



# Newsletter No 12

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023



## 'He's behind you!'

As the school eagerly launches into the festive season, the Christmas countdown has officially begun, enveloping the entire school in an air of anticipation and joy. Children and staff alike recently gathered to revel in the magic of an incredible pantomime, creating shared moments of laughter and delight. With so many of the children never having experienced a pantomime before, it was wonderful to see the excitement on their faces as they danced and joined in with the show. As you can imagine, the organisation of such a big trip is very difficult and we would like to extend our gratitude to all of the staff and adults that helped make it such a great event. A huge thank you should also go to our children, who were impeccably well behaved and great ambassadors for our school values. Meanwhile, the melodious notes of carols are starting to fill the hallways as children enthusiastically begin practicing for the upcoming performances. The school is buzzing with the spirit of togetherness and celebration, setting the stage for a heart-warming and festive season ahead.

## Values – Friendship

We have had a number of conversations with children about the value of friendship this term. One trend that we are seeing are children falling out due to having 'roast' battles. This is a trend which sees people 'insult' each other for points. It is important that children understand the impact of insults, dressed up as jokes, and how they can negatively impact children's well-being.



## Coffee Morning with Mrs Pelling and the Hive

Mrs Pelling will be holding a coffee morning with the Windmill CC centre and the Hive on 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9:00am. This will be held in the KS1 hall and will include a short activity from the CC centre, mince pies and hopefully some free books!



## Breakfast Club

Please be aware that breakfast is served until 8:15am in Breakfast Club. This allows the staff and children to clear up ready for the start of school. Children that arrive after 8:15am will not receive breakfast and must have this before they leave home.



## Safeguarding – Bikes and Scooters

For young adventurers on bikes and scooters, safety is paramount. Equip your child with a helmet, bright clothing and reflectors to enhance visibility, especially during low light. Instilling these habits not only fuels their love for adventure but also ensures their safety on the roads. **Children should not ride on school grounds and are asked to walk their bikes/scooters around to the store.**

## 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 displayed in there. If your child would like their photo included, please could we ask that you take a picture of them 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Kind Minds Curriculum

This week, the children have been using the 'Bumblebee Breathing'. Find a comfortable and cosy seated position and place your hands over your ears. Breathe in through your nose. Breathe out and make a bee buzzing sound.



### 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.

### January Meal Bookings

Please book your child's meal for January by **midnight Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December!** If there is no meal booked by this date, your child will need a packed lunch for the first day back, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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 school 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 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Reception**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – Year 1**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - Year 2**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - Year 3**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 2:30 - Year 4**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 - Year 5**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 2:30 - Year 6**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am - Nursery**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch!**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Mrs Pelling Coffee Morning, 09.00 in KS1 Hall**

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

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Term! School Finishes at 13.10pm.**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher Training Day, school closed to pupils**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – First day back for children**