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NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAY: **MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2018 - FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY 2019**

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 7TH JANUARY

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS SHOULD NOT BE BOOKED IN TERM TIME

Events happening next week

Mon 17 th Dec	Choir from Y5 and Y6 singing at Sky Studios Please note swimming is as usual this week
Tues 18 th Dec	Reception Concert: 9.15am Christmas lunch – see note
Wed 19 th Dec	Nursery Concert: 9.15am Y1 classes out to The Lyric Theatre to see 'Father Christmas' Y6 Classes out ice skating No Forest school
Thurs 20 th Dec	Nursery Concert: 9.15am No Forest School Coffee Morning led by Angie Williamson from Early Help: 9.15am Christmas Parties
Fri 21 st Dec	Last day of term Children may wear their own clothes

News and Reminders

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Next Tuesday our cooks will be cooking our Christmas lunch (menu is available in the school office). It is traditionally a very happy occasion and teachers eat with their classes. If your child usually has packed lunch but you would like them to have a school lunch on this day, it will cost £2.30. Please let the office know by Monday morning and please note, you must pay in advance.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

All classes will have their Christmas parties next Thursday afternoon. Children may bring party clothes if they wish; and teachers will organise with their classes for donations of food or drink. Anyone not attending the parties for any reason should be picked up at 1.15pm (KS1) or 1.30pm (KS2)

CONCERTS NEXT WEEK

Tues 18th December 9.15: **Reception Concert**
Wed 18th December: **Nursery Concert 9.15am**
Thurs 20th December **Nursery Concert 9.15am.**
We look forward to seeing parents at these events. Please note, the Nursery concert is repeated over two days so that Nursery parents can attend just one performance.

CONGRATULATIONS

We were treated to a wonderful concert by **KS1** this week. The readings were performed with confidence and the singing was joyful and happy. Well done to all the children for their excellent performances, and thank you to KS1 staff for their hard work in preparation.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE 3/12/2018 – 7/12/2018

The overall figure for the school for last week was **95.6%**, which was below our target of **96%**

The classes in each Key Stage with the best attendance were:

Niamh's Year 1 – 98.3%

Nick's Year 4 – 98.6%

Well done to these 2 classes

Please note that holidays in term time will be treated as unauthorised absence. When you are planning your holidays, therefore, always check our holiday dates on the website in order that your children do not miss any of their learning time.

BAKE SALE

Thank you to all of you who contributed to our bake sale – either baking, selling or buying! In spite of the cold weather, lots of cakes and savouries were sold and the total profit was £211.27. Thank you so much for your generosity. As ever, the money raised will go to supporting our children.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE, NADINE POWELL

We have had a number of children with head lice (nits) recently and our school nurse has given some clear instructions which we will send separately. It is VITAL if you receive a letter stating that someone in your child's class has head lice, that you follow this method very thoroughly as otherwise the head lice will return. There is more information on the following websites

[Community Hygiene Concern](http://www.communityhygieneconcern.org.uk)

[website:https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/)



Stars of Week



A huge well done to you all!

Nursery children	Well done to ALL Nursery classes your Blast off exit points have been a spectacular show of all your amazing learning. Well done to all the children and adults.
Stephanie's Reception	LANA – For her progress and confidence, especially in letter and number formation. You can do it!
Kripali's Reception	MIA – For showing great confidence in your Mathematics learning. You are able to create your own number line and use it to find an answer – well done!
Alexa's Year 1	JAHMARI – For excellent writing all about dinosaurs. You have loved finding out new facts.
Niamh's Year 1	SOPHIE-LILLIE – For having a great attitude to learning – and being a great role model. You always follow the behavior expectations
Katie's Year 2	OLEKSANDR – For learning from feedback and always trying your best. You are always challenging yourself and striving for the highest of standards
Laura's Year 2	ADAM – For trying really hard to help other children in the class and for being such a good friend
Emma's Year 3	THE WHOLE CLASS – For their beautiful singing, actions and making us smile in the Christmas Concert. You were such a sensible audience in your first KS2 show, well done
Connor's Year 3	MARWAN – For producing such an impressive hot write and reaching all targets set for him!
Nick's Year 4	THE WHOLE CLASS – For keeping the hard work up during a long, exhausting week!
Daisy's Year 4	MARIAM O – For showing empathy and support for those who need it in the playground.
Julia's Year 5	THE WHOLE CLASS – What can I say? An incredible performance over the last few days and for rehearsing tirelessly for the past 6 weeks! We are so proud of all of you – you all performed brilliantly and put on an amazing show!
Francesca's Year 5	THE WHOLE CLASS – For the most spectacular production. You have worked incredibly hard and you are an inspiration to us all. We are very proud of you
Tim/Mary's Year 6	THE WHOLE CLASS – For learning a fast-paced song very quickly and performing it amazingly. Well done
Russell's Year 6	NOUR – For being so brave and talking on a solo at the last minute for the Christmas Concert. You sang beautifully and we all absolutely loved it. Really well done

"IN IT TO WIN IT" ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARD

THE WINNER FOR LAST WEEK

Leen –Katie Year 2

Sumaya– Connor Year 3

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets for our [Christmas raffle](#) are on sale. Please ask at the school office or look out for Kay W, Tina or Mandy in the playground in the morning or after school





How to get rid of Head Lice

Important

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

For more information about wet combing, see the [Community Hygiene Concern website](#).

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask your pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice.

They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

Check the pack to see if they are OK for you or your child and how to use them.

If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments are not recommended because they are unlikely to work.

Examples are:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You can't prevent head lice

There is nothing you can do to prevent head lice.

You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early.

Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>