This Week's News 10th November 2023



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Head Teacher Update

We are now certainly entering that time of year when it gets incredibly busy! I hope that the children enjoyed the Disco's this week. POPS have been working incredibly hard to organise this event and then of course the Christmas Market on Friday 24th November. We are really grateful for all of their hard work and very soon you will see additional resources popping up in the playground for the children which has been funded by POPS.

It is incredible but Christmas is rapidly approaching and we are already in the depths of planning for it. Our Reception children have started the process of preparing to recreate the nativity which will be on Tuesday 5th December in the afternoon (timings to follow). I think everything will seem a bit earlier as we finish so much earlier this year before Christmas, although this does mean we will be back on the 2nd January! We have made the conscious decision for only two year groups to do big performances this year with our Reception children doing their nativity and then our Year 4 children who will do a final leavers performance in the Summer before they leave us. However, we do feel that it is important for children to perform and experience being in front of people. We will also have whole school performances to you as parents as we have done in the past out on the playground. They will be songs that the children have been learning throughout the term and we really hope that you will be able to join us for them. We will confirm dates closer to the time and it will also be weather dependent.

As you know we are planning to take all of the children to the Pantomime in the Barrington Theatre in the last week of term. We hope that the children will all enjoy their off site visit and have a bit of a Christmas treat.

We had another great assembly this week delivered by AFC Bournemouth with a focus on respect and fair play. We have also started our girls only football club today at lunchtime which I hope will continue to promote sport for girls and physical exercise.

I had the pleasure of starting a Lego club this week as a trial which I hope will be successful. We have certainly got a lot more shiny new Lego which is good!

Some of our Year 4 children will be representing the School at the annual Remembrance Service this weekend in a slightly different location due to the ongoing fire damage at the Memorial Hall. We have made Poppies available for children this week so thank you again for supporting this.

It is Anti Bullying Week next week and we would like to raise awareness of this by asking the children to wear odd socks on Monday. There is no cost involved in this and we will again raise awareness of anti bullying for our children. It is extremely rare at our School but we can't ignore the fact that it can happen and children need to know what to do if they ever experience it in their lives.

As I am sure you have noticed there has been a significant increase in the traffic using Glenmoor Road as a result of New Road being closed. Although I can't do anything about that, I do just want to urge everyone to park responsibly and also to ensure that children are with you at all times when you are leaving the School site please. The Community Speed Watch teams have been out as much as they can but I have seen some appalling driving lately with a number of cars exceeding the speed limit. In order to get any action it will require a mass number of letters and emails to the Local Authority. I am currently still waiting for the planning permission for the change to the regulations outside of the school and new road markings but this seems to be taking an age. I will speak to the local Councillors on Saturday but I need all of the community to back this up please.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

John Bagwell - Headteacher

Diary Dates

Link to Key Dates

Fri 24th Nov

Christmas Market

5 - 7pm

Deadlines

Mon 15th Jan

Applications for Middle School / Starting School September 2024

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail 7 days before the date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.7%

YR - 94.6%

Y1 - 94.9%

Y2 - 95.9%

Y3 - 96.2%

Y4 - 96.9%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Meyers Estate Agent Competition

Meyers Estate Agents will be collecting all Christmas Board competition entries on **Thursday 16th November** so if you have not yet returned your child's entry, please do so by this date. Thank you very much.

Gym Class Open Evening

Tuesday 28th November will be a Gymnastics open evening and an opportunity for parents to come in and watch their child during their gymnastics class.

Mrs Mansbridge is also offering old used gym mats at a discounted price to any parents, she has advised they are still suitable for home practice. They are 6x4 ft in size, £10 each and any funds raised from sales will be donated to the school PE department.

Hot School Meal Payments

Please may we remind parents of children in Year 3 and 4 to ensure weekly Hot School Meal payments are made promptly. Invoices are sent on ParentMail weekly. Thank you very much for your continued support.



Community News







