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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: 29th NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Before we head into December and a very busy last few weeks of term, I would like to share some news and events from the half term so far.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Shows coming up and I will share photos and information from the rest of the half term in our December Newsletter.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle, Headteacher

Ouston Community Centre Christmas Fair



This will take place on Saturday, the 2nd December, from 3pm to 5pm. The Fair is free to attend and Santa Claus is visiting with a gift for all children! There will be lots of stalls selling Christmas gifts and other items.



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One of the stalls will be a pre-loved Ouston Primary uniform stall. Our school is working in partnership with the Community centre to re-cycle good quality school uniform. This is part of our work towards the Climate Friendly Schools award. We should be re-using items as much as possible and it is such a shame to throw away good quality items. In January I will be asking parents/carers to start donating good quality school uniform that is no longer needed. The Community Centre will then store this for us and we will have a Uniform Shop at a School Summer Fair at the Community Centre in early June where parents/carers can pick up items of school uniform for £1. We feel if we do this early enough, parents/carers will at least get some items at a bargain price for the new school year and can then purchase any new items they still need.

There will be more information given about this in my December newsletter and uniform can be donated from January.

Class Attendance



For November, the overall attendance figure for the school is **96%** which is excellent. Thank you for your support with sending your child into school every day and on time. This has such a positive impact on their learning, friendships and enjoyment of school life.

Attendance in each class from the first of November to today was as follows:

Reception: 95.5%

Mrs Exley's Class: 96.2%

Mrs Baum's Class: 97.5%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 97.8%

Miss Stebbings Class: 97.7%

Mr Walsh's Class: 96.9%

Miss Allen's Class: 94.4%

Mr Storrar's Class: 95.6%

Mrs Dadswell's class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners for November – this is two months in a row! They will be very excited to receive the Attendance Bear again in Assembly on Friday!



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School Council and Rights Respecting Team

These pupils have been busy this week, preparing some Climate Friendly tips and information for our December newsletter! They are also taking it in turns to be Energy Audit Monitors, carrying our weekly checks around the school – a job they are taking very seriously!



The Rights of the Child, Article 12: You have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously

Poppy Appeal



We were overwhelmed by the support for our Poppy Appeal this year. We raised £337 for the Royal British Legion charity, the highest amount we have raised yet! Many thanks to all who supported with this and to our fantastic Year 6 Poppy sellers!

Harvest Appeal

I have been sent a letter of thanks from the People's Kitchen. This includes the following message:

'Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to your pupils, their families and your staff for the very generous donations made this year.'

The donations we receive at this time of year really sustain our operation and enable us to continue providing a warm meal for our Friends 365 days of the year and we couldn't do it without all of our wonderful supporters'

Dates for the Diary

1st December: Christmas Lunch Day. Children (and staff!) can wear Christmas jumpers, dresses, head bands, hats etc if they wish.

1st December: Any items for our Salvation Army Toy Appeal to be brought in today please.



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5th December: Christmas Show (Year 3/4 parents/carers) at 2.30pm

6th December: Christmas Show (Y5/6 Parents/Carers) at 2.30pm

7th December: Christmas Show (Reception Parents/Carers) at 2.30pm

8th December: Christmas Show (Y1/2 Parents/Carers) at 2.30pm

13th December: Christmas Show (Nursery Parents/Carers) at 2.15pm

19th December: End of Term



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