

Newsletter

7 December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Key dates

11 December	Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas Concert	5.00pm
12 December	Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas Concert	9.15am
12 December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert	5.00pm
13 December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert	9.15am
13 December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert rehearsal at All Saints Church	12.00 noon
14 December	Christmas Jumper Day: £1.00 donation for charity, please	
17 December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at All Saints Church	6.00pm
19 December	Christmas Lunch for the children	
19 December	Key Stage 2 Carol singing – PUPILS ONLY	
21 December	School closes for the Christmas holiday	

Contacting the Learning Mentors

Should you wish to contact either Mr Evans or Mrs Higginson, please dial the main school phone number (01977 723495) and choose Option 2 (Main Reception), where you will be transferred to the Learning Mentors' office. The current option for the learning mentors' office is disabled until further notice.

Mr Mitchell in School

Mr Mitchell was in school today and last Tuesday, getting to know the children and staff. He will be in again on Monday and Friday of next week.

Mrs Huby's Class Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Huby and year 3/4 for this week's wonderful class assembly about the Victorians. Please note: There will be no further class assemblies until the New Year.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone involved in our Christmas Fayre yesterday – it was very well attended!

May I give special thanks to Mrs Hook for organising the event with the 'Friends of Orchard Head' and to the volunteers and the staff who were involved and who helped to make it a success.

Also, very big thank you to those parents and carers who responded to our plea for buns, cakes and biscuits at short notice. The support we receive from parents, carers and friends of school in times of need is extremely heartening. Thank you again.

Funds raised from the Christmas Fayre

In the New Year, staff will discuss how the monies raised at the Christmas Fayre should be spent. One possibility will be that of creating a school library.

Health and Safety issue – entrance to the school drive

Further to last week's newsletter, vehicles are still being left in front of the gates to the school drive, blocking access to emergency vehicles.

In the interest of health and safety for our children, please could this area be kept clear of all vehicles? Thank you.

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Concerts

As you know, our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas concerts are taking place on the dates/times stated in the "Key Dates" section, located at the top of this newsletter.

Please note: Due to current fire regulations, we will not be able to admit anyone who does not have a ticket for the concerts.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at All Saints Church

The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert will take place at 6.00pm at All Saints Church on Monday 17 December.

Before then, on the afternoon of Thursday 13 December, the children will be walking to All Saints Church, accompanied by members of staff, to rehearse for the Concert. A letter will go out to parents/carers, with a slip requesting permission for their child to walk to and from the church. Please complete and return this slip as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 14 December, it is Christmas Jumper Day in school. We look forward to seeing all the children in their bright, colourful Christmas jumpers on that day. Please could parents/carers donate £1.00, which will go to 'Save the Children'. Thank you.

Christmas Lunch in School

On Wednesday 19 December, Christmas lunch will be served to the children and there will be no other choice of meal. Your child will be able to order a Christmas lunch on the day.

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a lunchtime supervisor at Orchard Head School, to work 1¼ hours over lunchtime each day. For more information and to download an application form, please go to the Pontefract Academies Trust website (www.pontefractacademiestrust.org.uk), under 'Careers/Current Vacancies'.

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance %
Nursery am	91.20
Nursery pm	82.50
UFSLC	89.57
UFSR	87.27
Y1W	96.33
Y1/2B	88.00
Y2S	94.48
Y3T	91.72
Y3/4HL	96.33
Y4McA	97.59
Y5Fr	97.67
Y5/6F	93.23
Y5/6J	98.52
Whole School	93.66

Yours sincerely



Mrs G Lindley
Head of School