

Dear Parents/Carers

The following information will hopefully be of interest to you all...



**December Dates:**

Please find the following dates for the remainder of this term below. All dates are available on the calendar tab of the school website and have already been on previous newsletters but we thought you might appreciate a quick update as December is always really busy.

05.12.23	<b>Whole School Chester Zoo Visit</b> – please see original letter for details: School uniform is to be worn but please remember comfortable shoes (trainers or wellies are fine), a warm waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves. It looks as though the weather will be dry but very cold. All children will be wearing high vis jackets on top of their coats. Please ensure all packed lunches are in disposable carrier bags and do not include fizzy drinks or nuts. Spending money is not required for the day so please do not worry about additional funds.
07.12.23	<b>Christmas Jumper Day:</b> There is no charge to take part in this day as we recognise it is an expensive time of the school year. This is an optional activity and children are welcome to wear school uniform if they do not wish to take part. Christmas jumpers should be worn with school trousers, pinafore dress, shorts or skirt.
11.12.23	<b>KS2 Dress Rehearsal</b> at St Michael's Church in Pensby (see letter for details). We will be leaving school at 1pm and returning for 3.30pm. This dress rehearsal is for those pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 who are readers, the other children will be rehearsing in school. Parent helpers are welcomed as we will need plenty of adults when we walk there and back.
12 and 13.12.23	<b>KS2 Christmas Service</b> at St Michael's Church in Pensby. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come and watch. Years 4 and 5 will be reading on the Tuesday night and Year 6 will be reading on the Wednesday night. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing in the choir on both nights, as will the school band. Children will need to wear their school uniform but are allowed to wear a Christmas hat/headband if they wish to. The service starts at 6pm promptly and children and adults can arrive from 5.30pm onwards. The service will last roughly 50-60 minutes and POTS will be serving teas/coffees afterwards. On arrival, school band will need to make their way to the front of the church to Mrs Mitchell and the readers will need to make their way towards Miss Arden and Mrs Evans. The Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 choir will need to be seated on designated seats on the front four pews. All parents, grandparents and younger siblings are welcome to sit in any other pew. This is not a ticketed event. We will have a closing collection for two Christmas charities... -The Charles Thompson Mission (in conjunction with Flourish) to purchase gifts for needy children in the borough. -Drip Uganda – We are hoping to collect enough money to enable us to post our previous reading scheme to Kisora Primary School in Uganda.
13.12.23	<b>Coverdale Puppet Show – all classes – no charge.</b>
13.12.23	<b>Year Six Carol Singing at The Warrens:</b> Year Six have been invited to sing a selection of Christmas Carols and practise their readings at the GP surgery at 10am. Please return permission slips this week so we can be sure of numbers. Children will be accompanied by Miss Taylor, Mr Rees, Miss Kilikita and Mrs Evans. Full school uniform is to be worn but children can wear a Christmas hat/headband if they wish.
14.12.23	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
14.12.23	<b>FS1 Thingwall Buddies' Nativity</b> in the School Hall, starting at 10am. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend if they wish. POTS will be serving teas and coffees from 9am.
15.12.23	<b>Breakfast With Santa</b> (see POTS newsletter)

18.12.23	<b>KS1 Nativity (Years One and Two) 1.45pm</b> Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend if they wish. POTS will be serving teas and coffees from 1.15pm.
19.12.23	<b>KS1 Nativity (Years One and Two) 9.30am</b> Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend if they wish. POTS will be serving teas and coffees from 9am.
20.12.23	<b>FS2 Nativity 1.45pm</b> Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend if they wish. POTS will be serving teas and coffees from 1.15pm.
21.12.23	<b>Christmas Party Afternoons</b> Please bring a named plate of party food for your child (no fizzy drinks or nuts please) for them to enjoy during the party afternoon. Please note that this is in addition to their school dinner so a couple of snacks should be more than sufficient. We will provide water or cordial. Children can wear their own party clothes but please remember a warm coat and sensible shoes.
22.12.23	<b>Toy Day and Own Clothes:</b> Please do not allow your child to bring toys that connect to the internet or that take photographs for safeguarding purposes.
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE WINTER BREAK AT 3.30PM	
08.01.24	<b>Staff Development Day</b> School is closed to pupils
09.01.24	<b>Spring Term starts.</b>



### **NEO Food Delivery:**

We have had a huge delivery of dried and tinned items so please pop in with a shopping bag and restock your store cupboard in time for Christmas. This offer is open to anyone and is not means tested.



### **Goodbye Mrs Hamel:**

The end of this term will see us wave goodbye to our much-loved Mrs Hamel, who has been a pivotal part of our school for many years. We are sure that you will join us in wishing her nothing but the very best for a happy and healthy retirement. We hope that she comes back to visit her often and we have some lovely things planned for her last few days. Good luck and goodbye Mrs Hamel, we will miss you so much.



## **Celebration Corner (OR HUGGS – Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!)**

This area of the newsletter is so we can celebrate children's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this area of the newsletter, please let the school office know with the relevant details.

**Blake (Year Five)** – Congratulations to Blake who won a go-karting competition at the weekend. Blake drove with skill, confidence and determination, winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in a nail biting close competition. Well done Blake! 😊

**Annabelle, Grace and Lucy (Year Four)** – Congratulations to these fabulous gymnasts who took part in last weekend's Bebington Gymnastics Christmas Competition. They all did brilliantly on the floor and the vault routines and walked away with an impressive four medals between them! Well done Ladies. ☺



With Best Wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and restful New Year

Mrs D L Evans