

CASTLE HILL ST. PHILIP'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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December 2017 Newsletter



PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our recent parents' evenings. Our next parents' evenings will be in March when children's books will be available for parents to see. Please note: children are welcome to attend these evenings along with parents.

100% ATTENDANCE

All children who have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn term will receive a special reward on the last day of term. We know that some children have had genuine reasons why they may not have achieved 100% attendance but as a school we always recognise children who achieve 100% attendance across a term.

RECEPTION CLASS—SEPTEMBER 2017

If you have or know a child born in the year September 2013 to August 2014, needing a school place from September 2018, you need to fill in the Wigan Council Admissions to Primary Schools 2018–2019 form or apply online at www.wigan.gov.uk and following the links for Education—Primary School Admissions. Please make sure you apply by the closing date of **15th January 2018**.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Each year we support the Children's Society by saving small change during December. If your child brought home a Christingle money box please either return it to school before the end of term, send in an envelope containing your donation or bring it along to the Christingle Service in All Saints Church at 3.00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This is always a magical service and is particularly suitable for families with children of all ages. All children receive a Christingle orange during the service.

LINK LODGE SUPPORT

Mrs Cloake, Pastoral Manager, is available most mornings on the playground and can provide support to parents with applications for free school meals or other pastoral issues. Mrs Cloake also has a large selection of used uniform and PE kits on sale in the Link Lodge—please speak to her for support.

DINNER MONEY

Please pay dinner money in advance on Monday mornings to cover the cost of dinners for the week. From January, we will send text messages to remind parents who have forgotten to send in dinner money rather than sending letters.

BINGO

Our very popular PTFA Christmas Family Bingo night will be held on Thursday 7th December. Doors open 6.00 pm, eyes down 6.30 pm. This event is a fun evening and is suitable for children. Our usual drinks, snacks, hotdogs and sweets will be on sale throughout the evening and only refreshments purchased at school should be consumed on our premises..

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Christmas Dinner will be on 14th December. Please order on Live Kitchen as normal. This year children can wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt with their school uniform.

ARRIVE ON TIME

Please note: we open our doors at 8.45 am so that children can enter school between 8.45 and 8.55 am. Children can not be looked after by school staff before 8.45 am. If parents require childcare before 8.45 am, Sue and the team at Fun Times Before and After School Club may be able to provide a place—please telephone Sue on 07762 737585.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH FAYRE

Saturday 2nd December at All Saints School 11.00 am—2.00 pm.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 are invited to come along in school uniform to sing at 11.00 am with our choir.

DIARY DATES

Friday 1st December	8.55 am	Non-uniform—Fine = toiletry item
Saturday 2nd December	11.00 am	All Saints Church Christmas Fair
Thursday 7th December	2.30 pm	Y4 Recorders Concert
Thursday 7th December	6.00 pm doors open 6.30 pm eyes down	PTFA Family Bingo Night
Friday 8th December	8.55 am	PTFA Clothing Bag Collection
Tuesday 12th December		KS1 Afternoon tea with Santa
Wednesday 13th December	2.00 pm and 6.30 pm	KS1 Nativity in school
Thursday 14th December		Christmas Dinner Day—children can wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt
Thursday 14th December	KS1 6.00—7.00 pm KS2 7.00—8.00 pm	Christmas Discos—£1.50
Friday 15th December		KS2 Cinema Afternoon
Monday 18th December		KS1 Gold Spot Party Day
Tuesday 19th December		KS2 Gold Spot Party Day
Wednesday 20th December	3.20 pm	Break up for Christmas
Sunday 24th December	3.00 pm	Christingle Service in Church All Welcome
Wednesday 3rd January	8.55 am	School re-opens
Monday 8th January	3.20-3.50	Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents
Wednesday 17th January	2.45 pm	Y2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 31st January	2.45 pm	Y4 Class Assembly

Party Days—children can wear their own clothes on the following days:

KS1 - Monday 18th December
KS2—Tuesday 19th December

Please pay for KS1 Afternoon Tea with Santa and the KS2 Cinema Afternoon by the deadlines given so that food can be purchased and appropriate arrangements made.

Well done **Year 3** for topping the leader board for November 2017.
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ATTENDANCE

CLASS	NOVEMBER %	SEPT—NOV %	LATES NOV
Reception	96.1	95.3	8
Year 1	92.4	91.6	10
Year 2	94.7	95.1	8
Year 3	96.8	96.9	12
Year 4	94.7	95.9	10
Year 5	93.8	94.6	8
Year 6	93.6	94.9	5
TOTAL	94.6	94.9	61