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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 5th December



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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wrote to you all separately today to inform you that we have a very exciting visitor coming to see us in school on 16th December. Santa will be in Knotty Ash Primary for the whole afternoon on this date. Bookings are available for families to see Santa from 2pm. Booking slots are limited, so please book early to ensure your place. Price is £2.00 per child.

During the afternoon of the 16th, Santa will visit all of our children at Knotty Ash, so please don't panic if you are unable to book a time, the children will all get the chance to meet him.

booking is via the school office; please see additional letter which details how to do this.



I was compelled to write to you earlier today regarding the sickness bug that is prominent in school currently. I just wanted to follow this up with a word in our newsletter too. Please be assured that as a school we are taking every measure possible to ensure the spread of the virus is kept to a minimum. We are assessing this situation on a daily basis and responding when required. Unfortunately, there are times every year when viruses like this spread. As a school we will always ensure that we are doing the upmost to keep your children safe. As a family, you can support us in this by ensuring that you keep your child off school 48 hours after their last episode.

If things change or we feel we need to take further action, we will keep parents informed.



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Christmas hamper collection.

We are collecting donations that could be used for our Christmas hamper raffle, which we will be selling tickets for starting next week. If you would like to make a donation of unopened food, drink or gift items, they would be very warmly received by the school office. We will then be using these items to make up our raffle prizes.

We will also be adding to these donations with gifts from local businesses. More information on the raffle will follow next week.

School calendar - Autumn Term 2

- 8th Dec - 2pm Reception class Christmas performance
- 9th Dec - 9.30am Y5/6 Christmas performance
- 9th Dec - 2pm Y3/4 Christmas performance
- 10th Dec - 9.30am KS1 Christmas performance
- 10th Dec - 2pm Y5/6 Christmas performance
- 11th Dec - 9.30am Y3/4 Christmas performance
- 11th Dec - 2pm KS1 Christmas Performance
- 12th Dec - 9.30am Nursery Christmas performance
- 16th Dec - Whole school Christmas church service
- 17th Dec - Christmas dinner & jumper day
- 18th Dec - Classes Christmas parties / own clothes day
- 19th Dec - School finishes at 1.30pm for Christmas

Please be aware, the school diary is subject to change, so please keep an eye on the dates in future newsletters.

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Attendance

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL ABSENCE PROCEDURES

- Please inform the school office before 8.40am if your child will be absent from school
- You may be asked to supply medical evidence such as medication or appointment letters
- Please arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible
- If you have not contacted school, Mrs Ashcroft will contact you to find out the reason for absence
- Mrs Ashcroft/Mrs Kehoe may contact you at the end of the school day to enquire about your child and discuss their return to school the following day
- Mrs Ashcroft will continue to contact you each day that your child is absent to check in and offer support where possible

Honesty and Integrity

Being open and honest about your child's absences - including holidays - is key to building trust and supporting their learning. Clear communication helps to keep accurate records, plan for missed work and offer the right emotional support when they return. Our attendance ethos means that every child is welcomed warmly back to school and checked in with, but this can only happen if we understand the reason for their time away.

Punctuality reminder

8.00am - Breakfast Club opens

8.40am - Doors open

8.50am - School day begins

9.00am - School gates close

*Children are classed as being late if they arrive any time after 8.50am. After this time the children are missing the start of their day which includes: wellbeing check-in with teachers, feedback on learning, basic skills interventions and the start of lessons such as phonics and English.



Appointments

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that pupil learning time is protected. Please arrange medical and other appointments outside of the school day - either after school or during the school holidays. We understand that some appointments are unavoidable, but frequent absences during lessons can disrupt your child's progress and the rhythm of the school day. By scheduling outside of school hours, you help us maintain continuity and give your child the best chance to thrive.

Class attendance winners this week...

YEAR 3 - 98.61%

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Class News

Nursery



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas 🎵🎅
We have had a busy week singing and signing our Christmas songs. We also dressed up as characters from the Nativity Story and acted out the story. We have been doing lots of Christmas arts and crafts, we have made cards and baubles to hang on the tree. We welcomed two little Elf friends who arrived from the North Pole - Elvis and Elsie. They have been watching to see if we are being kind and helpful, so they can report back to Santa ★★★★★

Reception

In mathematics, the children have been looking at day time and night time and at their routines for morning and night! They have also finished off their shape topic by making their own shapes out of lolly sticks and counting the corners and sides!

In literacy, the children have read the jolly postman and have been writing their own letters to Father Christmas! They have also loved playing in our new Christmas area in the classroom!



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Class News

Inf. DRB

It may only be the first week of December, but the Christmas spirit has already arrived in our classroom! We have had a wonderful time decorating our class Christmas tree together, and we've begun exploring our festive story with Ann. We've also been practising the signs for our Christmas songs and working incredibly hard to get ready for our upcoming performances.

We can't wait to share all the magic with you soon!



Year 1



This week the children have loved practising on stage for their Christmas performances next week. In English, we've been reading the story Knuffle Bunny which they all enjoyed especially the images. Next week, we will be writing simple stories based off our story this week. In Maths, we've continued looking at subtraction securing their understanding using objects and number lines. During our Computing lesson, the children created their own digital Christmas pictures.

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Year 2

Year 2 are working at breakneck speed at the moment! We have all of our academic learning goals to meet as normal, but also lots and lots of singing and signing practice for our Christmas show which is just around the corner. Not only that, but a cheeky elf had itself delivered to our classroom and it seems determined to make a nuisance of itself! I hope none of you have any cheeky elves at home? Have a great weekend everyone.



Year 3



We have had a great week in Y3 learning about Liverpool and trying our hand at being tour guides because we are proud of our city just like Levi Tefari. We have begun looking at addition and subtraction in Maths putting our Place Value skills to good use when adding and subtracting 1's and 10's from three digit numbers. We have also worked hard to prepare for our Christmas Performance.

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Year 4

Year 4 have had a really good week. They have used manipulatives in maths to help with their place value topic. They have begun to explore poetry in English and have been making their own ideas for their own magic boxes. They explored how shadows can change in science carrying out an investigation. They have also spent some time practising the Christmas performance both in the hall and in class. They have also enjoyed some fine motor practice as a whole class at the end of the week.



Year 5



This week Year 5 have been working tremendously hard rehearsing their lines and signs for their Christmas Play, we are really looking forward to performing it next week for our families! This week also marked our final swimming lesson for Year 5! The children have gained so much confidence in the water and will be presented with their swimming certificates next week to celebrate their success. In Maths, we have been continuing to work on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 using place value charts to support our understanding. It has been a busy week but we even managed to squeeze in some time to decorate our class Christmas tree for the holidays!

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Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard this week and their Christmas play is coming together really well. I have been impressed by how they have been working together this week. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting fractions by finding common denominators. They have been working together to teach each other and have now mastered this skill brilliantly! In English, we have been looking at mental health poetry and writing our own versions of the poem 'thought machine'. Year 6 have been using onomatopoeia, personification and alliteration to create some beautiful descriptions. Well done Year 6!



Jun. DRB

This week, children from our DRB proudly represented our school at the Merseyside Deaf Schools Bowling Championships. The event was organised by James Dixon, a well-known deaf sports leader who works across Merseyside to create exciting sporting opportunities for Deaf children and young people. His commitment to inclusion and fun shone through the whole day.

Our children had an amazing time taking part, cheering each other on, and showing brilliant teamwork. They also enjoyed meeting lots of new Deaf friends from other schools, making the event not only competitive but wonderfully social. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow as they bowled, chatted, and celebrated together. Well done to everyone who took part!



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Have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Mr. England

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