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Newsletter 5

8th December 2017

Christmas Concerts and In Harmony

This week we have been able to enjoy so many wonderful events in and out of school and celebrate the talents of all of our children.

This week children across school have: sung at the Trinity Centre, performed in Christmas concerts, delivered musical recitals and performed at Pennington Court. Also – children enjoyed their Christmas dinner and visited Abbey House Museum. We have certainly packed lots in and we still have one week to go. Next week we have two more performances, 2 pantomimes and 4 Christmas parties.

I have been amazed by how well the children have performed, the level of respect they have shown for their instruments and the support the children provide for each other during each performance. Thank you to all of the staff in school and at In harmony for making all of this happen. We are very lucky.

Thank you to the parents too – your support is invaluable and your children are a joy to work with.

Traffic Surveillance

We are writing to let you know that in a bid to combat illegal and dangerous parking near to schools, the council has invested in a new parking enforcement vehicle.

The vehicle utilises camera/ video capacity to identify illegal, dangerous and inappropriate parking. Footage captured by the vehicle is verified by parking enforcement officers and where an offence has been committed fines will be issued.

As winter fast approaches, with the colder, wetter or icy weather it often brings and the darker mornings and afternoons more people may be inclined to drive to school. If parents have no other option than to drive, then they should park responsibly – preferably a little way away from the school gates, and if they do drive, please remember the importance of switching engines off and ‘not idling’.

Susan Walker & Becky James, Team Leaders – Influencing Travel Behaviour Team, Leeds City Council.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December is Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children UK. School is accepting donations on behalf of the charity.

Pupil Funding

All schools receive funding for individual children in school. Additional funds are provided for children who have been in the receipt of free school meals in the last 6 years; live in the care of the local authority or children whose parents serve in the armed forces.

However extra state funding is also available if a child has been adopted or is subject to a special guardianship order. This funding is then used by schools to provide additional support for all children who have at one point been in the care of a local authority. Since many of the care orders may have been issued before a child starts school schools may not be aware if a child has been adopted or living with guardians. Therefore please can parents or carers whose children have a special guardianship order or have been adopted by you contact the school office so school can alert the local authority to issue the funding. Thank you.

Governors

Here is a list of current school governors:

- Neil Rhodes (Chair)
- Simon Gray (Vice Chair)
- Heather Phillips
- Janet Walker (Staff Governor)
- Stacey Logan
- Lucy Knight
- Faye Pashby
- Charlotte Taylor
- Amanda Lambert (Parent Governor)
- Notty Changwe-Dube (Parent Governor)

Please visit the school website to view the responsibilities of school's governors and information on this year's meetings.

100% attendance

137 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance this from September to December – well done if you are 1 of the 137. The lucky winner of the £50 ASDA voucher will be announced at the end of next week.

So far, our overall attendance is the best it has ever been. Well done everyone. School attendance currently stands at 95.6%.

Remember 20 children who still have 100% attendance by Easter 2018 will be entered into a raffle to receive £5 and anyone with 100% on 20th July 2018 will receive £10.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2018

Since there will not be a newsletter next week – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This term has been extremely busy and the children have achieved so much. All of the staff are looking forward to an even more successful 2018. Enjoy your break and see you back at school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Mr. G. German