



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Where we care about our learning and each other"

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Important Dates For Your Diary:

Monday 9th December

KS2 Indoor Athletics

Wednesday 11th December

KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 12th December

Digital Safety for Parents 3.30pm

Friday 13th December

PTFA Christmas Present Shopping (in School)

Tuesday 17th December

KS1 Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December

KS2 Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December

Y3 Carol Concert 11am Last Day of Term

Parking

Please could we remind all parents, that parking in the school car park is only for people who have direct permission or blue badge holders.

When parking in the car park, please be mindful of where you are parking. We need to ensure that there is a clear pathway in and out, at all times. In addition, that pathway must be wide enough for an emergency vehicle to have access.

We appreciate that there is a growing need for spaces however, with a little understanding from everyone using the car park, we will be able to ensure spaces and access to one another at all times.

Please also remember that your speed should be between 5-10mph in the car park and no more.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Lateness

We are seeing an increase in children arriving late into school. Our school day begins at 8.55am and this is when lessons begin. The gates open at 8.45am to allow a soft start. It is really important that all children are in school and ready to learn at 8.55am, so that they do not miss any of their valuable learning opportunities.

Lateness in Primary School can have a significant impact on both the child and the classroom environment. When a child is late, they miss important parts of the school day, such as morning routines, key instructions or the start of lessons, which can leave them feeling unsettled and unprepared. Over time, frequent lateness can affect their academic progress, as consistent disruptions make it harder to grasp new concepts and develop good learning habits.

Lateness also impacts the wider class as interruptions can disrupt the flow of teaching and learning. Moreover, it can create additional work for teachers, who may need to repeat instructions or help latecomers catch up. Beyond academics, being late can affect a child's social relationships, as they miss out on valuable time to connect with peers during morning activities.

Punctuality helps children develop responsibility and respect for others time, setting them up for success in school and later life. Parents and carers play a vital role in promoting punctuality and ensuring children start the day calm, focused and ready to learn.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

| MINUTES LATE Per day | EQUIVALENT OF MISSING | HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 5 MINUTES | 3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR | 17 LESSONS | |
| 10 MINUTES | 6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR | 35 LESSONS | |
| 15 MINUTES | 10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR | 51 LESSONS | |
| 20 MINUTES | 13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR | 69 LESSONS | |
| 30 MINUTES | 20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR | 104 LESSONS | |

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PTFA Corner

A huge thank you to everyone that came along on Friday and supported our Christmas Fair.

Seeing the 'tree-mendous' excitement on the children's faces, makes all the hard work that goes into an event like this worthwhile.

If you won a prize in the raffle, you will have been contacted today. We will also announce the total raised once it has been counted!

We are onto our final event of 2024, which is the children's Christmas Shopping Event on Friday.

Thank you for all of your support with the events this term. It is always a busy one but once again, you have all made it worthwhile.

Year 4 Brass Concert

On Friday, our Y4 children were the first class to showcase their musical talents, with their end of tuition 'Brass Concert'

It is always amazing to see how far the children come in just 10 weeks of lessons.

Their performance was fantastic and it was lovely to see their sense of pride and enjoyment. Well done Y4!

Look Who's Talking! 2025

We are delighted to be taking part in this years 'Look Who's Talking!' Oracy Competition.

It is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their speaking and communication skills.

The competition is open to children in Year One to Year Six, and they can talk about absolutely anything for a 2 minute slot!

Today's assembly was all about this opportunity and many of the children are really excited.

The competition is open for everyone (Y1-Y6) to enter, and we would love to see as many children as possible have a go.

Letters are coming home with the children today, which explains the initiative in full.

It is important to note that we will not be working on this in school. If children would like to enter, they will need to work on it at home.

Please return your reply slips before the end of term, so we know how many children are taking part.

We can't wait to see what topics they come up with!

Value Certificates

Year Reception

Amy has shown the value of <u>respect</u> by helping her classmate remember to say thank you when walking to the Church.

Year 1

Albie has shown the values of <u>responsibility</u> and <u>respect</u> by always being first to the carpet and showing he is ready to learn. He is a fantastic role model.

Year 2

Ben for being a wonderful <u>mathematician</u> by using the dots to draw 2D shapes.

Year 3

Arthur for being a wonderful <u>dodgeballer</u> by using the skills we have learnt to be effective in a game situation.

Year 4

Harvey for being a wonderful <u>historian</u> by writing a non-chronological report all about the Ancient Greeks.

Year 5

Austin has shown the value of <u>responsibility</u> by always being ready to listen and learn, staying on task and being a great role model to others.

Year 6

Eddie for being a wonderful writer by writing brilliant letters as Ernest Shackleton and really understanding the vocabulary in the 1900's.

WELL DONE EVERYONE

Menu Change

As it is the Christmas Lunches next week, there will be no roast dinner on Wednesday.

The menu choices for Wednesday will be the Thursday menu: beef pasta bake, baked bean hot pot or a jacket potato.

Digital Safety Session

A reminder that this is on Thursday in the school hall and is for both parents and children.

If you haven't done so already, please let the office know if you are coming so we have a rough idea of numbers.

We look forward to seeing you there.

