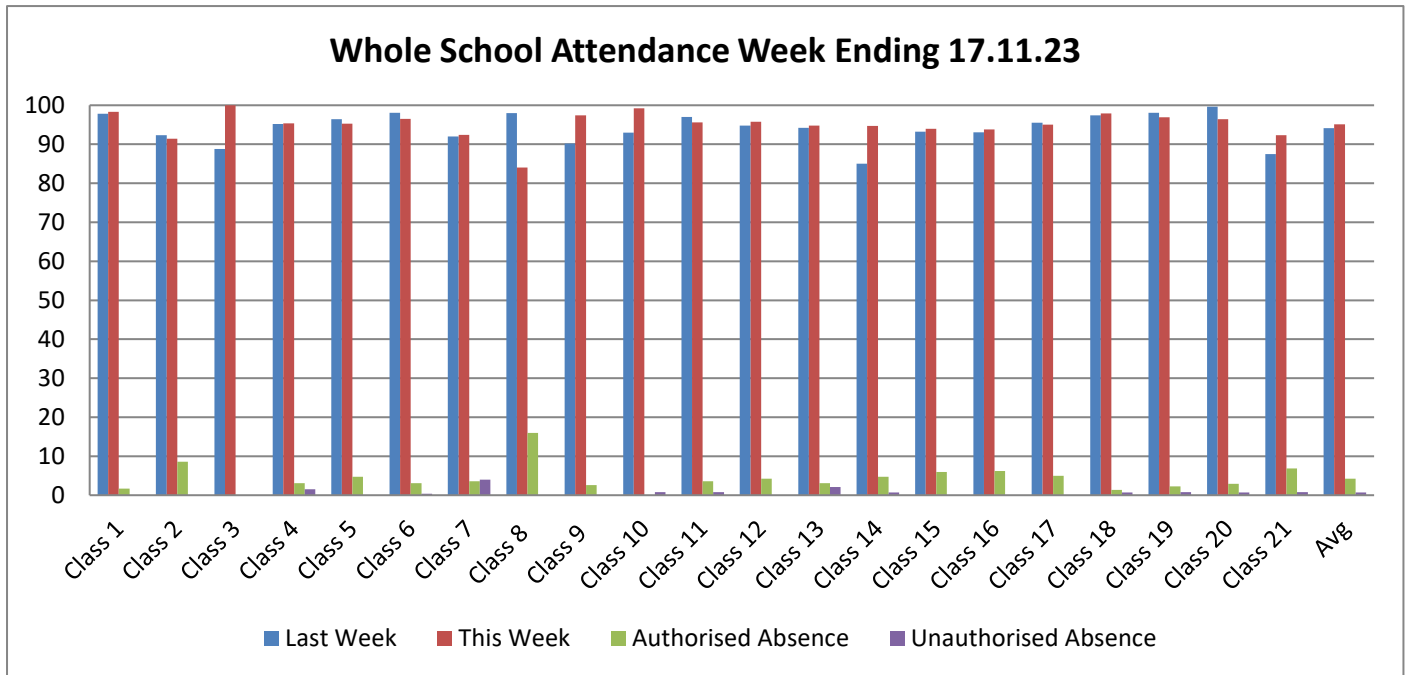




**Parent Information Sheet – Thursday 23rd November 2023**

**Attendance**



Our target for the academic year is **95.7%**. Look at the graph above to see how your child’s class is performing. The average attendance across the school last week was **95.10%**, this is slightly below our whole school target but an increase on the previous week. Well done!

Authorised absences last week were: **4.30%**

Unauthorised absences last week were: **0.70%**

It is imperative that all absences from school are reported to the school office. This will help to reduce the percentage of unauthorised absences at the school. Failure to report your child’s absence from school could result in a prosecution from the educational welfare officer.

**Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone for your support last week. A huge thank you also to our year 6 pupils who made and sold cakes. In total, we raised an incredible **£1261** for Children in Need – what an outstanding effort.

**Christmas Dinner**

We will be having our Christmas Dinner in school on Friday 15th December. Once again, this year, pupils may bring a small Christmas cracker which they can pull with a friend in the hall. We will have a small supply of crackers for anyone who is unable to bring one.



**Pantomimes**

Due to the increased cost of coach travel, we have taken the decision to bring the pantomime into school this year. Whilst I understand it is not the same as visiting the theatre, the cost to parents at this time

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of year was simply too much. Letters have been sent home with the pupils regarding the pantomime visit. If your child has not brought home a pantomime letter, please contact the school office.

### Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 3:15pm. Please note, access to school will not be granted before this time for Safeguarding reasons.

There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas items and many Christmas themed games to play. Traditional turkey rolls will be available and a special guest appearance from the Real Santa Claus. Make sure you get your tickets early to see Santa!



### Blackwood Winter Food & Craft Fair

**Saturday 25th November: 10 – 4pm**

Whether visitors fancy rewarding themselves with an early Christmas treat or are looking for a unique gift for someone special, visitors will have the opportunity to browse around the great selection of food and craft stalls, as well as the fabulous range of independent shops and high street brands. This event offers the ideal opportunity to really get your Christmas shopping underway.

There will be plentiful entertainment for the whole family with a wide selection of funfair rides, as well as festive street characters and street shows! Blackwood Town Council will be supporting the event with a main stage full to bursting with local groups, dancers and singers to get you in the festive spirit.

### School Dinners

Please check with your child that they like the school menu option before they come to school. Next week, we will be on Week 1 of the menu.

### Week 1

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Choice 1</b>	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons	Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Chicken Breast Served with Gravy	Sausage	Jumbo Fish Finger or Salmon Fishcake
<b>Choice 2</b>	Ravioli with Cheese (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Quorn Sausage (V)	Meat Free Meatballs in Tomato & Basil Sauce (V)	Fruity Vegetable Curry (V)
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Chipped/Mashed Potatoes Sweetcorn Peas	Spaghetti Non Fried Herby Potato Bites Peas Baked Beans	Sage & Thyme Roast Potatoes Boiled/Mashed Potatoes, Swede, Cabbage, Carrots	Mashed Potatoes Pasta Peas Baked Beans	Smiley Faces with Ketchup Rice Sweetcorn Peas
<b>Desserts of the day (fruit available daily)</b>	Yoghurt	Flapjack & Fruit Juice	Jelly	Yoghurt	Citrus Oat Cookie & Fruit Juice

**Christmas Concert Tickets**

Your child should have brought home a letter regarding Christmas concert tickets. If you have not received a letter, please contact the school office.

**Reception Applications**

Applications for admission to Reception classes in September 2024 are now open. Even if your child already attends our Nursery setting, you must still apply for a place in Reception by 15th December 2023. Failure to apply by this date may result in your child not being allocated a place.

**Dates**

***IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:***

**12th December:** Reception: 9:15am (Class 1 & Class 2 Boys)  
Nursery AM: 10:30am  
Nursery PM: 13:30pm

**13th December:** Reception: 9:15am (Class 3 & Class 2 Girls)  
Year 1: 10:30am (Class 4 & Class 5 Girls)

**14th December:** Year 1: 9:15am (Class 6 & Class 5 Boys)  
Year 2: 10:30am (Class 7 & Class 8 Boys)

**15th December:** Year 2: 9:15am (Class 9 & Class 8 Girls)

**18th December:** Year 5/6: 18:00pm

**19th December:** Year 3/4: 18:00pm

**20th December:** Year 3/4: 13:30pm  
Year 5/6: 18:00pm

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Year Group</u></b>
Christmas Fayre	8th December	Whole School (PTA)
Nursery Christmas Concerts	12th December	Nursery
Reception Christmas Concerts	12th & 13th December	Reception
Year 1 Christmas Concerts	13th & 14th December	Year 1
Year 2 Christmas Concerts	14th & 15th December	Year 2
Christmas Dinner	15th December	Reception – Year 6
Year 3 / 4 Christmas Concerts	19th & 20th December	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Christmas Concerts	18th & 20th December	Year 5 / 6
<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>22nd December</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Christmas Holidays	25th December – 5th January	Whole School

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<b>INSET Day</b>	<b>8th January 2024</b>	<b>Whole School</b>
Love-ly Disco	8th February 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
Half-Term	12th – 16th February 2024	Whole School
Eisteddfod	1st March 2024	Whole School
Parent Teacher Consultations	19th & 21st March 2024	Whole School
Easter Holidays	25th March – 5th April 2024	Whole School
Cardiff Bay Trip	18th & 19th April 2024	Year 4
Summer Disco	2nd May 2024	Year 1 – Year 6
May Day Bank Holiday	6th May 2024	Whole School
Half Term	27th – 31st May 2024	Whole School
Nursery Sports Day	11th June 2024	Nursery
Reception Sports Day	12th June 2024	Reception
Year 1 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 1
Year 2 Sports Day	12th June 2024	Year 2
Year 3 / 4 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 3 / 4
Year 5 / 6 Sports Day	13th June 2024	Year 5 / 6
Rising 3s Sports Day	14th June 2024	Rising 3s
Reserve Sports Day	14th June 2024	
Reserve Sports Day	18th June 2024	
PGL Residential	19th – 21st June 2024	Year 6
Transition Day	26th June 2024	Whole School
School Reports	5th July 2024	Whole School
PTA Summer Fayre	12th July 2024	Whole School
Year 6 Leavers' Evening	16th July 2024	Year 6

**Mr C George**  
**Headteacher**

**Mr G Jones**  
**Chair of School Governors**