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Week 14 Newsletter

Monday 11th December 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. The weeks are absolutely flying by at the moment, aren't they? School is absolutely buzzing with excitement for Christmas 2023! Please note that all of our clubs for 2023 have now finished- a massive thank you to all club leaders for the excellent job that they do! The children always love the range of activities and we're excited to share our new list for Spring 1 on an attachment and the website alongside this newsletter! The next batch will launch at 2pm on the INSET day in January (Monday 8th). We want to say a massive well done to our Y3 boys' dodgeball team who gave it their best 'shot' last week at PGS and had a blast! The Pantomime, *Snow White* this year, was amazing and everyone had a wonderful afternoon as we continue to feel even more festive with each passing week! We have been blown away by the quantity and quality of raffle prizes that have come into school now- the updated prize list is attached! Please do keep selling those tickets and let's make this year our best ever fundraiser! The class hampers are coming together nicely but we need them to be finalised for next Tuesday if we could request a final push on items please! Lastly, thank you also for supporting the tea-towel fundraiser! We had just 6 left when I looked at lunch time today! We may be able to order more but we suspect the additional order won't arrive until Christmas. We will keep you updated!

Parent View Outcomes: As stated last week, we were delighted with the feedback from families in our recent questionnaire. There were so many heartfelt thanks and positive comments about the school and our team- thank you! Please see below for a few themes that we wanted to share. We will discuss these with leaders, staff and Governors as well as at our School Council meetings. We may even launch a few Twitter polls for wider views on these elements of the school! Here are those comments:

- Parents' evening is useful for where a child is 'at' but would like more time/support on how to help at home to help them to go further.
- Behaviour system- this is positive but do some children follow it for fear of being seen as badly behaved rather than making the right choices?
- Are the merit systems applied consistently? How do staff check these?
- Should the School council membership be changed more often- perhaps termly?

Staffing News: We are delighted to confirm that we appointed Mrs K Coulton to the role of Teaching Assistant last week following a successful recruitment process. Mrs Coulton will work with our SEND Nursery pupils in the morning session and undertake phonics and speech interventions in the afternoons. It was great to have so many strong applicants and a very competitive recruitment process too as we know many schools are struggling to recruit at this time. Welcome to the team, Mrs Coulton, we look forward to working with you in January and beyond!

Christmas Shows: EYFS shows are not ticketed but there is a 4-person limit per child for each show. Tickets for Y1-Y6 shows were sent out two weeks ago and we have a waiting list for any extras. Please return any unwanted tickets ASAP. **Please note that any children who attend the shows need to stay with their parents at all times.** Any non-school aged children need to be positioned near the exit doors and we would ask that you step out of the hall with them please if they become distressed so that everyone can enjoy the shows that have been prepared. Please note that, as always, photographs and videos can be taken of the shows but no images should be shared any wider **unless they only feature your own child.** Could we ask that Y3 and Y4 return at 5.30pm on Wednesday and Y5 and Y6 at 6.45pm please? Y3/4 will be finished and ready for collection at 6.45pm and Y5/6 at 7.45pm. We will not open the doors for any show until 15 minutes before so please be conscious of this and the poor weather. At the end of the F2 afternoon show on Friday, F2 pupils and any siblings may be collected slightly early- probably at around 2.40pm.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Regards

Mr L McClure and Mrs R Fearn

Executive Headteacher and Head of School

Key Dates	Weekly Stats and Info
Dinner Menu: Week 3 menu Wellbeing Theme: Friends and Family Music of the Week: Christmas Carols Wednesday 13 th : KS2 shows at 9.30am and 6pm (Y3/4) and 10.30am and 7pm (Y5/6) Thursday 14 th : KS1 shows at 10.30am and 2.30pm Friday 15 th : Nursery show (10.30am) F2 shows 11am and 2pm	Attendance last week: 96.9% Late marks last week: 2 Class of the week: Y2 Magpies with 100% GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99.3%

