

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 14



The run up to Christmas is well and truly underway. This week we have had some amazing and magical experiences in school. On Monday we were visited by reindeers and a special visitor with a liking for red suits. The excitement and awe and wonder on the children's faces was really special to see. Seasonal craft activities and the stalls and photo opportunities really finished the day off nicely. Thank you to our PTA for organising this for our children.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have performed for parents and carers this week. Once again, we have been treated to productions far beyond what we would expect for the children's ages. Thank you for attending and supporting your children with lines, songs and costumes. We also have our Christmas Jumper and dinner day on Friday which everyone always enjoys.

Next week we enter the days of parties, pantomimes, carol services, the Nursery performance and Star of the Term awards before finishing on Thursday 21st December. It will be busy right up until the last day but also good fun too!

By now you should have all received a copy of our Ofsted report and covering letter via email. The report really sums up everything we *know* and *feel* about our school and I am proud beyond words to see those statements on paper. I say often how proud I am of being the Headteacher of this fabulous school and this is the case now more than ever.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 96.3%

This week's winning classes: 1W, 2W, 2M 98% Super!



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.



PTA Events

A massive thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events over the past few weeks including the Christmas Event Day and Anti-Raffle. Your contributions make a huge difference to the school. A big thank you also to our dedicated PTA members who work so tirelessly to organise all these wonderful events.



School closes on Thursday 16th December and re-opens on Monday 8th January. We wish all our families a very happy and peaceful holiday.

Before and After School Clubs

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: Florence	5M: Oliver
R1: Eva	6W: Uzair
R2: Yusuf	6M: Lilli
1W: Sami	Mrs Cadogan: Jack
1M: Jessica	
2W: Aria	
2M: Jackson	
3W: Ahmad	
3M: Muhammad	
4W: Safa	
4M: Azeem	
5W: Isla	



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

This will take place this 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: Booby, Eileen, Liyana, Lucy, Freddie, Sarah, Hadi, Inaaya and Leo.

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



Thursday 14th December 2023

School Council News

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

KS1 and EYFS Performances

Well done to our youngest children in school for some amazing concert performances. Thank you to all parents for providing costumes.

Party Day

Party day for all classes is on Wednesday 20th December. Children may come dressed in party clothes - sensible shoes, please.

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 this week.

Dojo Winners

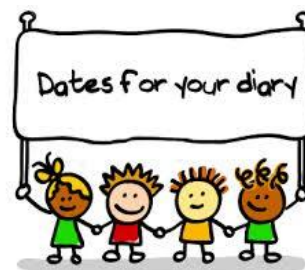
Well done to all our dojo points winners for the last week before the holiday:

Nursery: Alfie	
R1: Zidane	5W: Maleeha
R2: Polly	5M: Laibah
1W: Evie	6W: Aisha
1M: Anisah	6M: Aahil
2W: Saafa	
2M: Rukaiyah	
3W: Harry	
3M: Bobby	
4W: Poppy	
4M: Ayaan	



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.



Thursday 14 th December 2023	Year 2 Christmas Concert 9.30am
Friday 15 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Monday 18 th December 2023	Christmas Assemblies with Rev. Margaret Smith
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Nursery Christmas Concert 10am
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carol Service St Paul's Church 10am
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Whole School Christmas Party Day
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Star of the Term Assembly
Thursday 21 st 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