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Co-op Academy
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Autumn News

Thursday 7th December, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a really successful term in school, and I just wanted to write to update you about a few important things.

Attendance and Punctuality

Most children arrive at school 'On Time, at Quarter-to-Nine', but we have seen an increase in pupils arriving late in the morning. We have a short drop-off time, 08:45 - 08:50, to ensure that children don't miss any of their learning. Last year, we had a lot of children missing more than five minutes of their learning daily, and this added up to over sixteen hours of learning time across the year. It was an awful lot of learning to miss, and we have turned this around so we now have hardly any children missing their learning. I know you'll agree that this change is the right thing for our children.

I know many of you will have noticed how hard we are working to improve attendance; this is because attendance is very, very important. We are also working hard to ensure that the curriculum and teaching really helps children to catch-up, by recapping missed learning and moving children on quickly; this means that missed learning has much more impact on children.

We hope you will join us in trying our very best to achieve our 96% Attendance target

Christmas Events in School

One of the things that makes us most proud of our school is our multicultural ethos; we have more than thirty languages spoken across the Academy, and we have families from across the UK and the world. This gives us an amazing opportunity to learn from and about each other, and this is a big part of our everyday curriculum in school. When it comes to Christmas, we want children to understand where the celebrations come from, why our Christian community celebrates Christmas. We also want everyone to have an opportunity to enjoy some of the magic and mystery of Christmas, such as Christmas Trees, lights and other festivities; so we will be running a series of small events across the coming week

(there's more information attached to this letter). The school will be teaching the normal timetable around the events of the week.

We always work really hard to make sure we're inclusive and sensitive in every activity in school - It's what we do, it's one of the most important ways of us 'Being Co-op'.

If you want to talk to me about anything, you can speak to the school office, and I will always find time to listen.

We're really looking forward to welcoming parents into school next week for some of our events; remember we break-up on Friday 15th December and return to school on Tuesday 2nd January.

Regards,

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Mrs N Majid
Acting Headteacher

Christmas Activities in school



Magical Monday (11th December) - Wear a Crown!



Twinkle Tuesday (12th December) - Make a star Badge or star necklace to wear

09:45 - Nativity (in Hall - Ticket Holders only) - Parents, Early Years classes and Year 3 also invited



Wrapping Paper Wednesday (13th December) - Wear a hat made of wrapping paper

9:15 - EYFS Carol Concert (in Gym) - Early Years Parents invited

9:45 :00 - Nativity (in Hall - Ticket Holders only) - Parents and Years 4, 5 and 6 invited

2:30 - EYFS Carol Concert (in Gym) - Early Years Parents invited



Tinsel Thursday (14th December) - Jazz up your outfit with some tinsel



Festive Friday (15th December) - Wear your Christmas Jumper (or something colourful)

09.15 - 9.45 - Key Stage 2 Star of the Term Assembly

10.30 - 11.15 - Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Star of the Term Assembly

Star of the Term Assemblies will include our 100% Attendance Raffle - Big prizes to be won!

Afternoon: Christmas Parties! (Juice and crisps provided)