

Christmas Performances 2024

I'd like to start off this week's newsletter paying tribute to the amazing EYFS & KS1 staff team who put together the fantastic Christmas Nativities last week and the children who were fantastic throughout all the performances. It really is a very special event to see all of the EYFS and KS1 in their performances – demonstrating their singing, acting and dancing skills. The enthusiasm with which the staff take on this challenge while at the same time knowing they have to fit in the curriculum at the end of term is brilliant. I feel lucky to have so many adults in school who truly believe and value the performing arts and will not let them be squeezed from a packed curriculum. The skills the children learn putting on these shows - really do support the wider learning and personal growth. Events like these are the memories that stick with us and seeing how much the children enjoyed performing this week I know in years to come they too will remember this week. There is still a lot to fit in, just to flag up this week the class Christmas parties will be happening throughout this week, culminating in Christmas comes to Kingfisher on Friday 20th December; when children can come to Kingfisher dressed in something Christmassy.

Finally, thank you to all our families for your ongoing support of everything which takes place at Kingfisher from special events and performances through to the learning everyday and your engagement in supporting your children throughout the year.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Kind regards

Catherine Skinn - Principal



Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% our whole school attendance currently stands a 95.1%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

| Class | Current Attendance |
|-------|--------------------|
| 1 | 96.0% |
| 2 | 95.0% |
| 3 | 94.0% |
| 4 | 95.0% |
| 5 | 96.0% |
| 6 | 95.0% |
| 7 | 95.0% |
| 8 | 96.0% |
| 9 | 96.0% |
| 10 | 94.0% |
| 11 | 95.0% |
| 12 | 95.0% |
| 13 | 96.0% |
| 14 | 94.0% |

School Matters!



Y6 Residential at Thornbridge

On Wednesday 4th December 2024 our Y6 children took part in a residential experience at Thornbridge Outdoors Education Centre in Derbyshire. As always the children amazingly fully embracing all the opportunities and challenges which they were faces with from caving to high ropes.

These opportunities really do enable the children to have experiences beyond the classroom, experiences which give them confidence to try new and different activities!!



Recycle, Re-Use – School Uniform

In order to tackle the rapidly growing global environmental challenges for a sustainable future, we aim to normalise the reusing of pre-loved school uniform in order to reduce our carbon footprint. This is a great opportunity for our school to embed environmental awareness within our school community, strengthen our green credentials and extend the lifespan of our uniforms whilst supporting a recycling culture. Should you have any unwanted items of uniform in wearable condition, please donate these to your child's school to support our campaign for green initiatives whilst helping our families in need of support.

Thank you for your support.

Parking at drop off and pick up

If you have to drive for school drop off and pick up, please be considerate when you are parking. We are experiencing on going a complaints from our neighbours, that they are unable to get their cars off of their driveways as parents are blocking them in.

When parking, you need to consider whether it is safe for the users of the school site as well as it being considerate to our neighbours on both Exeter and Norwich Road.



Term Dates:

The last day of Term is **Friday 20th December 2024** and we return on **Monday 6th January 2025**

The next INSET Day is :

Friday 14th February 2025