



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Monday 9th December, 2024

'Tis the season to be jolly...

We're all looking forward to the festive activities we have planned before the end of term. As well as the description here, please see the full list of dates on the back.

On Thursday 12th December, children in reception and nursery will perform the nativity at St. Aiden's Church in the afternoon. Please take your seat ready for the performance to start at 1:45pm.

On Monday 16th December, children will be rewarded for their hard work and will get to spend their gold tickets in the gold ticket shop.

On Tuesday 17th December, we will hold our Christmas Carol Performance by pupils in reception up to Y6. Please make sure the children have warm clothing as they will be singing outdoors on the playground. We have changed the timing slightly - families are invited to join us from 2:30pm for a 2:45pm start. We will have stalls, festive refreshments and a raffle (raffle tickets on sale from Mrs Towle and Miss Horsley).

On Wednesday 18th December, we will have the Christmas lunchtime menu. This can be booked using the MCAS app. Each phase will enjoy a party and games in the afternoon.

On Thursday 19th December, we have the very popular Magic Carpet Theatre Company in school to give their annual performance in the morning.

In the afternoon, Reverend Phillips will be in school to lead our Christingle assembly.

On Friday 20th December, we will have our celebration assembly with prizes for good attendance, outstanding learning and excellent behaviour. We will have a talent show in the afternoon and children can wear a Christmas jumper or other festive outfit (gold tickets for home-made or imaginative ideas!).

Attendance

Thank you all for your continued support with attendance. Even with winter illnesses going around, 93 pupils still have 100% and 187 pupils are over the 96% target. Please keep going - good attendance is so important to learning and for establishing strong friendships for life.

There will be certificates and prizes on the last day of term for all pupils who get over 96% and for those who have 100%.

Christmas Cards

There are post boxes in each hall for children to send cards to their friends and classmates, if they wish. Please make sure that any cards are brought into school by Thursday 19th December.



Lockdown Drill

As we shared in a letter on Friday 6th December, we will be practicing the school's lockdown procedure on Wednesday 11th December between 11:20am and 11:30am. This routine safety measure is part of our safeguarding procedures and is something that all schools must have in place and must practice annually.

Mrs King

I am sad to inform you that Mrs King will be leaving our staff. Mrs King has worked here for 20 years and has made such a difference to the education of Southcoates' pupils over that time. She works incredibly hard for our pupils and has been a valuable part of our team. Mrs King's last day at work will be the last day before the Christmas break so please pop round to nursery and wish her well. We will be sorry to see you go Mrs King and we all wish you the very best for the future.

Nursery Staff

As you will have noticed, there are changes to our nursery staffing. Please be assured that we have staff in school who are able to continue to provide high-quality learning and development opportunities for pupils in the nursery. We are, at the moment, looking for additional staff to join our team and we have a live advert for a Level 3 Early Years Practitioner. This vacancy can be seen at www.enquirelearningtrust.org/job-vacancies

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 12th December:	Early Years Nativity Performance (1:45pm start at St. Aiden's)
Monday 16th December:	Gold Ticket Shop and Inspire Afternoon
Tuesday 17th December:	Carol Performance for families (afternoon)
Wednesday 18th December:	Christmas Dinner and Party Afternoon
Thursday 19th December:	Magic Carpet Theatre Show, Christingle Service
Friday 20th December:	Christmas Jumper Day, Talent Show, Last day
Monday 6th January:	Training Day - School Closed
Tuesday 7th January:	First day of spring term
Monday 3rd February:	Children's Mental Health Week
Weds 5th and Thurs 6th Feb:	Parents' Evenings
Friday 7th February:	National Number Day
Wednesday 12th February:	School Art Exhibition
Monday 17th - Friday 21st Feb:	Half term holiday