



## **St Cuthbert's CofE Junior School**

### **Newsletter 13/12/22**

Dear Parents and carers,



The countdown has begun and the Christmas holiday is nearly upon us. I can feel the excitement in the air and I know how much the children are looking forward to it.

We marked the end of term last week with our visit to St Cuthbert's Church where the children conducted a Christmas service. As ever, I am incredibly proud of the way in which they conduct themselves to produce the Christmas story in reading and songs. It was lovely to see so many family and friends at the church to support them and I hope it got everyone into the festive spirit.



### **Mini Police**

Mini Police would like to send their thanks to all of the parents who very generously donated food to the Wells Vineyard Foodbank as part of the community project they had organised. We collected the food and took it down to the foodbank on Friday.



Sue Marland, who is the church leader, was overwhelmed with what Mini Police had done and thanked the children and parents for their support. The children were taken on a guided tour of the foodbank to see how food is stored and distributed. An excellent example of community spirit!





### **Choir**

Christmas is always a busy time for our school choir and they have found themselves in high demand. They visited Crandon Springs Residential Care Home where they sang a number of traditional and modern Christmas songs to the residents. They were super impressed with the children and the residents joined in with many of the songs. The choir have been booked to make another visit at Easter.

The choir were also invited to sing with The Good Afternoon Choir at St Cuthbert's Church at their Christmas celebration concert. They were joined by the choir from Horrington Primary School and the two choirs sang their Christmas songs together. This was a wonderful experience for the children to sing alongside other choirs.



### **Christmas Parties**

Children will be able to let their hair down and enjoy their Christmas parties this week. Children are able to come in their party clothes in the morning or if you would prefer, they can change at lunchtime. Party days are below:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Snowdon Class

Rockies Class

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Atlas Class

Alps Class

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Pyrenees Class

Himalayas Class



### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance for this term was 95%. We have had a number of children absent for term time holidays. We have also had a lot of coughs and colds circulating.

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:

- If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on 01749678066.
- Avoid taking any holidays during term times.
- Speak to school staff with any concerns.
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is.

Punctuality is also highly important. Children who arrive late to school are not only losing learning but also disrupting the learning of others as they arrive late for lessons.

We want to help families get their children to school on time. Here are some things you can try:

- Have everything you/your child needs for school prepared the night before
- Ensure that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time so they are not too tired to get up in the morning
- Ensure your child has a good night's sleep by minimising their use of devices at bed time.
- Set an alarm to allow plenty of time for your morning routine in getting to school on time
- Bring your child to breakfast club (7.45am – 8.45am). This can be booked easily through the school office.



### **INSET Days**

**Don't forget that Friday is an INSET day so school will finish for Christmas on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children will return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

I would like to finish by thanking all of our parents for their support throughout this term and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year.

I will look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

With many thanks

*Helen Mullinger*

Head Teacher