



Newsletter



1st December 2023

Working to Learn Together

W/C 04.12.23 Menu – Week 1



Dear Parents/ Carers/ Members of the School Community,

We are heading towards one of the busiest times of year, with regular rehearsals taking place across the school, and when your office backs on to the hall you have a wealth of sounds coming through the walls! It all sounds great though!

Next week, we have a range of performances taking place during the day and in the evenings which we are really excited about. The children and staff have worked exceptionally hard to put these productions together and we hope that you enjoy them. Thank you for your support in helping and encouraging your children with costumes, practising lines and singing.

On Thursday this week, we had 'Paddy' from the This is the Coast Local Radio station who had the whole school singing some Christmas Tunes, which will be broadcast over the Christmas period. For exact times and further details please check out the Facebook Page of This is the Coast Radio.

Tomorrow, we have a group of carol singers from the Singing Club performing at St Catherine's Hospice. Thankyou to all those attending and especially to the staff and children for sparing some of their weekend to share the Christmas Spirit!

At the beginning of Advent, we are starting the countdown to Christmas; today our tree arrives in school and over the next few weeks there are lots of exciting events planned including: performance, Christmas dinner, discos and the School Christmas Fair.

Developments

Over the next three weeks we will start to introduce you to some of the changes that will be taking place in January next year. As I pointed out last week, there are three areas we are particularly focussing on:

- Vision and Values
- Presentation
- Behaviour

There will be a number of changes to communicate to you and the first round of information will come out next week when we will share our new Vision and Values with you all.

The second week we will be sharing our new Presentation arrangements in school and the last week we will give you some more information about changes to our Behaviour Policy.

PTA – AGM

Please look out next week for your invitation to the first PTA AGM which will take place at 4pm on Monday 22nd January.

Christmas Fair – Tuesday 12th December

Plans for the Christmas Fete are going ahead full steam ahead and we look forward to welcoming you into school on this date.

New Clubs for January

We are in the process of finalising some additional sporting activities for children to take part in January. We hope to be able to share some of this information with you shortly, but this will be part of our plan to provide as wide a range of opportunities as possible. Later in the year we are looking to provide additional opportunities across the curriculum. Watch this space!

Uniform and Hair

A big thankyou for supporting the implementation of the new approaches to earrings and hair. Just a reminder that earrings must be removed for all sporting activity in school, including After School Clubs.

With regards to hair, please make sure it is tied back (this applies to boys and girls) and that any hair bands etc are plain. (We will make exceptions with Christmas themed hair bands in the run up to Christmas 😊)Thankyou

Art Competition

The first of our competitions is on the theme of Winter; please note this should be a 2D piece of Art; we will cover sculpture later in the year.



Designs need to be returned to class teachers by Wednesday 13th December 2023. **Please ensure your child's name is on the back.** We look forward to seeing your entries.

Post Boxes

Post boxes will be available in school from Monday for pupil Christmas cards. If your child wishes to send Christmas cards this year, please ensure they are brought to school with the recipient's name and class marked clearly on each envelope. This will ensure all cards can be delivered correctly.

Gifts for Staff

At this time of year, you may be thinking of buying your child's teacher a small gift for Christmas, perhaps as a suggestion you could purchase a book from our Amazon Wishlist instead. Thankyou.

Best wishes, Steve Owen - Executive Headteacher

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Dates for your diary...

Saturday	2nd	10:45-12.00pm	Choir	Choir at the Hospice
Monday	4th	6pm	EYFS	EYFS Production
Tuesday	5th	6pm	Year 5	Year 5 Production
Wednesday	6th	2:45-3:30pm		Uniform Shop
		9:00-12:00pm		Flu Catch-up for missed pupils
Thursday	7th	6pm	Year 1	Year 1 Production
Friday	8th			
Monday	11th	All Day	Year 3	Roman Day
Tuesday	12th	5:00-6:30pm		Christmas Fair
		1:45-3.00pm	Class 3	Toy Project with Parents
Wednesday	13th	2:45-3:30pm		Uniform Shop
Thursday	14th	1:45-3:00pm	Class 4	Toy Project with Parents
Friday	15th			Christmas Stalls in School (Pupils only)
Monday	18th			
Tuesday	19th	10:00am	Year 3 & 4	Carol Service at St Laurence's (Parents Welcome)

		1:30pm	Year 5 & 6	Carol Service at St Laurence's (Parents Welcome)
		1:30pm	EYFS	EYFS Party
		1:30pm	Year 2	Year 2 Party
Wednesday	20th	1:30pm	Year 1	Year 1 Party
		2:45-3:30pm		Uniform Shop
		5:30-6:30pm	Year 3 & 4	Disco
		6:45-7:45pm	Year 5 & 6	Disco
Thursday	21st			Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday	22nd		All pupils	Online Pantomime
				School closes for Christmas