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## FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2022

Christmas is now in full swing at school! I am so impressed to see what high quality learning is still going on in classes and how calm the children are.

Mrs Frampton

### Toys and cards

A reminder that children should not be bringing toys or cards, including Pokémon cards, in to school. Thank you

### Honeypot residential

The group of Y5s who attended the residential last week had an amazing time. There are lots of photos on Twitter if you would like to see some of the things they got up to. The children behaved impeccably and we are all very proud of them. Thank you to Mr Walsh for organising the trip and staying with the children.

### Sir Chris Chope MP

Last week our local MP visited Y5 as part of their democracy topic. They asked him some probing questions and made sure they got a substantial answer. I think we have some budding journalists in Y5!

### Carol Concert

Please come and join us on Monday at 5pm for our annual carol concert. We will be on the main playground as last year. Please wrap up warm! Refreshments will be available for a donation. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Fire Safety

Children in Year R, Y2 and Y5 had a visit from the Fire Service last week. They learnt about how to keep themselves safe. The older children were set a challenge to check their smoke alarms at home work and to plan an escape route.

### Rocksteady

We are so excited to start our Rocksteady band lessons in January. Please make sure you have signed up online if you'd like your child to take place. We still have a few fully funded places left so please email the school office if your child would like to take part but the finance is tricky. Thank you to those who have emailed so far—your child is on the list.

### Year 6 trip to the AEEC

Well done to the group of Y6 who attended the trip to the chiropractic college last week. Again, they represented our school so well and won some of the challenges too!

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### Our focus for this year

This week we talked about Advent and how hard it can be to wait for something. We have challenged the children to show patience—how are they doing at home?

### Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above. Children need to be in school every day and on time to ensure the best chance of them reaching their potential.

Please remember that where possible, medical appointments should be made out of school time and the school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.**

#### Attendance at the end of this week

Whole school: 92.7% compared to 94.4% nationally

Year 1: 93.1%

Year 2: 94.8%

Year 3: 95.4%

Year 4: 91.4%

Year 5: 92.4%

Year 6: 92.9%

### Staff changes

We are sad to announce that after 17 years, Mrs Hill, a valued member of our admin team, is retiring at the end of this term. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school and wish her an enjoyable retirement.

To try to fill the gap Mrs Hill will leave, Mrs Lucker will be taking on a new role in the admin team and Mrs Cutler has increased her hours. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Northey will be our new Receptionist from January.

### Parent Champion

All of our December slots are full now. If you would like to book in to see Tash, our Parent Champion in January please email the school office.

Date: Wednesday 18th January  
9.30 and 10.30am available.

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### Kitchen update

We are so excited that our new kitchen will be open next week. I am sorry this will be Tuesday (so 1 more day of packed lunches) but Mrs Barnes needs some time to set up. We would like to thank Mark and his army of builders and trades who have worked so hard to ensure it was completed on time and to a high standard.

### Christmas jumper day

Remember—next Friday, 9th December is our Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Please bring £1 if you are wearing your festive jumper. Children should still wear school uniform—it is only the jumper that is different. Thank you.

### Reminder—school closed

A reminder that we close on Thursday 15th December at the usual times. The school is closed on the 16th for a staff training day.

### Holiday Club

We are running a holiday club again through Premier Education in the first week of the Christmas holiday. This is FREE for children in receipt of free school meals. A link has been sent via Marvellous Me to book on. There are a few spaces left—please book now to avoid disappointment.

### Uniform

Please remember we have a large stock of pre loved uniform items available for a small donation. Please call Mrs Luker in the office if you need anything for the new term.

### Pop up shop—everything costs NOTHING!

On Friday 9th December 1.45-2.45pm, we are opening our pop up shop in the school hall where you can help yourselves to:

- wrapping paper
- high quality children's gifts
- uniform
- toiletries
- other helpful items

Tracy Blick from the Foodbank will be there to offer help for the Christmas period. We have worked hard to do all we can to support for Christmas so we really hope you can make it.  
It really will be FREE!

**Date of next newsletter—Thursday 15th December 2022**

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