#### **AUTUMN 2 END OF HALF TERM ASSEMBLY**

We have our end of autumn term assembly on Wednesday and parent invites have gone out by email and text this week.

We've had parents in the past attend this assembly without an invite believing, because their child has won achiever of the week on a Friday during the half term, they are getting another award at this assembly. The end of half term assembly is separate to the other achievers assemblies and only those with an invite should attend. Apologies if this has created any confusion in the past.

All assemblies will take place in the KS2 hall which can be accessed by the main school entrance. Reception and Year 1 is 9.15am, Year 2 and 3 is at 9.45am and Year 4,5 and 6 is at 10.15am.

We look forward to celebrating these winners this coming week.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Year group Christmas parties are taking place in the coming week and we will allow your child to come to school on their party day in their party clothes. However, please make sure they are wearing sensible shoes for the day. They can also bring a drink (not fizzy) and a snack for the party if they would like to. This is in addition to their usual snack or packed lunch they bring.

	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Y1</u>	<u>Y2</u>	<u>Y3</u>	<u>Y4</u>	<u>Y5</u>	<u>Y6</u>
Christmas Parties	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 19 <sup>₅</sup>
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	pm	am	am	pm	pm	pm	am



# BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Our Year 5/6 pupils visited Hazel Grove Baptist Church for their amazing Christmas Trail.



The school choir were out and about this week visiting Mastercall and Manchester Piccadilly to sing some Christmas Carols. They were well received by all who heard them sing with plenty of people at Piccadilly stopping to listen.

Well done to all the children who took part.



We had some very special visitors to Mastercall on Friday!

A huge thank you to the wonderful pupils from Moorfield Primary who filled Mastercall with Christmas cheer through their beautiful carol singing. Their performances truly got us all in the festive spirit.

#ChristmasSpirit #CarolSinging #CommunitySupport #LocalSchools







#### VOLUNTEER READERS WANTED!

We would love those of you who can give up some of your time to help out in school as a volunteer reader. We already have some wonderful parents and grandparents who come into school and hear children read. Would you like to do the same? If you would, then please contact Mrs Greaves, Deputy Headteacher via the school office - 0161 483 4521

#### **DONATIONS**

Thank you for all your kind donations today whether it was to Save the Children, Stockport: Local Pantry or both.

We have raised around £150 for Save the Children and food donations to the Tin Drive were fantastic.

The van was full of food and household items.

All of your donations will go a long way to helping those in need. Thank you.





### Have you got your Sammy Bag?

You should have received your 'Sammy Bag' earlier this week Please fill with the items below;

**Fill** your bag with your unwanted:

- · Good quality, dry, clean clothing
- Handbags & accessories
- Toys in new & working condition
- Paired, clean undamaged shoes
- Costume Jewellery
- Cosmetics (unused)

### Return to the school office on Monday 15th December 2025

(& Sammy's Project will do the rest).

Please note Sammy's do not accept:

- Uniforms.
- Dirty, damaged or broken items and clothing
- · Opened and used cosmetic products

### Thank you for your support!

Sammy's project is launched and fully operated by charity Leukaemia & Myeloma Research
All money raised for their charity will be used to continue our work investing in specialist research into different blood cancer treatments.

To find out more about the charity, visit: <a href="mailto:lmruk.org">lmruk.org</a>
For more information about Sammy's project, please visit: <a href="mailto:donateclothes4sammy.org">donateclothes4sammy.org</a>
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### AND FINALLY ... END OF TERM

We finish for the Christmas break on Friday 19th December. The School Governing Body have agreed to early finish of 2pm on this day. School gates will open at 1.50pm.

However, this is optional as we understand and appreciate some families will have work commitments, therefore school will still finish at around 3.30pm for those who wish their child to stay. Pick up will be from the main reception after the gates to the playground close anytime up to 3.30pm.

Parents of Year 6 children, please be aware, we will NOT be allowing these children to walk home on their own at 2pm. Please ensure Year 6 children are collected if you want to take them early. We will only allow them to walk home unaccompanied at 3.30pm.

There is a Google Form to complete for those who CANNOT pick up at 2pm so we are aware of who is staying in school. Please follow this link <a href="https://forms.gle/fZJm6KFoRDEVH6vk6">https://forms.gle/fZJm6KFoRDEVH6vk6</a>

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson Headteacher









### In the news this week

This winter, a charity called Small Acts of Kindness has sourced, packed and distributed over 10,000 'Warm in Winter' gift bags across Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. Each bag includes things to keep people warm, like blankets, socks and hot drinks. The project aims to bring comfort to elderly and vulnerable people in the colder months. It shows that small acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life.

#### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about the campaign.
- Can you think of a time someone was kind to you? How did it make you feel?
- Do you believe helping others can make us feel happier too? Why?
- What are some small acts of kindness we can do at home, at school, or in our community?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

## TOYSCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

### FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

### EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certal items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to

### ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, a even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose

### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

### REINFORCING INEQUALITY



Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to with feelings of isolation and disappointment.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

#### SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

### Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

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Shop local and enjoy a festive afternoon at the club





Cheadle Town Stingers v Blackburn Rovers Women 2pm Kick-Off



Cheadle Town Football Club Park Road, Cheadle, SK8 2AN cheadletown.co.uk/tickets

