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Dear Parents, Carers

Most of the classes have been working on assessment tasks in English and Mathematics this week and they are trying very hard indeed. The school will then be preparing for nativity celebrations and we remind you that performances are on the following times:

Nursery nativity will take place in the **Nursery Classroom** on **Tuesday 13th December** at 10am

Early Years Nativity Reception Classes **Tuesday 13th December** at 2.00pm in **Church**

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Nativity **Thursday 15th December** at 2.15pm in **Church**

Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5, and 6) **Wednesday 14th December** at 2.00pm in **Church**

Residential Visit to Robinwood Wrexham

Y6 Robinwood payments can be made through Pay360. Please contact Mrs Hoban if you have any queries with your payment plan.

Reading

Please continue to ensure that your child reads at home frequently. The reading logs are checked by staff and the additional practice at home boosts pupils' confidence in all aspects of learning.

Dodgeball Tournament

Congratulations to the dodgeball team who were successful in a recent tournament at Chesterfield School. They now proceed to the Merseyside finals. Congratulations to the tag rugby team who won their tournament at Merchant Taylor's School.

Twitter

Parent followers are increasing on the school's Twitter account. Go onto the website and click on the link on the homepage. You will find out all sorts of learning activities which are enjoyed by our children.

Geography Days

Next week children in the school will be having a focussed geography study day on their knowledge and understanding of the United Kingdom.

Local History Year 1 and 2

Thanks to Thomas Donnegan's Nan, (Mrs Swift) and (Mrs Maria Carrigan) Joseph Lamb's Aunt who gave local history talks to Year 1 and 2 about growing up in the '50s and '60s in Liverpool.

Punctuality

We have noted an increasing number of children who are arriving at the school late; ie after the gates have closed at 9.00am. The Local authority operates a Late Gate visit to school and we want to raise awareness that children who arrive after registers close will not receive an attendance mark for the session.

Keeping Everybody Safe!

We are now keeping the door closed to the foyer from Oxford Road. This door is on a magnetic lock and operates from the office. If you are already in the foyer please do not press the release button to let other people in as we recently had an issue with a difficult member of the public who had been allowed into the foyer - probably through well-intentioned assistance from a waiting parent. Thank you

Attendance

We issued a large number of Persistent Absence letters recently. We are obliged to do this when a child's absence falls below 90%. It is our expectation that this category will change with improved sustained attendance. In the interest of our children's progress, we wish to return to class attendance figures pre-pandemic levels and we really need you to support us in making sure that the children maximise their learning time.

School Council Representatives

We have elected a number of children to become school councillors and Mrs Smith and Mrs Claro will run the School Council

Congratulations to: Y2 representatives Poppy Dieton, Henry Collins and Jacob Hughes
Y3 Archie McDonald Esme Egbumokei
Y4 Nell Holden-Green Alex Baker
Y5 Sonny Scales Hope Reilly
Y6 Roisin Tudhope Gabby Newsham

The next meeting of the School Council will take place on Thursday 8th December at 3.05pm – 3.50pm.

Staffing

As you will be aware, Mrs Blackwell Bursar was due to retire at the end of last year but she has kindly stayed on until the end of January 2023. Mrs Sandra Fleming has been appointed as a school business manager and will take up post later in the Spring Term.

Mrs Sandra Evans, teaching assistant will retire at the end of December and we would like to thank Mrs Evans for all her work with individuals and groups of children over the years. We wish her a very happy retirement.

Online Safety Newsletter

You will receive the fourth edition of the school online safety bulletin. We have received positive feedback from parents about this letter so do look out for it.

Uniform reminder

Thank you for all you do to support our uniform expectations. Please ensure that children do not bring any items of jewellery to school as this is **not permitted**.

Parent volunteers Required for Y3/4 local geography walk next Friday 9th December am. Please contact Y3/4 staff.

Yours sincerely,



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