

Thursday 21st December 2023

Whittaker Moss Primary School Newsletter 15



Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date: 95.47%

This week's winning class: 4W 99.3% Super!

Well done to our very youngest nursery children who have performed a lovely concert for parents this week. Our older children also attended St Paul's church for our annual carol service. Thank you to all of the parents who attended it - the church was full and many of you said it was the best yet. It is especially poignant this time of year to listen to children sharing and singing about messages of peace and goodwill for all. An important message at any time of year but especially in present times.

Parties, pantomimes and fun have been the order of the day for the rest of the week. The children have been so happy and it really is lovely to see them all smiling and excited.

Thank you for your understanding on Thursday morning when the office was closed for a little while whilst the staff said farewell to Mr Eccles. Today is his last day with us and he will be missed! We have no information regarding his replacement as yet - as soon as I do I will let parents know.

Finally, thank you for the many lovely emails and conversations had this week with both myself and wider staff. Your praise for the staff and the school and the sharing of your children's own experiences of the school have been fabulous to hear and means an awful lot to both the staff and myself.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy holiday and looking forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 8th January 2024.

Mrs Backhouse



KS2 Carol Service

Thank you to all family members and friends who joined us for the KS2 Carol Service at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday. Thank you to Rev. Jason and Mr Willis for allowing us to hold this event, a firm favourite with staff and pupils, at the church.



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. The winner of the giant elf was Pippa. Well done to her!



School closes on Thursday 21st 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: Bobby	5M: Rubens
R1: Darcy	6W: Amelia
R2: Isaac	6M: Ruby
1W: Ava	Mrs Cadogan: Teddy
1M: Imogen	
2W: Libby	
2M: Max	
3W: Piper	
3M: Amelia	
4W: Rumaisa	
4M: Hattie	
5W: Sulaiman	



Christmas Assembly

A big thank you to Rev. Margaret, Rochdale Chaplain, who visited school to lead Christmas assemblies this week. All our pupils were encouraged to think about key Christmas messages of peace, love, and joy.

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: Isaac, Evie, George, Max, Amaya, Jack, Haania, Ruby and Jonah.

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



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School Council News

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

Rochdale Christmas Toy Appeal

Thank you to all our families for their generous donations to the Rochdale Christmas Toy Appeal. All gifts were gratefully received and made a huge difference to families in the local area.

Dojo Winners

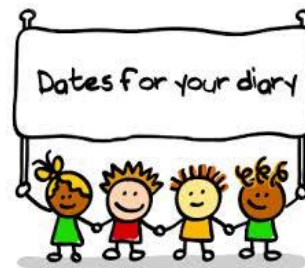
Well done to all our dojo points winners for the last week before the holiday:

Nursery: Teddy	
R1: Hashim	5W: Hannah
R2: Emily	5M: Aaima
1W: Bobby, Matilda & Ayva	
1M: Lamisah	6W: Charlotte
2W: Elaiza	6M: Ilyaas & Yahya
2M: Eesa	
3W: Uh'yab	
3M: Sophie	
4W: Amelia	
4M: Isabelle	



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.



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
Monday 8 th January 2023	Pupils return to school after the Christmas break

PTA News

Message from the PTA

"Thank you so much for supporting our fundraising efforts this term. We've managed to raise an amazing amount - £3259- thanks to all of you. Full details of how we raised the money and what we've spent money on so far this school year can be found on the poster below.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to sharing our ideas for more fundraising activities in the New Year."

