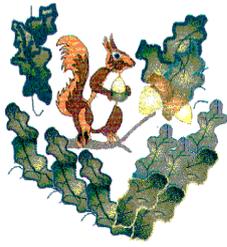


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Christmas News in School

Dear Parents and Carers,



Monday saw the school overrun with elves! Thankfully they were wonderful elves, not naughty elves. It was a joyful start to a Christmas filled week. The event was in support of the Alzheimer's Society - Thank you for supporting the fun and contributing what you could afford.

PTA Santa's Grotto and Christmas Fair

A big thank you to Mrs Lavelle and her trusty band of committed PTA helpers who transported the magic of Christmas – through a guest appearance of Santa. I am not sure how Mrs Lovelle got hold of Santa's contact numbers but we are very glad she did. It was wonderful to share in the children's delight as they got to meet this very important guest in school.

The week moved on to present EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity performances



Dormice enchanted their parents with their enactment of the Nativity story whilst Otters and Hedgehogs had us metaphorically dancing in the aisles (or at least on our seats) with their rendition of Lights, Camel, Action.

Key Stage 2 concluded our Christmas reflections, with the carol service. Again, centring our minds to the story of Christmas and the sounds of Christmas with a range of new Christmas carols/songs to sing. Well done to all the children. They are phenomenal and we are very proud of them all.

Illness and Scarlet Fever Update

Whilst we have heard less, in the last few days, about scarlet fever, please do be vigilant to the symptoms and seek medical advice if you are concerned.

Scarlet Fever and Strep A (GAS)

SCARLET FEVER AND STREP A

There has been a higher number of scarlet fever cases than usual for this time of year. Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness but is highly infectious. Scarlet fever is caused by a bacteria called group A streptococci (GAS) which can cause other respiratory and skin infections, including impetigo (a skin infection where small pustules join to form crusty yellow sores), tonsillitis and pharyngitis (sore throat).

There has also been a rise in lower respiratory tract Strep A infections over the past few weeks, which in some children can cause severe illness if the bacteria enters the blood stream. The most serious infections come from invasive group A strep, known as iGAS. Whilst iGAS infections are still uncommon, there has been an increase in cases this year, particularly in children under 10 and, sadly, a small number of deaths.

It is important, therefore, to treat children with signs of group A strep infections, like scarlet fever.

Scarlet fever symptoms to look out for include:



What to do if a child is unwell

If a child becomes seriously unwell, parents should be advised to contact 111 or their GP, particularly if the child's condition is getting worse, they are eating or drinking less, have a temperature above 39 degrees and are tired or irritable. Please only attend A&E in an emergency.

Parents are advised to call 999 or go to A&E if:

- The child is having difficulty breathing or there are changes in their breathing, for example pauses
- Skin, tongue, and lips are blue
- Is floppy and will not wake up or unable to stay awake

PE Timetable for Next Term

Monday	
Tuesday	Hedgehogs, Dormice, Bats
Wednesday	Otters, Robins, Foxes, Owls
Thursday	Hedgehogs, Otters, Robins, Owls
Friday	Dormice, Bats, Foxes

We return to school on Wednesday 4th January so children in Otters, Robins, Foxes and Owls should arrive in their PE kits please.

Staffing update

As we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Knox, Mr Ardito, Mrs Reid and Miss Dixon I can confirm that Mrs Hill will be leading teaching and learning in Year 2 (Otters) and Mrs Parkin (an experienced supply teacher) will be leading teaching and learning in Year 3 (Robins). We are currently advertising for permanent teaching replacements. I will continue to update you as we progress through the recruitment process.

Attendance update

Illness levels have remained high this week. We really hope that the holidays give everyone a chance to recharge their batteries and that 2023 bring better health for all. We absolutely do not wish to see unwell children coming to school – being looked after at home is the place to be, but would ask that you continue to do all that you can to avoid unnecessary absence from school where ever you are able. Please remember to advise us if your contact details change. If your child becomes unwell in school, they will wish us to be in touch with you as soon as possible - as much as we will do our best to care for your child, we are a poor substitute for family support!

This week's attendance – whole school 80.95%

Group	No. of Students	Maximum No. of possible attendances	Total Absences				Total Attendances		Total No. of Students who were absent on one or more session		% Unauth. Absentees
			Authorised		Unauthorised		No.	%	Auth.	Unauth.	
			No.	%	No.	%					
Year Group Reception	30	300	78	26.00	0	0.00	222	74.00	15	0	0.00
Year Group 1	26	260	9	3.46	10	3.85	241	92.69	5	1	3.85
Year Group 2	28	280	63	22.50	6	2.14	211	75.36	11	3	10.71
Year Group 3	23	230	13	5.65	12	5.22	205	89.13	4	2	8.70
Year Group 4	30	300	37	12.33	6	2.00	257	85.67	7	3	10.00
Year Group 5	22	220	52	23.64	10	4.55	158	71.82	9	1	4.55
Year Group 6	30	300	44	14.67	20	6.67	236	78.67	9	4	13.33
Totals	189	1890	296	15.66	64	3.39	1530	80.95	60	14	7.41

Whole School Attendance for Terms 1 & 2 -

Totals	189	25202	1504	5.97	261	1.04	23437	93.00	156	47	24.87
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The high level of illness seen over the past few weeks has taken its toll on whole school attendance. It currently sits at 93%, so we have a little catching up to do if we are to achieve the DfE/Ofsted target for good schools which is 96%. Please help us to achieve that Ofsted 'good' expectation. Thank you.

Winter weather

It is essential that all children arrive to school every day with an outdoor coat. In the event of really cold weather, such as that seen this week, hats, scarfs and gloves are highly recommended to keep the children warm during outdoor play.

If the school needs to close...

If due to close weather, or heating malfunctions, or frozen pipes (or any other reason) we are unable to open the school, we will advise you of this in a number of ways.

- We will update the school website – displaying a rolling notice.
- We will update Linc FM and Radio Lincolnshire
- Teachers will update your teams accounts

We will do all that we can to offer you as much notice as possible – please do not ring the school before 8am as the phones are not manned until then.

Finally...a heart felt thank you on, behalf of myself and all of the staff, for the very kind Christmas gifts sent in. Your kindness is very much appreciated and is very humbling. Thank you.

We return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Please remember the gates open at 8.40 with all children expected to have arrived into school by 8.55am. Please help us to get the school day off to an efficient start, by ensuring that your child arrives to school on time. Many thanks.

As always, if you have any queries or comments regarding the contents of this letter, or any other aspect of the school's operations, please do contact us directly. In the unfortunate situation that you feel that we have not addressed a concern you have raised, you are able to escalate your concerns through our complaints policy. This can be found on the school website. Of course, we hope that you do not have the necessity to refer to this. We wish to work with you, so will strive to meet your needs.

Your faithfully,

Mrs M Parker
Head Teacher