



15th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are nearing the end of term and have had a very festive week this week. The children in EYFS have performed so beautifully in their productions and we are hugely proud of them. We also had the Christmas Concert with the Choir and City of Coventry Brass Band. Once again, this was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who took part. Some of our Year 6 children sang at the hospital last week and it was a delight to both see and hear - visitors to the hospital and staff were very moved as were we. Thank you to all of the staff who have supported the children, we appreciate the time and effort they give which allows the children to have these opportunities. A final thank you to all of the parents/carers/grandparents etc... who have also helped the children to have such fantastic experiences.



Further concerts



The City of Coventry Brass Band who performed here this week are also performing on Thursday 21st December from 7pm at the Coundon Social Club, Shornccliffe Road, Coventry CV6 1GP. Admission to this is free and all are welcome to what will be a lovely performance of Christmas carols and festive music.

Year 6 will also be performing carols at the Risen Christ church next week, on Tuesday and Wednesday from 6pm. This is always a wonderful way to end the term.

Christmas Appeal

The Risen Christ church have collected all of the 'Bags of Kindness' that were donated. Over 180 bags were donated and we would like to thank you for your generosity. This will have a huge impact on our immediate community and make such a difference to our wider school family. We are waiting for the foodbank to collect the food donations. Last year over 300kg was donated and we are hoping to beat this amount!



Christmas Day in a Day



Wyken 'Christmas Day in a Day' will be on Thursday 21st December, the last day of term. The children can come dressed in their pyjamas or party clothes and will be having hot chocolate or squash and biscuits, as well as a traditional Christmas dinner. Please make sure you order a Christmas dinner for your child using the link in the letter that has been sent separately today.

Staffing

We welcome back Miss Pierce who has returned from maternity leave and has re-joined Year 5. We also welcome Mr Chaston who has begun work as a sports coach here.



We are saying goodbye at the end of next week to Mr Dewis and Mrs Stevens who are moving onto new adventures. Mrs Stevens has been a fantastic teacher in her time here and has supported many of our younger children in her role as class teacher. She has also worked tirelessly to develop Phonics teaching across the school. Mr Dewis has supported many children and families in his role as

Assistant Head teacher. I am sure you will join us in wishing them well as they move on to new challenges.

Reception Admissions 2024

The closing date for applications for school places in Reception for September 2024 is January 15th 2024. Please be aware that your child will not automatically be offered a place in Reception even if they currently attend either School or Phoenix Nursery. A place must be applied for using the following link <http://www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions> or alternatively, call 02476 975445 to make your application over the phone. A paper application form is also available from the school office. This will need to be completed and returned to the office for submission to the Local Authority. If you need any support with this form, please contact the school office or our Pastoral Team.



Personal Health



We have had a number of reports of head lice in school this term. We do send out alerts to individual year groups but would also suggest the following that may help:

- Ensure longer hair is tied back – this is important for many reasons, including PE
- Comb through hair with conditioner and a nit comb when wet on a regular basis, this may prevent the need for a chemical treatment

Please also see the NHS information about treatment and prevention using the following link [nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits).

We are currently in the process of putting together some conditioner and comb kits which will be available free of charge from the office.

Make Up

Please could we remind you that make up is not permitted as part of our school uniform.



Parking

Unfortunately, we have had a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking and rudeness. Whilst we appreciate the parking situation is difficult at drop off and picking up times, we would ask all of our parents to be considerate when parking and not to block resident's drives. We thank you for your support with this.



End of Term



School finishes on **Thursday, 21st December** for the Christmas holidays. School will re-open to all children on **Tuesday 9th January** (Monday 8th January is a Teacher Training Day and school will be closed to all pupils.)

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs G Franklin
Headteacher

