are ready to share with their class.

Creepy Crawly Roadshow:

A special selection of creepy crawlies will be coming to visit us in school on Tuesday, for the children in years 3 and 4 to learn about through the Creepy Crawly Roadshow. Children are also invited to dress up as their favourite creepy crawly if they wish to do so.

Mini Choir:

Mrs Nicholson and our year 1 and 2 children in mini choir will be singing at Tesco on Wednesday at 10am. If you are in the area please pop over to see them. They will be a little nervous but we all know they will shine!

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

Nursery – Assan for being so settled, kind and playing so well with other children and **Axel** for settling into big nursery so well, using his words and being kind to his friends. Well done both of you!

RT – Darcie for blowing us away with sounding out her words and writing them and **Grace** for trying really hard to sound out and blend her 3 letter words. Well done both of you!

RM – Roux for being an all-round superstar. Thank you for working so hard Roux! **Penelope** for embracing the tricky word challenge in class, you have worked your socks off. Well done both of you!

1M – Karlson for a fantastic effort with his writing and **Archie** for trying so hard to sound out his words. Well done both of you!

1/2G – Kooper for having a great week and a positive attitude and **Mollie-Mae** for always trying her best in class. Well done both of you!

2B – Holly for being the best role model and **Scarlett** for being a ray of sunshine. We are so proud of you both – Well done!

3B – Sienna and **Teddy** for both working very hard in Literacy and producing some beautiful work. Well done both of you!

3/4D – Poppy for trying her best in all subjects and **Eliza** for always being a positive role model. Well done both of you!

4FB – Harley for a wonderful 'green' week and a great attitude and **Scarlett** for an excellent effort in literacy this week. Well done both of you!

5W – Santi for setting such a good example to others in class and around school and **Michaela** for putting 100% effort in to all her lessons. Well done both of you!

Year 6 in school – Redin for fantastic pizza making skills and **Millie-Rose** for superb art work for our Christmas door. Well done both of you!

A big well done to everyone!!

Upcoming dates for your diary:

(Please note this will be updated with new dates as the term progresses)

Tuesday 5th December - Year 3 and 4 Creepy Crawly Day and Creepy Crawly Roadshow visit

Wednesday 6th December – No pens Wednesday
Mini Choir performing in Tesco

Friday 8th December – Whole school panto
Christmas Jumper Day – Bottle donations please

Monday 11th December – Christmas sing a long for our 2-year-old provision – All parents welcome in the Children's Centre 2.15pm

Tuesday 12th December – Early Years production – 2pm
Wednesday 13th December – Early Years production – 9.30am
Friday 15th December – Christmas Fair – Non-uniform day – Cake donations
Monday 18th December – Early Years Christmas party
Tuesday 19th December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas party
KS1 production – 2pm
Wednesday 20th December – KS1 production 9.30am
Whole school Christmas dinner
Thursday 21st December – KS1 and Upper KS2 Christmas party
Friday 22nd December – Christmas celebration assembly and sing song
School closes for Christmas at 1.30pm

Any questions please don't hesitate to ask; thank you for your continued support,

Ms S Upton
Headteacher

Coming up next week...

Date	Event	Time
Monday 4 th December P.E. – 3/4D 4FB	Painting Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Storytime Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Languages Club – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Sing and Sign – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 5 th December P.E. – 1M 1/2G 2B 3B 5W 6HP 6JP	Seasonal Crafts – Year 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Dance festival – Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Christmas Arts and Crafts – Years 3 and 4	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Creepy Crawley Day – Years 3 and 4	All day
Wednesday 6 th December P.E. – 2B 6HP 6JP	Mini Choir – Years 1 and 2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Manga – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	No Pens Wednesday	All day
	Mini Choir performing at Tesco	10am
Thursday 7 th December P.E. – 3/4D	Craft Club – Reception	3.15pm – 4.15pm
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4FB 5W 6HP 6JP	Crafts and Art – Years 5 and 6 Piano – The same children as last half term	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 8 th December P.E. – Reception 1M 1/2G	Football BFC – Years 5 and 6 Christmas Jumper Day/Non-Uniform Day – bottle donation for the Christmas Fair Whole school panto	3.15pm – 4.15pm All day PM