



# Newsletter: December 2017

## **Attendance:**

### **Week ending 03.11.2017 (Overall:95.73%)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	98%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	96.67%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	95%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	94.62%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	94.48%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	91.74%

### **Week ending 10.11.17 (Overall:94.61%)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	98.85%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	97.00%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	96.40%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	94.78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	93.93%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	93.45%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	88.89%

### **Week ending 17.11.17 (Overall:94.16 %)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	100%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	95.00%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	94.35%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	94.29%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	93.70%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	92.80%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	90.69%

### **Week ending 24.11.17(Overall:91.15 %)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	96.40%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rec	93.10%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	91.79%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	91.25%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	90.91%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	87.59%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	87.31%

**School Attendance to date: 95.30%**

**Our target is 96%**

We have an attendance officer who is visiting us every fortnight called Steph Travers. She will be keeping a regular check on attendance, telephoning parents and issuing alert notices and letters. She will also be carrying out unannounced late gates. If you would like help with improving your child's attendance, please let the office know and we can make an appointment for you to meet with Steph.

## **School Meals**

Our Christmas dinner will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **Menu**

*Roast Breast of Staffordshire Turkey and Gravy  
Cranberry Sauce*

**Or**

*Roast Quorn  
Crispy Roast Potatoes and Creamed Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables*

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*Festive Pudding*

**Or**

*Snowman Ice Cream*



Please note that there will be NO Jacket Potatoes available from the kitchen on this day. However children may still order a sandwich bag. This will be the usual cost of £2.30 for Key Stage 2 pupils and Free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

If you wish your child to have a Christmas Dinner, please text in to school before **FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** so that the cook can order sufficient supplies.

## Helping Others

In November, Boney Hay children and parents have shown how compassionate they are towards all people in all areas of society.

At the beginning of the month we sold items on behalf of the Royal British Legion in support of their annual Poppy Appeal. We were delighted to raise in excess of £100 for this worthwhile cause.

We also had a fun day in school to support Children in Need and we're delighted to send a cheque for £200!

Thank you for your generosity in supporting families less fortunate than yourselves.

## Bag2School

During December, your child will come home with a white sack to start your collection for Bag2School which will raise much needed funds towards our summer school visits.

The recycling company will accept good quality:

Men's ladies and children's clothing, Paired shoes (tied together); Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and ties, Jewellery, Lingerie, Socks, Belts, Soft toys, Household linen, Curtains, towels and bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers.)

They will NOT accept:

Duvets and blankets, Pillows and cushions, Carpets, rugs and mats (Including bath, shower and toilet mats), Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing,; School uniforms with or without logos; Corporate clothing or workwear; Textile offcuts, yarns or threaded materials.

Thank you for your support. Last year we raised over £250 - perhaps we can beat it this year!

## Christmas Events

**1<sup>st</sup> December:** 3-5pm Christmas Fayre

**10<sup>th</sup> December:** 1.30pm Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration (Ticket Admission)

**11<sup>th</sup> December:** 1.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Celebration (Ticket Admission)

**13<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner

**14<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception to Birches Valley, KS2 Party

**15<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Party

**18<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 to Snowdome; Years 1 and 2 Children's Entertainer

**19<sup>th</sup> December:** 2pm KS1 to Church . Parents and carers are welcome to join in the fun and take their child home from the church. Any children in Key Stage 2 with a sibling in KS1 can be collected early from school **following** the celebration. If your child in KS1 is not attending Church, they must remain in school with the Key Stage 2 pupils and not be collected at lunchtime.

## Emergency Closures

So far we have managed to escape the snow and we got away with it all through last winter! However, knowing how exciting the British weather can be, these are the arrangements that will be made in the case of an emergency closure:

- The decision to close is never taken lightly but our prime concern is for the Health and Safety of Pupils, Staff and all other site users.
- A risk assessment will be made of the access to school and the surrounding roads and pavements. The ability to provide adequate staffing will be taken into account - many of our staff come from out of the area - as will the heating and catering arrangements. We also ask parents to make their own risk assessment as to whether they can get their child to school safely.
- The decision will be made as early as possible in the morning, but parents must be aware that sometimes conditions can change dramatically throughout the day.
- In the event of closure, a text message will be sent to all parents, so please ensure we have your correct mobile phone details. An announcement will also go on both the school and Staffordshire websites. If we have to close the school in the middle of the day, we will again contact parents by text message.
- If school is open on a snowy day, please send your child with wellies, warm outdoor clothing over their uniform and a change of clothes. We (Staff and children) do go out to play and have lots of fun!

May I also remind parents that NO attempt should be made to access the main school car park in icy or snowy conditions. As at all times, it is accessed at your own risk and we cannot be held liable for any accidents that may occur.

Thank you for your understanding. What else would we have to talk about if it wasn't the weather!