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## Quality, Creativity, Consistency, Collaboration

Dear Parents and Carers

This is going to be the last newsletter of this term, and of 2015!

As always, there's an awful lot of important information included in the letter- keep it somewhere safe until the next one is published after the Christmas break.

Have a wonderful holiday, a happy Christmas and a great New Year. See you in 2016!

Best wishes,

**Please remember: school shuts on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and re-opens (for the children) on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

### KS1 Winter performance

I know many of you attended our version of The Nutcracker last week- and the feedback that we have received immediately afterwards and since is how much you all enjoyed it! We need to thank everyone involved who contributed to the performance, but particular mention must go to Ms Zankowicz and Ms Page who worked so hard on the music, dancing and acting with the children. The children were absolutely amazing- I think we would all agree! Photos of the performance and a recording of it will be available on the website before the end of term.



### Important Dates

The dates for this academic year have been sent out twice (at the end of the summer term and as an attachment to the newsletter at the start of the Autumn Term). If you need to refer to this information and you can't find your paper copy it is available on the school's website. The following table contains the important dates for the next few months - major dates do not change- but some information will be added

as trips are booked and dates agreed over the course of the term. Wherever possible, timings for events are also given.

January	February	March
<p>4<sup>th</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup>: INSET day for Staff</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup>: Start of Spring Term for pupils</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup>: Height and weight checks Reception and Year6 by School Nurse</p> <p>13<sup>th</sup>: Family Learning- SEN coffee morning (9.00)</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup>: Family Learning Maths Course starts today (9.00- 3.00)</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Family Learning Zumba classes for parents start today (1.30)</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup>: Family Learning – Reading and Choosing books coffee morning (9.00)</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup>: Family Learning- Emotional and Behaviour development coffee morning (9.00)</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> : End of Spring Term1</p> <p>22<sup>nd</sup>: Start of Spring Term2</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup>: Y1 class out at City Learning Centre- Robots and Computing</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup>: Family Learning- EAL coffee morning (9.00)</p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup>: World Book day</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup>: Spring Term Exhibition of children's work (8.30- 9.00, 3.15- 5.45)</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: R classes out at CLC- Investigating the World trip</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>: Parents' evenings</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Play leader sports relief challenge</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup>: End of Spring Term (2pm)</p> <p>Summer term starts for pupils- April 11<sup>th</sup></p>

Events that you may be particularly interested in are highlighted in **blue**. If you would like more information regarding these or any other service we provide then please contact the school office.

**Please also remember that Christmas jumper day is Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December!**



### Thefts at the school

It is with real regret that we have to report that we have had a spate of thefts at the school over the past few weeks. Money from the tuck shop was taken just before it was banked; after the KS1 winter performance a member of staff's phone was stolen. The second theft was even more brazen than the first as someone who was here, we presume as a guest or a family member to see the performance claimed the phone as their own when it was handed in to the office. This is such a shame at this time of year. Please be watchful and report anything that you think is suspicious to a member of the school team as well as making sure that the children are not keeping phones with them if they need to bring them into school but are handing them in to the office for safe keeping.

### Attendance and Punctuality

**Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%.**

As a parent/carer you can help us achieve this by:

- **Telling your child how important school is;**
- **Praising your child's achievements and celebrating their success;**
- **Organising non-urgent medical appointments after school;**
- **Helping your child get into a routine at breakfast and bedtime;**
- **Encourage healthy eating and exercise to boost your child's immune system;**
- **Encourage your child to prepare their school uniform ready for school the night before;**
- **Organising your child's equipment (or getting them into the routine of laying everything out) the night before they're needed (E.G. Book bag and PE kit);**
- **Taking time to talk to your child about what they have done in school – showing that you are interested and what they do at school does matter!**

We need your support to smash our target this year! Our attendance for last week was **95.1%** - which is worryingly low- but we are still running at **95.9%** for our attendance for the Autumn Term. The lower school

class winners with the best attendance were **R Tyne (98.8%)** and the KS2 winners were **3 Sprint (97.6 %.)** Well done everyone!

It is really important that children are on time for the start of the school day, which is your responsibility as parents. The bell is rung at 8.55 every morning, with gates being opened for those not attending breakfast club at 8.40. Children need to be lined up ready to go into class when the bell is rung every morning; if they are not, then they are late.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, the office needs to be called on the first day of absence. If we do not hear from you then you will be called by the school. A written note needs to be sent in with your child on the first day that they return to school explaining the reason for their absence. Please remember if your child's attendance is below 95% you will need to provide evidence to support any additional school days they miss. Without evidence absence will be classified as unauthorised.

We cannot give permission for any extended holidays during term time. Any family that takes a holiday could be fined by the Local Authority. If the school has any worries concerning lateness or attendance, then you will be asked to come in to meet with us at the earliest opportunity to discuss the matter.

**Have a great Christmas and a happy and healthy start to 2016!**



**See you all on 6<sup>th</sup> January!**