



Newsletter

Autumn term

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26th November 2021



Dear Parents and Carers



The children have been very busy over the last couple of weeks creating their own Christmas tree decorations using natural resources. The children have been using drills and saws in their Forest School sessions to create their own disc shaped wood pieces and create some



amazing models. Some of their masterpieces will be displayed at Cotton End Village Hall over the festive period and others will decorate our school. Well done everyone!

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying their outdoor learning lessons too, the playground is full of examples of their great work. Key stage 2 have been drawing 3D shapes and measuring perimeters and Key Stage 1 have been drawing their own number lines and maths calculations outside with chalk. Woodpeckers class have also created their own bird's nests using twigs and leaves in a session on the school site.

As the weather has now turned considerably colder, could you please ensure that your child has a coat with them everyday. Also, please ensure that you name any clothing, particularly hats and gloves so that they can be returned to their owners if they become separated!!!

Our fundraising day for school and Children in Need last week was very popular with the children who wore yellow or spotted clothes for the day. With the mufti, cake sale and guess the number of sweets in the jar we raised £542.12 which was split between Children in Need and school funds. Thank you for all your support.

We are encountering our usual seasonal germs in school, however your children can still come into school with minor ailments such as conjunctivitis if they are having treatment. Regular attendance at school is so important for all of the children particularly after the disruption to their education over the last couple of years.

Drop off and collection of your children

As you are aware, **the front car park is for staff and disabled parking only**. We are extremely lucky to have a huge car park within a very short walking distance of the gate-please use this and help us to keep the children safe. Could I also ask you to be patient and bear with us while we release the children individually to you at the gates, we need to ensure that we safeguard all of our children. Many thanks.

Karen Headland
Headteacher

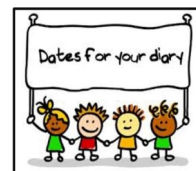
School Start Time

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be recorded as late.



Diary Dates

- 6th December — Last Dance Club Yr 1&2
— Last Netball Club Yr 5&6
- 8th December — Bikeability Yr 1-6
- 9th December — Christmas dinner
— Last Dance Club Yr 3,4,5&6
- 15th December — Flu Immunisations
- 17th December — Last day of Term
- 4th January —
First day
back to school for all
children following the
Christmas break



HCL

Please can we ask you to pre-order all your children's meals in advance. This can be done weekly/half termly. The Christmas dinner will be Thursday 9th December. All orders for this must be placed by Tuesday 30th November.



Change of Details

If your personal contact details change please could we ask that you remember to pop into the school office and complete a "Change of Details" form.



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Important information

We have several children in school with nut allergies. Please can we remind you that we are nut free school. If your child brings any items into school that contain nuts in any form such as Nutella, cereal bars etc this will be returned unopened to you. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.



Christmas Tree Festival

We are so proud to report that many of our children have been busy making tree decorations using natural resources in keeping with our Forest School theme and in preparation for the Christmas Tree Festival at Cotton End Village Hall. Some of the children have been to the Village Hall this morning and decorated the tree themselves so on Sunday 28th November between 10am and 12pm it would be lovely if you get a chance to pop in and see the children's brilliant work.



Attendance

A big well done to Kestrels class this week with 99.6% attendance and to Eagles class last week with 98.9%. Whole school attendance is 94.6% but we are aiming for 98%!



Flu Immunisations

The flu immunisation team will be in school on 15th December. If you would like your child to receive this immunisation then please ensure you have completed the consent form sent via Parentmail by 5pm on 8th December.

The vaccine is free and most children have a nasal spray which is quick and painless. However this year we are also offering the alternative injectable (inactivated) vaccine for children who may not accept the use of porcine gelatine in a medical product. Full details are available on the consent form.



Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctors text message or appointment card, copy of prescription, consultant letter etc.

