

Autumn Term - December Update



With so much still happening in school, here is a reminder of some of the key dates which are coming up:



Key dates for the remainder of this term:

Monday 5th December – final Christmas Crafts Club

Thursday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 12th December – nativity costumes to school

Tuesday 13th December – Nativity, 6pm at the Priory

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 20th December – last day of term, 2pm finish.



Please note that there will be no after-school club on Tuesday 20th.

Christmas Cards

From Tuesday 6th December, our school Christmas post box will be out for your child to post their Christmas cards into.

Please could all envelopes be clearly labelled with the child's name and class so that they can be delivered to the correct person?



Name _____

Class _____



Costumes for the nativity

Please could all costumes be brought into school by next Monday, 12th December? If you are having any difficulties finding pieces for a costume please speak to your child's class teacher – we may have spare pieces that we can share with you.

Parents' Evenings and Special Educational Needs

Thank you to everyone who came out to Parents' Evening last week. It was lovely to be able to see so many of you. If your appointment with Mrs Taylor-Crozier or Mrs Yarrow was cancelled last Tuesday, the teachers will be in contact with you to arrange another suitable time.

A number of queries came up at our recent Parents' Evenings around special educational needs. Mrs Broom is covering all of Mrs Battersby's role during her absence and, along with the class teacher, is available to support you with any questions or concerns.

Winter Illnesses

We are currently experiencing a high volume of illness amongst the staff and children so, with this in mind, we have stepped up our hygiene routines again: regular handwashing, using antibacterial hand gel, wiping tables part way through the day and ventilating classrooms at breaktimes to allow clean air to flow through the classrooms. The most common symptoms around school at the moment appear to be: persistent cough and/or chest infection, sickness, high temperature and headaches.

We have had several pieces of information into school highlighting the signs of scarlet fever as cases of the infection are high across the UK for this time of year. The advice from UKHSA is as follows:

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpaper feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpaper feel. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.