



Newsletter – December 2019

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Dates for the diary

3/12/19 – Y5/Y6 netball at Hungerhill

4/12/19- Christmas fayre 3.45-5.15

10/12/19 – 10.00 and 2.00: KS2 Christmas concert

11/12/19- 10.00 and 2.00: FS2/KS1 nativity

13/12/19- Flu immunisation administered by School Nursing Services

16/12/19-20/12/19 –**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK**

17/12/19- Whole school visit to CAST for the pantomime 10.00

18/12/19 – Christmas dinner / Christmas jumper day

19/12/19 – Stay and play sessions for current nursery children – am and pm sessions

20/12/19 – 9.30 Pupil of the term assembly

20/12/19 – Christmas party afternoon. School closes at 3.30 for the Christmas holidays

6/1/20 – School reopens after the Christmas holiday

21/1/20- Y3 visit to the Video Game Museum

3/2/20 – Y6 at Crucial Crew

10/2/20- 3.45 Meeting for Y2 parents – SATS

11/2/20 – Safer Internet Day

12/2/20 – Discos: FS2/KS1 3.00-4.00/KS2 4.15-5.15

14/2/20 – School closed for training day and for February half term

24/2/20 – School reopens after the half term break

26/2/20- Y2 visit to Clifton Park Museum

3/3/20 – FS2 visit to Anston Butterfly House

4/3/20- Y1 recycling workshop

5/3/20- World book Day – Conrad Burdekin in school for assembly

6/3/20 – Y5 Future Flyers event and graduation in the afternoon

10/3/20 – Y4 visit to Newark Civil War Museum

13/3/20 – Sport Relief Day

17/3/20 – Y5 visit to Castleton

18/3/20-20/3/20- Challenge Partners review of the school


23/3/20- Open afternoon for FS2 and KS1 1.00-4.00

24/3/20 – Open evening 4.00-6.30

25/3/20 – Open afternoon for KS2 1.00-4.00

Attendance Matters

Our school target remains at 97% for this year. Last year we finished at 95.6% and rates of persistent absence were higher than we would have liked. This is when children have less than 90% attendance for the year. Term-time holidays make a significant contribution to this and we request that you try to avoid these as much as possible please. At the end of the week 11 we have an attendance figure of 95.7% which is below target and declining and a Persistent Absence figure of 14.5% which unfortunately is increasing.



	Cohort	YTD % Attendance	% PA	No. of Lates	No. of Attendance Increases or 100%	% of Class with an Increase or 100%	Weekly % Attendance	Weekly % Attendance RANK	YTD % Attendance RANK
Attenborough	20	95.4%	10.0%	7	14	70.0%	92.5%	3	5
Hawking	24	96.0%	16.7%	3	23	95.8%	95.8%	2	3
Holly	26	95.0%	11.5%	2	23	88.5%	91.5%	5	6
Mandela	28	96.9%	10.7%	16	24	85.7%	92.1%	4	1
Turing	24	95.9%	16.7%	12	22	91.7%	97.5%	1	4
Nightingale	27	96.5%	18.5%	10	22	81.5%	91.5%	6	2
Parks	25	94.3%	16.0%	18	15	60.0%	81.2%	7	7

The chart above shows attendance at the end of week 11. Our best attenders were Turing class (Y3) on 97.5%. Unfortunately, last week attendance was hit by a couple of different bugs going around. Looking at the year to date, Mandela class are in the lead at 96.9% followed by Nightingale class (Y2) on 96.5%. Hawking class (Y6) are in third place with 96%. Most classes have recorded figures above 95% which is encouraging but which will hopefully continue to improve. Come on Parks class – let's try to raise your attendance figure as well. Persistent absence rates have escalated in all year groups to levels well above the target maximum of 85. Mrs. Williams, our attendance lead, is currently contacting specific families and seeking further advice from Astrea and EWO to address these issues. It is really important to engage and attend any attendance meetings you are invited to so that we can work together on this.





BREAKFAST CLUB

New Menu
 Toast * Cereal * Fresh Fruit * Crumpets * Pancakes *
 Fruit juice * Milk

Activities
 Colouring * Football * Dodgeball * Arts and crafts *
 Table tennis



PIC-COLLAGE
 From 7:45am £2.50 per day

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Our Junior Leadership Team have met for the first time. They are headed by our Pupil Principals – Isla Frith and Micheala Peat. They will be helping to make sure pupil voice is heard and will be ensuring that our core values are upheld. All of the pupils chosen write letters of application and were interviewed by the Principal and Assistant Principals. They will work with School council to decide on projects for the student body to work on this year, making a difference to their school.



Y1 certainly looked the part at their recent Tudor banquet at Gainsborough Old Hall. This is just one example of how we help to bring learning to life for our children. There are lots more photographs and videos shared through our class blogs via the website and on our Twitter page. Please follow us.

Christmas in school

Please come along this week on Wednesday 4th December for our **Christmas fayre**. As usual Santa has proved to be very popular but there will also be numerous stalls, games, refreshments and a raffle to enjoy. Choir will be singing during the course of the afternoon. Doors open at 3.45 and the event will run through until 5.15. All the money raised will continue to be added to our Project Playground.

Thank you for your ticket purchases already for the concerts next week. KS2 will be performing Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol on Tuesday 10th December at 10.00 and 2.00 whilst FS2 and KS1 perform It's A party on Wednesday 11th December at 10.00 and 2.00. We look forward to welcoming you into school on those days to enjoy what I'm sure will be memorable performances to get you into the festive spirit. Details of our filming/photography guidelines can be found on our website.

Christmas dinner will be served from our brand new kitchen on Wednesday 18th December. We are also making this our Christmas jumper day to add to the festive feel. It would be great to see everyone having a Christmas dinner that day and joining in the fun with all of the staff. Please order as soon as possible so we can cater accordingly.

The whole school are going to CAST on Tuesday 17th December to see their latest pantomime –Cinderella– for the 10.00 performance. It would be great to see everyone coming along so that we don't have to leave anyone behind in school. Please ensure slips and payments are sent in as soon as possible.

Parties are being held on the final afternoon of term – Friday 20th December. Party clothes may be brought into school for changing into for the afternoon.

News Updates

Work on the new **kitchen** is now almost complete. The fitting out of the new kitchen will be complete this week and the cooks will be carrying out a deep clean and having training around the use of the new equipment so that it is operational on Monday of next week. It would be great to see more families taking up the dinners provided in school now that we have invested in this great new facility. Thank you for your patience and support during the works, particularly this week while we have no facilities to cook on site.

If you have any nursery aged children or know anyone who have nursery aged children, then please book a place on our forthcoming **nursery stay and play sessions on Thursday 19th December**. These are being organised by SportWorks and are designed to fit around your current nursery sessions. There will be an opportunity for you and your children to view the school, meet the staff and have a taster of our provision to inform applications being made for September 2020 reception places.

Work will commence soon on replacing the **Y2 and Y3 toilets**. This work is much needed to bring these facilities in line with those elsewhere in school.