



'BROADCAST

Newsletter 11: December 1st 2023

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe the end of this week is December. Thank you for coming to our 'Work Celebration Event' yesterday. You would have seen how busy the children have been and we intend to keep them focused on knowing more and remembering more right up until the end of term. This still means we will enjoy the countdown to Christmas. Every child will have been given an Advent Calendar yesterday – thank you, Tracey, for organizing this. We hope to see you at the Christmas Jumper event after school today and the Christmas Fayre next Friday. Please note, that the children have expressed their wishes to protect our environment and not to use paper unnecessarily. Therefore, again this year, we will continue to not have facilities for card exchange in school. The children will love the School Council led Talent Show on Monday 18th December and their party and dinner on Tuesday 19th December.

Music Celebration Event – Years 5/6

Year 5 have been learning the Clarinet all term and Year 6 have been participating in Samba workshops. They would love the opportunity to share the progress they have made with their instruments. I'm sure you will be impressed. They have learnt the importance of practice to improve and sometimes this takes lots of stamina and resilience. I'm sure you will agree that these are important skills for life that can help them take on new challenges without fear.

Christmas Preparations

The Reception class have begun rehearsals for the Nativity. This is a very special occasion because it will be the first time the children have performed to an audience. On Thursday, the school will attend the dress rehearsal and on Friday we open our hall to Reception families to enjoy the experience. The FRIENDS will be ready to serve you refreshments whilst your children get ready. We want them all to be calm and enjoy the experience so that a positive attitude around performance stays with them. We aim to begin around 9.15am. Thank you for your great support with costumes.

The next Big Write will be decided by each class teacher. This gives an opportunity for each year group to design a title around the work the class has been doing. This helps the children write with confidence about a subject they know well. It also gives the opportunity for assessing what has been remembered and what needs to be reinforced before long term memory has formed.



Football News

Great news! A 3-2 win against Barnwood last night. Well done to all the team and many thanks to Mr Enon.



Talent Show- Monday 18th December

The School Council have expressed their wish to organise a talent show. All children have been told about this in assembly today. Classes will audition individuals or groups of children wishing to take part. Three acts from each class will be chosen to perform in front of the school on 18th at 'Castle Hill's Got Talent!'

At previous events we have seen dancers, gymnasts, singers, musicians, magicians.

We look forward to watching our talented young people express themselves and even take themselves out their comfort zone.

FRIENDS SOCIAL CALENDAR

The 'Friends' are working really hard with organising many fun activities to raise money for our school. The Christmas Fayre is coming up on Friday 8th December at 3.15pm. The Friends are asking you to sell raffle tickets to as many family and friends as you can. Please return monies or unused books before the 8th December. These will be sent home in your child's book bag. There are many exciting prizes to be won – 1st prize is £100 so it could be you!!!!



WEEKLY NEWS: Nurse Drop-In

Tuesday 5th December

The school nurse is visiting the school on Tuesday. She will be available after school, in the Year 2 classroom, to talk to any parents wishing to share any concerns they might have about their child's well-being. There is no need to book an appointment. Please feel free to 'Drop in'. She will be available until 4.15pm.

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

- Friday 1st December – Friends Christmas Jumper Sale in the hall 3.15pm-4.15pm
- Tuesday 5th December- Reception/Year 6 Height and Weight. Nurse drop in- Year 2 classroom
- Thursday 7th December- 2.30pm Year 5/6 parents invited to music concert to see Samba and Clarinet progress.
- Friday 8th December- Reception Nativity,
- Friday 8th December- Christmas Fayre 3.15pm-4.30pm. Please come to school wearing your Christmas jumper in exchange for an item for the chocolate tombola. (Usual uniform applies-trousers/skirt/footwear).
- Friday 15th December- PAWS in
- Please accept an invitation to come dressed in your own clothes. We encourage you to donate towards our fun set up to help Tracey. Please see attached poster from the FRIENDS.
- Friday 15th December-Year 6 trip to House of Parliament
- Tuesday 19th December-Christmas Lunch and Party- Come to school dressed in your party clothes- remember clothes and shoes need to be suitable for outdoor play.
- Thursday 21st December-Term finishes at 2pm
- **Please note that all orders for school photographs for Freedom photography need to be in by Sunday 3rd December at the latest.**