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We have had a lovely week sharing some amazing poetry composed by the children after last weeks visit from Andy Tooze. Thank you to all of the parents and children who stayed to meet him after school and for purchasing a poetry book from him.

This week we welcome our friends from St Paul's church who will be delivering an advent assembly and making Christingles with Reception children. The School Council have organised their Christmas trolley which is coming around classrooms raising money for new playground equipment as requested to class councillors. It is always very popular and we thank you for your support in helping our children in their fundraising efforts (we also apologise for the volume of 'collectibles' that children are so desperate to bring home and quite frequently get stuck up your hoovers!).

Next week children from Years 1-6 who attend our Musical Theatre club will be performing at Broadfield school in the Christmas musical showcase Unfortunately, this is an inter-school event only but there will be lots of pictures taken and shared with parents. A big thank you to Miss Buckley who has given up her own time to work with the children and produce a fantastic piece of work to share. This Saturday, the group, along with our school choir, will also be performing at the Norden Christmas lights switch on in the village. Our Deputy Children's Champion for Rochdale, Ayaan, has assisted in the Christmas light switch on for Rochdale this week and has had an opportunity to be one of the first to have a sneak preview of the works in the town hall. Well done Ayaan, we are super proud of you!

We have a busy and exciting few weeks lined up. Please remember to keep checking the date section of the newsletter as dates get finalised and added to the list

Many Thanks Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse



#### Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.3%

This week's winning class: 4M 99.7% Super!



#### School Council Christmas Trolley

Back by popular demand, the School Council Christmas Trolley will be wheeled out next week. Children can purchase Christmas themed toys and stationery items priced between 50p and £2 from it. Please send your child in with up to £4 if you would like them to purchase any items from it. Class days are detailed below:

Friday 1st December: All children who forgot earlier in the week.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery & Reception Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Years 3 & 4 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Years 5 & 6

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Last chance day - all year groups

All monies raised by this event will go towards the purchase of new playground equipment.

A huge thank you in advance of your support!



As online Christmas shopping begins to commence in earnest, please remember to go through Give as you Live or Amazon Smile as the school PTA receives money for your purchases at no extra cost to you. Please contact the PTA if you would like more information about the schemes if you haven't already signed up to them.

## Before and After School Clubs

Before and after school clubs will finish on Friday 8th December until after the Christmas break apart from the Units of Sound group. We will send out a new club booking form early in the new year for the Spring term clubs. If your child is on a waiting list, they will automatically receive a place in the club of their choice.

## Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

Nursery: Yousef 5M: Reggie R1: Ava 6W: Maysa R2: Freya 6M: Aahil

1W: Sonny Mrs Cadogan: Matthew

1M: Yusuf 2W: Oliver 2M: Liza 3W: Arthur 3M: Annabe

3M: Annabel 4W: Ukasha 4M: William

5W: Aleeza



## Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

This will take place on Friday 15th December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper – a small donation for Springhill Hospice is welcomed if you are able to donate. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like a Christmas themed lunch on that day, please send in your money and the slip from the letter that went out last week by this Friday, 1st December.

## Lunchtime Stars Golf Vouchers

We will be awarding ten vouchers per week for two free rounds of mini golf at Rochdale Putt Stars for children who display excellent behaviour at lunch times, both when they are eating and when they are playing outside. Congratulations to our winners this week: Aurelle, Aariz, Louie, Rumaysa, Betsy, Azeem, Evie and Ruby.

Thank you to Rochdale Putt Stars for offering this scheme to the school.

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## School Council News

Councillors met on Monday to discuss the organisation of the Christmas Trolley fundraising event. Please see above for details. They also spent time discussing their mental health campaign and voted to raise money for new playground equipment for school, this year.

## PTA News

Please see the end of the newsletter for information about upcoming events.

#### Rochdale Christmas Toy Appeal

If any families would like to donate a new toy to the Rochdale Christmas Toy Appeal, please drop it off at the main school office. Any new toy will be much appreciated. Mrs Cadogan will take all donations to the drop-off point at Norden library during the coming weeks.

## <u>Dojo Winners</u>



Well done to all our dojo points winners for the last week before the holiday:

Nursery: Aleesha

R1: Rory 5W: Oliver
R2: Harry 5M: Oliver
1W: Henry 6W: Aisha
1M: Hira 6M: George

2W: Hawa 2M: Hibah 3W: Safaa 3M: Betsy 4W: Zayd

4M: Azka

# PTA News

Thank you to everyone who supported our uniform sale and tuck shop last Friday after school.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, the PTA will be holding a Christmas Event Day in school. There are lots of surprises in store and more details will follow in next week's newsletter.



## Dates for the Diary Autumn Term 2023

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



Friday 1st December 2023	Advent Assemblies
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	PTA Christmas Event Day in school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am (please note change of date)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Assemblies with Rev. Margaret Smith
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Nursery Christmas Concert 10am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Paul's Church 10am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Whole School Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21st December 2023	Star of the Term Assembly
Thursday 21st December 2023	Pupils finish for the Christmas break