



SCHOOL NEWS

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Seasons greetings to all! Christmas is only around the corner. We are sure that Santa's elves are working overtime to get everything ready. Here in school, the festivities are ramping up, with Christmas dinner and the Key Stage 2 'panto' this week and the choir will be singing Christmas songs at the Methodist Church and at Morrisons supermarket.

Please remember that when we return in the new year there is a Staff Training Day on Monday January 7th and children do not return to school until **TUESDAY 8th January**.



Worship

The Advent Pasada is travelling through school this week and will continue its journey until the end of term when it will return to church with us. The school worship is building a Jesse Tree in which the children think of key stories in the Bible as well as lighting Advent candles. We are also sending out '50 Years Christingle' charity donation envelopes this week and asking for small donations for the Children's Society. The children can bring these to church for the Christmas Service and we will add our donations to those of our church.

On Friday, we have our family worship with Rev. Nicky and would love to see you here at the school at 9.00am if you can join us and afterwards for tea and biscuits in the school hall.

Our Christmas Service this year is on Friday 21st December at 9.30am and will be led by the children. You are warmly invited to join us. Please come back with us afterwards to school and share in some Christingle cake too.

New School Awards

Congratulations to children and staff who have worked hard to achieve a Bronze Music Award for our School. A HUGE well done to all!

Before and after school supervision

We remind you that until children enter school each morning, and as soon as they are delivered back into your care at the end of the day, YOU are responsible for their supervision, even when on the school yard. We would ask that you keep your children with you and prevent them from playing playground games, as there are very young children and elderly people on the yard. Please do not let your child play football or on bikes or scooters at these times or climb on the ramps and steps to play - this is for their safety and that of other members of our school family.

Likewise, could we ask that any dogs be kept **off the playground** and that you **DO NOT** smoke or vape by the school gates please. All of these requests are in the interests of keeping our children and families safe and healthy.





We also remind parents that it is unacceptable to park on the double yellow lines or zig zags outside school to drop off children, as it greatly increases the risk of children and families being hurt – something which none of us want! Traffic wardens and police do randomly circulate.



Attendance and Start of the School Day

The school day starts at 8.45am and we would ask that you bring your child to school a few minutes before this time to enable them to enter on time. We wish to ensure that our children learn, at an early stage, how to manage their time-keeping and want to avoid the many hours of lost learning caused through lateness.

There are a few families who have special arrangements to enter through the office, and the office can get very busy with parental requests, phone calls and important administrative tasks. In the new year you may see Mrs Clowes and a team of helpers conducting random 'Late Gates' to monitor the occurrences and reasons for lateness.

We also remind parents and carers to notify us with any reasons for absence when your child is off school to fulfil safeguarding requirements.

Events

Thank you to the 'Friends' of our school, who prepared a splendid Christmas Fayre. The change of time to immediately after school was very successful and the choir sang beautifully to open the event. 'Friends' also sorted a fantastic raffle for both Christmas Nativity Performances which were lovely events - a few tears were even seen to be shed due to the beautiful singing!

This Friday, 'Friends' are 'treating' Key Stage 2 (for all of their hard work) to a panto and next week they have paid for an entertainer for the Key Stage 1 and Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas party. Thank you again 'Friends'.

Christmas Party Day is WEDNESDAY 19th December and children in all classes can come to school in party clothes if they wish. A special Party Food kitchen menu will be available on that day and I believe a certain jolly man wearing red, may pop into school in the afternoon!



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Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that you should have now received a letter regarding Parents' Evening. We are meeting parents in classrooms this year, due to the termly reports having been issued with detail on your child's progress and learning. There is the option to book a longer meeting with the teacher if you wish. Please be aware that the reply slip gave the **option** to ask for an appointment. If you have ticked a time you intend to attend, but have not selected the option for a teacher appointment, you will not have a meeting allocated as it will be assumed you are just dropping in. If you wished a specific appointment but have not received a reply slip with a designated time, please contact your child's teacher and they can arrange a time slot for you.

Specific meetings will be for 5 minutes to allow for volume of parents. If you wish for a longer appointment, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a time outside parents evening. In this way we hope to accommodate all parental needs.

New Year Snack Prices

Please be aware that there will be a slight change in some of the snack prices in the new year – they are **GOING DOWN**. New / changed prices will be as follows:

Toast - 20p

Crumpets – 30p

Juice shots – 30p

Milk – 20p

Office Hours

Please remember that the school office is not open on Wednesday afternoons. If you have an emergency, please call the school mobile on 07519 104228.

Pathways

Please see the leaflet coming out with the newsletter about Free childcare places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and showing their breakfast club and before and after school childcare services and holiday clubs.

Attendance

Class attendances last week were as follows:

Red Class: 96.8% (Well done Reds!)

Yellow Class: 97.4% (Well done Yellows!)

Green Class: 96.9% (Well done Greens!)

Blue Class: 89.6% (Oh dear Blues!)

Indigo Class 96.2% (Well done Indigos!)





Violet Class 93.5% (Come on Violets!)

Diary Dates

- 12.12.18: 10.10am: Whole School Worship with Alex Wolvers from Lichfield Diocese
12.12.18: Christmas Dinner
13.12.18: Termly Reports issued to parents and carers
14.12.18: pm: Key Stage 2 visit the pantomime
19.12.18: Party Day – **1.30pm: Key Stage 1, Reception and Pathways** with an Entertainer.
19.12.18: Kitchen party food menu
21.12.18: 9.30am: Christmas Service at St. Giles' the Abbott Church
21.12.18: Break-up for the Christmas Holiday
24.12.18: Christmas Holiday
07.01.19: School closed for staff training
08.01.19: School re-opens for Spring Term
08.01.19: Themed Book Week 'The Bear and the Piano.'
11.01.19: 9.00am Worship with Rev Nicky in school hall - all welcome
16.01.19: 1.15pm: Y5/6 Communion Preparation as requested with Rev. Nicky
18.01.19: 9.00am Worship with Rev. Nicky in school hall - all welcome
23.01.19: 1.15pm: Y5/6 Communion Preparation as requested with Rev. Nicky
25.01.19: 9.00am: Communion with Rev. Nicky – all welcome (**Y5/6 first communion**)
25.01.19: Y1/2 multi-skills event at The Cheadle Academy
01.02.19: 9.00am Worship with Rev. Nicky in school hall - all welcome
06.02.19: 9.30am CADSSA Gymnastics competition at Uttoxeter Gym Club
08.02.19: 9.00am Worship with Rev. Nicky in school hall - all welcome
14.02.19: Y3/4 CADSSA Tennis tournament at The Cheadle Academy
15.02.19: 9.00am Communion with Rev. Nicky in school hall - all welcome

KEY: FS; KS1; Y3 and Y4; Y5 and Y6; KS2; Everyone

Blessings and best wishes for a lovely Christmas and New Year

The Bishop Rawle Team

