



Newsletter: Friday 13th December 2024

What a wonderful week we have had with all our Nativity plays. We've been treated to two fantastic productions this week firstly from our EYFS children who presented A King is born and then from Year 3 and 4 and their production of It's a miracle. I am always filled with a huge sense of pride watching the children perform and as always there were a few teary eyes around the hall! Thank you to you for supplying the costumes and helping with the learning of lines at home and a big thank you to the staff for the incredible work that goes in to getting these plays put together and ready – on top of all the other things that are going on.

We've had a full house this week as we have welcomed an additional 26 trainee teachers from Liverpool John Moores who have been with us each morning researching and practising behaviour strategies in schools. Thank you to Mr McLaughlin for co-ordinating all this and for his work with our trainee teachers.

Thank you to our PTA for organising the Year 6 UV Dodgeball evening on Tuesday and to Mr Brady for hosting the event. We are really lucky to have such a team who make sure we have all these extra activities for the children of the school. Mr Brady has also been busy with Football matches and New Aged Kurling! You never know we may have some future winter Olympians after taking part in this event.

Several parents have asked if they can donate the costumes to school once they have been used. We'd be very happy to receive donations of costumes that children no longer need – this will help us to organise an event next year when you can pick up costumes from school – and to hopefully stop some of the waste that naturally happens. If you do have a costume to donate, please hand in to your class teacher.

I can't believe how quickly this term is going and that we've arrived at the last week of term - our last week is looking like this:

Tuesday 17 th December	PTA Christmas Day	All day	School – Children only
Tuesday 17 th December	Santa Dash Day	All day	School – Children only
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Carols	1:30pm	Church
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner	Lunch	School – Children only
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of School	Finish at 1:30pm	

Please make sure that any adults who collect your child know that we will finish at an earlier time for Christmas on Friday.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th December. Also, on Tuesday 17th we will (weather permitting) hold our Annual Santa Dash – children can wear their Christmas jumpers and hats etc. for this or if they have Santa costumes that can be worn over uniform. Please do not buy something especially for this day. We are suggesting that children bring a £1 to take part. This will be donated to the Alder Hey charity.

Children who do not usually have a school lunch are invited to have Christmas dinner with us on Thursday 19th December. Mrs Pyper has sent out a form to book on for lunch – please book & pay by





Monday, payment can be made on the Teachers2Parents app. Please be aware that there are limited alternatives available on that day for those children who do not like Christmas dinner!

The office would like to remind parents that dinner money should be paid in advance, by Monday each week. If you would like your child to move to or from hot dinners please give the office notice at least a week in advance.

This weekend we light the third candle on our Advent wreath – the rose candle, the candle of Joy! It’s a reminder three weeks in that there is joy in our waiting for Christmas and that we are waiting for something very exciting – the birth of Jesus. It reminds us to share our joy with others. I’d like to share this poem with you about sharing the message and joy of Christmas with others: Let Me Not Keep Christmas by Linda Felver. **Let me not wrap, stack, box, bag, tie, tag, bundle, seal, keep Christmas. Christmas kept is liable to mold. Let me give Christmas away, unwrapped, by exuberant armfuls. Let me share, dance, live Christmas unpretentiously, merrily, responsibly with overflowing hands, tireless steps and sparkling eyes. Christmas given away will stay fresh—even until it comes again. Amen.**

Staff will return to school on Monday 6th January but please note they will be undertaking First Aid Training all day so voicemails and emails may not be replied to until Tuesday. Children all start again on Tuesday 7th January 2025 – gates will open at 8:45am.

PE Kit Days for next term will change to the following arrangement:

Acorn & Conker	Tuesday
Cherry & Hazle	Monday and Wednesday
Maple & Willow	Monday and Thursday
Elm	Monday and Tuesday
Beech	Tuesday and Thursday
Pine & Sycamore	Tuesday and Thursday
Birch & Cedar	Thursday and Friday
Chestnut and Oak	Monday and Wednesday

I hope you have a good weekend, I’m sure you are all in the final preparations for Christmas and there isn’t much time for sitting down!

David Delaney
Head Teacher

