

Thursday 7th December 2023

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The school is decorated for Christmas, and we are all getting in the festive spirit! Our younger children are busy practicing for their Christmas performances and our Musical Theatre group performed an amazing musical piece from Matilda along with Christmas songs and carols at our RUSC inter-school celebration on Monday. They all had a great time with other pupils from across the borough and their behaviour and performance was exceptional.

Our lovely Mr Eccles will be retiring at Christmas. Whilst we will be very sad to see him go, I'm sure you will all join us in wishing him a long and very happy retirement which is well deserved. He is so much more than just a caretaker; always going above and beyond for the children and school, whether that be maintaining our building, fixing the various mishaps that seem to happen on a daily basis and getting fully involved in world books days and dressing up. The children love him as much as we do, and we will miss him a great deal. The recruitment process is underway for his replacement. They are big shoes to fill!

This week we are very excited to have taken delivery of two mobile kitchens which will further add to our extensive food technology curriculum and hopefully will also enable us to reinstate our extra-curricular cookery clubs!



Big thanks once again to our PTA who have organised some lovely Christmas activities for the children in school and opportunities for families to make some special memories whilst keeping the cost down!

Have a lovely weekend.

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.3%

This week's winning class: R1 98% Super!



School Council Christmas Trolley

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported the School Council Christmas Trolley over the past two weeks.

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



A big thank you to Rev. Jason and Mr Willis from St. Paul's for leading our Christmas assemblies in school last Friday. Mr Willis then stayed to help Reception with their Christingle making and to talk to them about the meaning of the Christingle. Photographs can be found on Tapestry.

KS2 Carol Service

This will take place at St. Paul's church on Tuesday 19th December at 10 am. KS2 parents and family members are invited to join us and to participate in the carol singing.

Mrs Backhouse

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: Ben 5M: Eliza
R1: Jonah 6W: Isaac
R2: Maryam 6M: Areesha
1W: Reuben Mrs Cadogan: Max
1M: Charlotte
2W: Lucy
2M: Jaxon
3W: Emily
3M: Adam
4W: Adrian
4M: Aliza
5W: Liberty



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

This will take place on Friday 15th December. Children may come to school in a Christmas jumper / non-uniform - a small donation for Springhill Hospice is welcomed if you are able to donate.

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: Liberty, Amelia, Cecelia, Zac, Frankie, Safaa, Remi, Heidi, Ijaz and Freya.

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



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School Council News

Councillors will meet on Monday to discuss the success of the Christmas Trolley and to continue to work on their mental health and wellbeing campaign.

Performing Arts Showcase

Well done to our Musical Theatre Group who participated in a Performing Arts Showcase this week, alongside other Rochdale schools. Their performance of a number from 'Matilda' was exceptional. A great time was had by all.

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.

Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Ayda
R1: Arabella 5W: Evie
R2: Thomas 5M: Oscar
1W: Fara & Annabelle 6W: Charlotte
1M: Liyana 6M: Joe
2W: Pearl
2M: Ayda
3W: Kiswa
3M: Sophie
4W: Fearne
4M: Amelia



PTA News

Dear Parents,

We're excited to share some details of our upcoming Christmas event organised by the PTA on Monday, December 11th. Throughout the day, the PTA has planned several delightful surprises for the children, making it a festive and memorable experience. We encourage the children to wear their most festive outfits for the day.

After school, we invite parents to join us for a special opportunity to capture some holiday moments with your children. Please bring your phones to take festive pictures as we want to ensure we adhere to safeguarding procedures.

In addition to the festivities, there will be stalls offering Christmas gifts, and delicious food and drinks will be available for purchase. Please note that there might be a need to queue outside, so we appreciate your understanding and patience.

To support the event, we suggest a voluntary donation of £5. We will take cash, card and there will be a QR code/link for your convenience. However, we understand that everyone's circumstances are different, and contributions are not mandatory. Your presence and participation are what matter most.

We look forward to celebrating the holiday season together as a school community. If you have any questions or require further information, feel free to reach out to us at whittakermosspta@gmail.com.

Warm regards,

Your friendly PTA

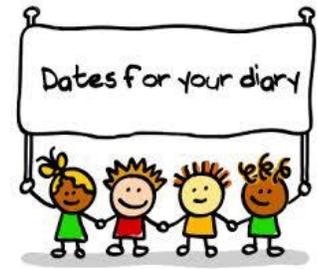
Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA's fundraising events this term. We have lots more planned for the Spring and Summer terms.

Please see below for the flyer for the PTA Anti- Raffle!



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.



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| Monday 11th December 2023 | PTA Christmas Event Day in school |
| Tuesday 12th December 2023 | Reception Christmas Concert 9.30am |
| Wednesday 13th December 2023 | Year 1 Christmas Concert 9.30am |
| Thursday 14th December 2023 | Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am |
| Friday 15th December 2023 | Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day |
| Monday 18th December 2023 | Christmas Assemblies with Rev. Margaret Smith |
| Tuesday 19th December 2023 | Nursery Christmas Concert 10am |
| Tuesday 19th December 2023 | KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Paul's Church 10am |
| Wednesday 20th 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 |

Congratulations Parents!

**All of your children
have been entered
into a raffle to win
this enormous elf!**



Presenting...the ANTI-RAFFLE

Given the size of this lovely chap, we're guessing not many of you are going to want him to be joining you for Christmas this year....

So we're given you the chance to REMOVE your child's name from the raffle for £1 (shhh we won't tell...)

Just drop an envelope into the post box in the school office with your £1 and the child's name and class and "REMOVE" on the front to be removed from the raffle.

However, to make it more interesting, we will also allow parents to buy extra tickets for ANY child they would like to, so be careful who knows that you definitely don't want to find this elf in your house!

if you would like to buy extra tickets for a child to be in the raffle, drop an envelope into the post box with £1, the child's name, class and "ADD" on the front.

The ANTI-RAFFLE will close on 15th December at 3.30pm