



FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023

Happy December! How is it that time already? The temperatures seem to have plummeted so please ensure your child has a coat in school every day. As part of our risk assessments, children may not be able to go outside without a coat at break or lunch if it is too cold.

Mrs Frampton

Christmas Carol Concert

Please come and join us on Monday 4th December at 5pm for our annual carol concert. We will be on the main playground as last year. Please wrap up warm! Refreshments such as mince pies, hot chocolate and mulled wine will be available for a donation. We look forward to seeing you there.
Wrap up warm!!!

Swimming

Well done to Year 3 who have completed their swimming block and made such great progress. Year 5 and 6 will swim in the Summer Term at Littledown Leisure Centre.

Trips and visits

Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Science Centre and behaved really well. Thank you for all the donations that made this trip possible.
We are really pleased to inform you that The Priory Church have given us a really generous donation which will enable us to cover the costs of transport for one trip per year group this year. We are so grateful to them as this will make trips so much more affordable for you as parents.

Holiday food vouchers

BCP are continuing to provide food vouchers for the holidays and these will be issued from school as usual. They will be issued on Friday 8th December which will give you time to raise any queries with the school before we close on the 15th. Unfortunately, there will not be anyone able to resolve any queries over the holidays so please check you have

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Important Dates

We close for Christmas on Friday 15th Dec at the usual times.
Tuesday 2nd January is a staff training day and school is closed to children.
Wednesday 3rd January, school reopens at the usual time.

Year 4 brass lessons

A huge well done to Year 4 as they have worked really hard to learn how to play their brass instruments. I know some enjoyed taking them home and showing off their new skills to people at home. We hope it wasn't too noisy!

Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

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

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	92.3%	94.7%
2	95.3%	95.1%
3	94.0%	95.4%
4	94.5%	95.2%
5	92.8%	95.0%
6	94.5%	95.2%

That means across the whole school, 92 children have met or exceeded our target of 96% attendance! Congratulations to those children!

Nativity performances

Reception, Y1 and Y2 are looking forward to showing you their nativity performances next week. If you haven't got a ticket, please speak to your child's class teacher.

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Christmas plans in school

Monday 27th November - Decorate the school afternoon

Wednesday 29th November – Elves arrived in each class

Monday 4th December at 5pm - Carol Concert on the playground

Monday 4th-Friday 8th December – Leg it to Lapland challenge—can you walk, scoot or cycle to school each day to help us reach Lapland ?

Wednesday 6th December – Morning nativity performance to parents

Thursday 7th December – Afternoon nativity performance to parents

Friday 8th December - Christmas Jumper Day **£1 for Save the Children**

Monday 11th December – YR, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Christmas lunch

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas services at High Cross Church morning

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas parties across school

Wednesday 13th December – Y4, Y5 and Y6 Christmas lunch

Friday 15th December – Non uniform day for **Foodbank**

Friday 15th December – Hopefully a special visitor will arrive!

Mission Christmas

We have applied to Mission Christmas again and will hopefully receive some toys and games which we can share with you. We will let you know when we know!

Date of next newsletter

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