# Windy Nook
## Primary School Newsletter

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## Harvest Festival Celebrations

A huge thank you to all of our families for their generous donations to the Food Bank. We were overwhelmed by the kindness and support shown by our school community. The School Council worked incredibly hard organising and promoting the collection, encouraging everyone to get involved and helping to sort the donations. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to make a significant contribution to support local families in need. We are very proud of our School Council members and grateful to everyone who donated.

## Anti Bullying Week

This week has seen the pupils in school learning about how we can stamp out bullying in school and in the community. The week started with children wearing odd socks to show that everyone is unique and difference should be respected. The children have also thought about this year's theme which is 'break the silence'.
Our anti bullying pledge was
**When we see something wrong, we won't ignore it.**
**When someone needs support, we will help them find it.**
**When we are worried, we will speak to someone we trust.**
**Together, we will Break the Silence.**

## Reception Toothbrushing

Our Reception children are taking part in the National Tooth Brushing Programme. As part of this initiative, the children take part in daily supervised brushing sessions. It's a simple routine that helps build strong lifelong habits and supports good oral health from an early age The programme follows clear hygiene and safety guidelines: toothbrushes are stored correctly, replaced regularly, and children are guided to brush gently and independently. Staff can see how proud the children are of taking responsibility for their own tooth brushing.

## Christmas Fayre

**The Christmas Fayre will be held at 2:15pm on Thursday 3rd December. It will be 50p to enter the fayre. We are currently looking for donations of good quality toys and books to sell and donations of prizes for our raffle and tombola. If you have any donations, please bring them to the main office. On the day of the fayre, we would appreciate any donations of cakes and biscuits for the cake stall.**
**Please watch out for further information about the fayre which will be sent out in paper form. Please remember no buggies are allowed in the fayre due to the number of people present and the congestion it causes. Many thanks.**

## Dates for Your Diary

**Christmas Family Quiz Night**

Tuesday 8th December at 4:30 in the school hall. £3 entry per team ( no more than 5 members per team).Drinks, snacks, hotdogs and prizes. Flier to follow with more information.

**Tulips class family ceilidh event**

The Tulips class have been working with the residents of Blenheim Court on a music and dance collaboration. This will culminate in a celebration ceilidh event on the 10th December at St Albans Church hall from 2-3:30pm. Parents are invited to attend. Children will be dismissed from the church hall, or if parents want there will be refreshments on until 4pm that they're welcome to stay for.

## Holidays During Term Time

Please be aware that holidays taken during term time are not authorised. Under national attendance regulations, a **Penalty Notice may be issued when a child has 10 unauthorised sessions of absence within a rolling 10-school-week period**.

**Penalty Notice charges:**

- £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days
- £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days

Please note that warning letters are no longer issued before a first Penalty Notice. Unpaid fines may result in legal action and additional court costs.

**Regular attendance is essential for every child's education and success.**

## Christmas Dates

Thur 3rd Dec – Christmas Fayre 2:15

Fri 4th Dec – KS1 and EYFS Panto in school (pupils only)

Tues 8th Dec- Reception performance 9:15

Wed 9th Dec –Reception performance 9:15 **adults only**

Thur 10th Dec- KS1 performance 9:15

Thur 10th Dec – Tulips Ceilidh event 2pm

Fri 11th Dec – KS1 performance 9:15 **adults only**

Fri 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper day / Christmas lunch

Mon 14th Dec – Nursery performance 9:00

Mon 14th Dec- KS2 Dress rehearsal St. Albans Church

Tues 15th Dec – KS2 Carol Service St Albans Church 9:30 (Ticketed event)

Tues 15th Dec – Nursery party am

Tues 15th Dec- KS1 party pm

Wed 16th Dec- Reception party am

Wed 16th Dec- LKS2 party pm

Thur 17th Dec – UKS2 party pm

Fri 18th Dec – Christmas Sing along (pupils only)

## Keeping Our School Community Safe

To help keep everyone safe, please do not use the staff car park to drop off children attending Breakfast Club or to collect children from After School Club. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all pupils, families and staff.

## Safeguarding Our Pupils

The safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. If you have any concerns about a child, please contact a member of our safeguarding team. All concerns will be treated seriously and acted upon appropriately.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs L.A. Forrest (Headteacher)
**Deputy Safeguarding Leads:** Mrs C. Ramanandi, Mrs J. Traynor, Mrs Preece and Miss Turnbull
**Nominated Governors:** Mr Dan Griffin and Mrs Janeisha Sadler
**E-Safety Lead:** Mrs L. Hope

