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Windy News

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Christmas Cheer

A huge thank you to all parents who have attended our Christmas performances this last week. The staff and children work incredibly hard to put the performances together and it is such a thrill for the children to see a parent or relative there watching them perform. The PTFA Christmas raffle was drawn during the Nursery performance on Monday 18th December. The lucky winner had pink ticket 961-965 and won £200 cash. They have been contacted.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the School Fayre this year. Despite it being very wet and windy outside, it was lovely to see everyone enjoying the fayre in school. We raised a tremendous £1165. The PTFA also raised a further £180. The funds will be used to subsidise the costs of trips for children in school.

The school council would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported us with our Christmas jumper and winter coat swap. The coats will be available until the end of term if anyone would like to take one.

The choir and sign squad provided much Christmas cheer when they performed for the patients at the QE hospital on 14th December. Thank you to those parents who volunteered to walk up to the hospital with the children.



On behalf of the staff and governing body, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Clothes Bank

If anyone is having a clear out of clothes over the Christmas period, don't forget we have the clothes recycling point in the school car park. All money raised goes into the school fund to help with trips and equipment for the children in school.

Dates for your diary

School finishes for the Christmas break on Friday 22nd December.
School will reopen for pupils on Monday 8th January 2024.

Christmas Parties

19th December Nursery party—
am
19th December KS1 party—pm
20th December Reception party—
am
20th December LKS2 party— pm
21st December UKS2 party—pm

Punctuality Reminders

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality in primary school will help your child throughout their education and on into adult life and the work place.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Did you know that

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!
10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day 10 days lost!
20 mins late each day 13 days lost!
30 mins late each day 19 days lost!

Danger Zone: As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success.

Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)

We have a small number of families who are consistently late for school. This is not only distressing for your child but wastes a huge amount of office staff time and disrupts the learning of the rest of the children in their class. Mrs. Conroy monitors this on a weekly basis and if your child continues to be late you can be referred to the Legal Intervention Team for prosecution.

Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can