



# Newsletter

## December 2023

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### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. The non-uniform days and the event itself on Friday helped us to raise £850 for our pupils. The afternoon was very busy with lots of stalls to enjoy. Thank you to the staff and volunteers for working hard behind the scenes to help make it a success.

A number of raffle prizes were available and this year's winners were:

Name the Elf - Joash Thevanesan

Guess the Sweets - Aaliyah Keating

Gift Hamper - Fekir Mesfun

Build a Bear voucher - Zoe Wilson

Other raffle winners were:

Carter Wilcock, Halle-Rose Bennett, the Cox family, Mason Schofield-Cox, Mireya Cavanagh, Amirah Stamper, Elizabeth Klocova, James McVeigh, Hope McNulty, Mellaher and Marta Yowhanes

Winter Bingo will take place next term. Please put the dates below into your diary.

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Thursday 1st February 2024

The next PTA meeting will be held on Friday 26th January at 2.30pm at school. Come and share your ideas for the rest of the year.



### School Christmas Dinner

The children's Christmas dinner is booked for 20<sup>th</sup> December. Halal turkey will be available with all of the usual Christmas trimmings. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and/or Christmas hats on this day.



### What's happening?

#### December

13 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years' Nativity 10am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years' Nativity 10am
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Service 2pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Dinner
21 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS Pantomime Visit
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Term ends for all pupils R-Y6

#### January

8 <sup>th</sup>	School opens for all children
16 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Bingo 3.20pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Bingo 3.20pm

#### February

9 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for half term
19 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for all pupils.

### Christmas Parties

Children in Y1 - Y6 will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and/or Christmas hats on this day.

Thank you to the PTA for providing the party food for this occasion.

### The Sleepy Shepherd

It is rare that a Christmas nativity is interrupted by an outbreak of chicken pox, but the absence of many children has made this year's performance quite a challenge! Thank you to staff for persevering through some tricky moments.

Parents of pupils in Early Years are very welcome to join us on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am to enjoy the Children's version of 'The sleepy Shepherd'. It is always a joy see the children in their costumes enjoying their Christmas songs.



### Respect

You might hear about having respect or showing respect. At the heart of respect is caring. In simple words, respect is caring how words and actions may impact others. Respect has two parts:

- 1) having respect for someone because of how their actions impact others and
- 2) showing respect by changing your actions to be sure you don't have a negative impact.

- Using kind or polite words even when you're upset
- Using manners like sharing, waiting your turn, saying please and thank you
- Accepting difference or at least disagreeing with kind words
- Being careful not to damage places or things
- Using a quiet voice or calm behaviour in public places
- Sharing resources, only taking what you really need

**Respect means you care enough to think about how you impact others.**

Show respect for all people. Love the brothers and sisters of God's family. Respect God. Honour the king. 1 Peter 2:17

### Book Recommendation

Suitable for children 8+ years.

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...



This moving story will win the hearts of children the world over and show them that no one is too young or insignificant to make a difference. The Last Bear is a celebration of the love between a child and an animal, a battle cry for our world and an irresistible adventure with a heart as big as a bear's.

### Attendance and Punctuality November 2023

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
EYFS	90.5%	96.9%
Class 1	92.2%	93.9%
Class 2	92.4%	93.4%
Class 3	95%	93.8%
Class 4	94.1%	92.4%
Class 5	94%	95.5%
Class 6	90.9%	94.6%
<b>School Average</b>	<b>92.6%</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
National Average	93%	

The Government have maintained a high target of 97% for attendance this year. The National average is currently 93%. We currently have 26 pupils with 100% attendance and 54 pupils with 97% or above.

Congratulations to the following children for their 100% attendance this term:

Hailma Abubakar, Raphael Ajao, Abda Al-Tairi, Andrew Bennett, Ali Choudhury, Aldana Fetsum, Billy Hodson, George Howard, Retaj Ibrahim, Zunaira Khan, Anna Kretzschmar, Esmee-Rose Kwantreng, Kiara Lobban, Ava Major-Gayter, Zoe Margeti, Layla Marshall, Fekir Mesfun, Ellie Mounq, Jayden Myles-Mensah, Bety-Beatris Nae, Zain Omer, Omika Rajaguru Mudiyansele, Anwen-Rose Williams, John-Paul Williams, Mellaher Yowhanes, Marta Yowhans.

You will continue to receive the monthly notice of your child's current attendance. **This is for information only.** Mrs Brooksbank or the Educational Welfare Officer will get in touch with families where attendance is of some concern.

Punctuality for many children is excellent. Thank you to those parents who make the daily effort to bring their children to school on time! There has been some improvement on arriving on time for school. The children are enjoying the class prize of toast for winning the punctuality trophy on Fridays.

Look out for the Attendance and Prize Draw that is taking place next Friday!

Term Dates are available at the Welcome Desk and on the school website to ensure that holidays are not booked during term time. Fines will automatically be issued for families taking holidays in term time. This is a Local Authority policy.

### CLUBS FOR NEXT HALF TERM

Day	Club	Who can go?	Time	Staff Responsible
Monday	Pupil Leadership Group	Members	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Brooksbank
	Guitar Club	KS2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Holland
Tuesday	Homework Club	Members	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Thompson
	Games Club	Y2	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mrs Midgley
	Multi-Sports Club	Y3/4	3.15pm - 4.00pm	Mr Woods
Friday	Mindfulness Club	Various	1pm - 1.30pm	Mrs Humes

Please collect your children promptly from the activities listed above. Thank you.



### B Tales - Christmas Show

The team at B Tales shared the story of Christmas with the school community through song and drama earlier this month. Pupils and staff enjoyed the performance and were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. We look forward to seeing the B Tales return at Easter time next year.

### Library Card for all Children

It would be great if all children could access books free of charge. To get a library card, just go along to the library with proof of a Liverpool address and a card will be issued to you.

If you prefer to read online, you can sign up for e-books, audio books and magazines via the link below:

<https://www.readliverpool.co.uk/help/register-new-user/>

You will receive a library card number and you will be prompted to set a PIN number.



### Kitted Out Christmas Closure

We have been informed by our school uniform shop, Kitted Out, that their annual Christmas closure for this year is as follows:

**Closed from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and re-open Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

Their website will still be active and orders will be processed on their return to work.



### Virtual Group Drop in Advisory Sessions

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Drop in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties, waiting an ASD assessment or your child has a diagnosis of autism. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents. The sessions will be one half hours long, you can choose to join anytime with in the time slot or stay for the duration. You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Dates	Morning Session
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am -11am
19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am -11am
20 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am -11am

Please email [asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk) to book your place.



# 12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

## NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

## CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

## WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

## TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Get down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

## WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

## WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

## BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

## ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

## SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

## GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

## GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

## Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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