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**RESPECT      RESPONSIBILITY      CREATIVITY      KINDNESS      ASPIRATION      EQUALITY**

**Diary Dates**

- 5 December - Year 3 Gudwara Trip
- 7 December - Christmas Fair 1:45pm-3:00pm
- 14/15 December - Christmas Performances
- 18 December - Transform Trust Winter Festival
- 19 December - Christmas Pantomime Visit
- 20 December - Carol around the tree
- 21 December - Reading Celebration assembly
- 21 December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 21 December - Christmas dinner
- 21 December - Break up for Christmas
- 8 January - First day of Term

**Christmas Fair**

We will be holding our Christmas Fair in the hall on Thursday 7 December, 1:45pm-3:00pm.

If you have any donations of raffle/tombola or sweet tombola, please drop them off at the school office. If you are able to give your time to support a stall, it would be very much appreciated. Donations to be made by Wednesday afternoon.

Please see below arrangements for parents/carers.

Safeguarding our children is our number one priority. To ensure children are safe:

- You may collect your child from their class via the classroom fire exit from 1:20pm-1:35pm to attend the fair (please enter the hall through the fire doors)
- Once collected, the child is the responsibility of the collecting adult.
- If you are unable to attend the fair your child will attend the fair with their class teacher, TA (please send your child to school with spending money)
- Any child not collected by a parent/carer will return to class for a normal collection at 3:25pm from the top playground.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the day, Santa's Grotto £3 per child, raffle £1 a strip, sweet tombola 50p a go, Uniform Recycle, Toy stall, book stall and of course the children's creations will be available to purchase.



**Thank you**

Thank you to Collyer's Garden Centre in Borrowwash for their generous donation of our beautiful Christmas Tree.

Pop a long over the weekend and enjoy all they have to offer and you may even bump into Santa.



**SAFEGUARDING "Everybody's Business"**

It is everyone's responsibility to do something if there are concerns that a child is suffering from or is at risk of significant harm.

The [safeguarding@ashbrook-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ashbrook-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk) is monitored throughout the day. If you have any concerns that a child is a risk of serious harm then contact **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190** or visit <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/startingpoint>

NSPCC is a free 24 hour, 365 days a year helpline on 0808 800500 or visit [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)



### Team Points

As there was no Living our School Values Assembly this week due to the Christmas Craft morning, all class Dojo points will be carried over to next week.

# ROLLOVER

### Christmas Pantomime

The whole school is going to go and watch Mother Goose at Derby Arena on Tuesday 19 December 2023.

We will be late back to school due to going to the afternoon performance so all children must be collected by an adult.

No after school clubs will not take place on this day.

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to **WILSON** class who have achieved the highest attendance for the week ending 1 December 2023.



### Carol Concert

On Wednesday 20 December 2023 we invite you to join us at 9:10am-9:30am for a few Christmas songs around our beautiful Christmas tree.

Please enter through the hall fire doors.



### Christmas Performances

Our Christmas performances are being held on the following days and times. Children have been practicing hard, so we hope that you can make it.

#### Thursday 14 December 2023.

**Year 5 & 6 Performance - 9:30am**    **Year 3 & 4 Performance - 2:00pm**

#### Friday 15 December 2023.

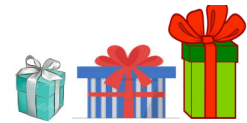
**Year 3 & 4 Performance - 9:30am**    **Year 5 & 6 Performance - 2:00pm**

Due to the ongoing costs to families at this time of year, we have decided to make this a cost free event, there is no need to purchase a ticket.

To ensure that we can seat everyone who would like to attend please try and limit your seats to 2 adults per performance.

Please enter the hall through the hall fire doors. Doors will open at 9am for the morning performance and 1:30pm for the afternoon performance.

**We hope to see you all there.**



### Reading Celebration Assembly

On Thursday 21 December 2023, we invite you to join us at 9:10am - 10:00am to celebrate our children's wonderful reading achievements.

Please enter through the hall fire doors.



## Attendance Update

Well done to Wilson Class this week with attendance of 96% for the week. Lewis Class were a close runner up with attendance for the week of 95%

As you will see from our attendance tracker below, a number of our classes have this week fallen below our target of 96% and our whole school attendance for the week dropped to 92%.

### **Why is our attendance below 96% this week?**

#### **Authorised absences:**

In the majority of cases, absences have been due to illness. Absences of this nature are reported as authorised. However, to enable us to authorise absences you may be asked to provide supporting documentation (e.g. appointment cards, medication/prescriptions).

#### **Unauthorised absences :**

An unauthorised absence on a child's attendance record occurs when the reason provided is not related to illness or is considered to be 'exceptional circumstances'. Examples of unauthorised absence we have seen this week include lateness, 'car trouble' and absence due to children being tired. All unauthorised absences are reportable to Transform Trust, the local authority and the Department of Education. Please remember : legal proceedings can be initiated by the local authority for unauthorised absence (e.g. penalty notices, court proceedings etc).

#### **What can families do to help?**

We understand that this time of year can be extremely busy for some families but by ensuring your child is well rested, earlier bedtime routines and continues to eat healthily are just some of the ways you can help with your child's overall wellbeing and give them the best chance to feel rested and ready for a full day of learning at school. Please contact the school office if you would like any information about the support groups for families struggling with bed time routines, wellbeing and healthy eating.

### **If your child is unwell in school we will contact you.**

Class	Weekly attendance Percentage	Percentage for Year
Lewis Class Year 3	95%	96%
Wilson Class Year 3	96%	98%
Riordan Class Year 4	83%	97%
Elphinstone Class Year 4	93%	94%
Zephaniah Class Year 5	93%	95%
Horowitz Class Year 5	93%	96%
Said Class Year 6	90%	96%

Whole school attendance this week = 92%

# STAY SAFE STAY OFF THE ICE



NEVER VENTURE  
ONTO FROZEN  
WATER



KEEP DOGS  
ON LEADS AND  
NEVER FOLLOW  
THEM ONTO  
ICE



SEE SOMEONE  
IN TROUBLE?  
CALL 999

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# FOOD FESTIVAL

by Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:  
4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 13/11, 4/12, 8/1, 29/1

# LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU



## MAIN EVENT

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken & Vegetable Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta Twirlers	Mild Chicken Curry with Whole Grain Rice	Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Drizzle Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers with Chips



## MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

Sweet Chilli Vegetable Stir Fry with Whole Grain Rice	Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake	Homemade Cheese and Leek Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Tarka Dhal Curry (Veggie Lentil Curry) with Whole Grain Rice	Pizza Margherita with Chips
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## RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Mixed Salad	Green Beans	Broccoli	Peas	Baked Beans
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*Salad and bread available every day*



## PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta

**Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce**



## BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

**Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes**  
with Cheese or Beans



## DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

Toffee Sponge and Custard	Jelly & Fruit Slices	Tropical Pineapple Crumble and Custard	Orange Cookie	Vanilla Ice Cream
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*Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day*