



Newsletter 8th December 2023



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With Work, Learn and Grow Together in God's Love

“Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God. Advent increases our hope.” Pope Francis

To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.” — Victor Hugo

Attendance Matters - Whole School Target - 96%+.

Each week we will report on the whole school attendance and individual class attendance.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Total Sept to date	96.8%	94.76%	94.38%	97.25%	96.32%	95.83%	92.88%	95.37%
This week	92.86%	98.44%	88.39%	96.59%	97%	96.12%	91.67%	94.05%

Well done to Year 3 again who are leading overall attendance and Year 4 for 100% weekly attendance - We fully understand genuine illness cannot be helped but it also highlights the importance of ensuring your child/ren do not miss school on other occasions such as holidays in term-time.

Christmas Fair - There is still one unclaimed raffle prize, please call at the school office with your raffle ticket to collect your prize. **Pale Green - 651-655**

Reception's play - I am sure the Reception parents and carers who came to watch the children in their plays this week will be delighted and very proud of our young stars. All signs of stage fright disappeared and they did both performances beautifully.

KS1 Christmas Plays - The KS1 plays are next week, the **performance being filmed is Thursday 14th @ the 2pm performance**. If you are bringing any younger siblings to this performance, we kindly request that you choose a seat near an exit so that you can withdraw quickly should be required to avoid spoiling the quality of the recording. We do still have a few spare tickets, should they be required please contact the school office. The PTFA have kindly offered to serve refreshments before the performance for a small charge. There will also be a raffle at each performance @ £1 per strip.

Cinema Trip - The cinema trip is next Friday (15th December), please can all children arrive at school promptly for registration, all children need to be in full school uniform as there are no after school clubs or PE sessions on Friday. To allow the coaches to get near to school, please can we request parents who park on Rothwell Road to vacate as soon as possible or you may get blocked in by the coaches. Children do not need to bring any snacks or sweets on the cinema trip as all children will receive a snack box at the cinema.

Last week of Term w/c 18th December - Please note that there will not be any after school clubs, keyboard or guitar lessons that week. The last lessons/sessions will be next week. Y5 swimming will still be taking place w/c 18th December.

School Admissions - If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 please apply via - <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> Please note the deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.

If you have a child or you know someone who has a child due to start Reception Class in September 2024 and would like a tour around our school, please contact Mrs MacLeod in the school office and we will arrange this.

Dates for your Diary - These dates are now showing on our 'School Calendar' on our school website, please keep an eye on there, as any updates will show on there as changes are made.

12th December - Advent Mass in Church @ 10am

13th December - KS1 Show @ 6pm (admission by ticket only, 3 tickets per family)

14th December - KS1 Show @ 2pm (admission by ticket only, 3 tickets per family) - (filmed)

15th December - Whole school cinema trip to see 'Elf'

15th December - Guitar Concert for guitar pupils @ 2pm (parents of guitar pupils welcome to join us)
20th December - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
21st December - KS2 Carol Service attended by whole school @ 2pm (All parents welcome)
21st December - School Closes for Christmas
22nd December - INSET Day
8th January 2024 - School reopens for Spring Term

