



Newsletter No 11

1st December 2023

Christmas is Coming

With December just around the corner, I wanted to make you aware of some dates to put in your diaries.

- 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 13th December - Christmas lunch
- 19th December - Christmas Activity Morning

Each year group will be performing a selection of songs/readings, that they have already been busily practicing. These will be on the following dates and will last roughly 20 - 30 minutes:

- Monday 11th 9:00am – Reception
- Tuesday 12th 9:00 – Year 1
- Wednesday 13th 9:00 - Year 2
- Thursday 14th 9:00 - Year 3
- Thursday 14th 2:30 - Year 4
- Friday 15th 9:00 - Year 5
- Friday 15th 2:30 - Year 6
- Monday 18th 9.00am - Nursery



Values – Friendship

Digital Leaders

Thank you to all the year 6 children who applied to be Digital Leaders. It was a very difficult decision, as there were many great applications to choose from. This years Digital Leaders are:

Annabelle, Emaani, Nyalah, Dolly, Ayden and Fifi

They will be working with Mr Morris next week to develop the teaching of computing and ensuring the children a supported to stay safe online.



Staircase Breathing

Safeguarding - YouTube

As our children explore the vast world of online content, ensuring their safety on platforms like YouTube is paramount. Here are some things you can do to keep children safe on YouTube:

- Start by activating YouTube's restricted mode to filter out inappropriate content.
- Create a supervised Google account for your child, allowing you to set content limitations and monitor their activity.
- Regularly communicate with your child about the importance of responsible online behaviour, emphasizing the need to avoid sharing personal information.
- Encourage them to use playlists curated by trusted adults or educational channels.
- Monitoring screen time is equally essential; establish reasonable limits to strike a balance between entertainment and other activities.

By fostering an open dialogue and implementing these precautions, we can help our children navigate YouTube safely and responsibly.

Please find more information here: [Is YouTube safe? | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/is-youtube-safe/)

Christmas Jumper Day

Get ready to deck the halls with festive cheer as we get ready to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day! On Friday 8th December, children are asked to come into school in non-uniform and wearing their most whimsical and vibrant Christmas jumper. Let's embrace the spirit of the season and make this day a colourful tapestry of festive fun, all whilst we raise money for Save the Children. We will use Parent Pay to accept donations.

Kind Minds Curriculum

This week, the children have been using the 'Staircase Breathing'. Place your index finger in the air and imagine you are drawing the steps of a staircase. Breathe in through your nose as you trace your finger up the stairs. Breathe out through your mouth as you trace your finger across the step.

Keep breathing in and out until you reach the top of the

stairs. How do you feel once you have reached the top of the stairs?

Reading Wall of Fame!

As you already know Reading is a priority at Zouch as it is the gateway to the rest of the curriculum, simultaneously, it is good for personal growth and well-being too.

We want to update our reading areas in the New Year and we thought it would be lovely for our children to see a photograph of themselves reading put up on display in there. If your child would like their photo displayed, please could we ask that you take a picture of your child reading their favourite book and print it off in black and white (only) on paper is fine too. Please make sure these are in school by Monday 18th December, your child can pass these to their teacher or TA.

I am sure your child will enjoy seeing their picture on display each time the class visits the reading area.

Thank you for your continued support.

Medical Appointments

Please notify the school office if your child has a medical appointment in the morning. This is so we can complete the register accurately and avoid any absent messages being sent to parents.

Reception 2024 Deadline

Reminder, the deadline for Reception 2024 applications is 15th January 2024. **If your child is currently in our Nursery, you must still apply for a space via the Wiltshire Council website, please see the link below.**

[Applying for a school place - Wiltshire Council](#)

Nut-Free School!

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut-free school. Lunchboxes should not contain any items that may contain nuts. This includes fillings such as hazelnut spread, peanut butter and other snack items.

Parent Governor

If there are any parents who feel they would like to contribute to the school by being a Parent Governor, please enquire at the school office and we can give you more information.

Cold Weather!

Now the weather has turned colder, please make sure your child/ren come to school with warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Future dates for your diary:

Christmas Songs – Held in the KS2 hall, accessed through the main office.

Monday 11th 9:00am – Reception

Tuesday 12th 9:00 – Year 1

Wednesday 13th 9:00 - Year 2

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Friday 15th 9:00 - Year 5

Friday 15th 2:30 - Year 6

Monday 18th 9.00am - Nursery

Wednesday 6th December – Reception and Y6 Christmas Panto, please pay on Parent Pay

Thursday 7th December – Reception 2024 Open Morning at 09.30am, please book via school office

Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day! Children to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper with a donation.

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch!

Wednesday 13th December – Mrs Pelling Coffee Morning, 09.00 in KS1 Hall

NEW DATE! Tuesday 19th December – Year 3 Dance Performance to Parents, 9.15am in KS2 Hall

Wednesday 20th December – Last day of Term! School Finishes at 13.10pm.