

10TH NOVEMBER 2023

Welcome back to our Autumn 2 term. It definitely feels like autumn now (I can hear Christmas songs being practiced by Year 3 children in the hall!) and, as I glance out of my window at the leaves blowing around in the wind, it reminds me to remind you to please make sure children are in school each day with a warm, waterproof coat so they can stay warm and dry at break times. Over the 20+ years I have been working here, I know well that children learn much better if they have been able to run around, get some fresh air and stretch their legs at regular intervals during the day and, where possible, we try to get the children outside at break times—if there is light rain or drizzle, we will try and keep the children outside.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who joined us for this month's coffee morning to find out more about our school curriculum. We hope that you found it useful and look forward to our next coffee morning on **Wednesday 6th December**.

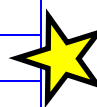
We look forward to seeing you all next week for our Parents' Evenings on Monday 13th or Wednesday 15th November. Please contact the school office if you find you are unable to make your appointment time for any reason and they will try to reschedule your appointment for you. The Book Fair will be open in the hall on both evenings and we are now able to take payments by card as well as cash.

Class Attendances—Week beginning 6th November 2023

Our attendance for this week is **93.3%**. Thank you for your support with promoting good attendance in school, it is much appreciated.

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| Class 1 | 97% |
| Class 2 | 90.8% |
| Class 3 | 97.5% |
| Class 4 | 89.1% |
| Class 5 | 95.8% |
| Class 6 | 94% |

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| Class 7 | 91.1% |
| Class 8 | 96.6% |
| Class 9 | 89.9% |
| Class 10 | 98.8% |
| Class 11 | 97.5% |
| Class 12 | 81.5% |



Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

School Dinners

After half term we will be on Week 1 from our Autumn/Winter Dinner Menu. Meals cost £2.40 per day and should be paid for in advance please.

[View Menu](#)

School Development

Along with curriculum development work to address our OFSTED action points, this year we are looking to further reduce persistent absence in school, in line with DfE targets. Persistent absence is the term given when attendance falls below 90% and can cause a concern in terms of children falling behind their peers in lessons. To help us provide support for families and children, we have looked beyond the local authority and engaged with TEAM Education Trust who will be supporting us **in partnership** with this drive for the current academic year.



Mrs Allyson Fudge and Ms Nicola Rees from the Trust will be in school on Tuesdays, working alongside staff and with children and families to help us promote good attendance in school. Mrs Fudge will also be supporting families with early help support. We are looking forward to working with them.

Odd Socks Day—Monday 13th November

Remember that Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week on Monday 13th November! Please feel free to come to school wearing odd socks to help us to raise awareness!



Children in Need 2023

We are again inviting children to wear a splash of yellow, something spotty or any Children in Need merchandise along with their school uniform on **Friday 17th November**. Mr O'Donnell will create a giant Pudsey Bear with any donated change on the day.



Christmas Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th December is Christmas Dinner Day. On the menu this year is: **roast turkey**, stuffing, chipolata sausages, roast and creamed potatoes, vegetables and gravy. The **vegetarian** option is **Quorn™ wellington** and the **halal** option is **roast chicken**. The stuffing and gravy are both suitable for vegetarians. For dessert there will be the option of a Christmas shortbread biscuit or a spiced chocolate oaty cookie. The office will send out letters home soon giving details about how to order a Christmas dinner for your child.



Wednesday 20th December is also **Christmas Jumper Day**—the children are welcome to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers, or t-shirts, tights, hats—anything with a Christmas theme, in addition to their school uniform—along with a £2 donation for the *Save the Children* charity please. As usual, the Office Staff will be selling Christmas pin badges and slap bands from **Monday 4th December** in the school hall when doors open at 8:45am each morning, this year raising money for Young Minds, their chosen charity. Badges are £2, slap bands are £1 and both can be worn with school uniform throughout December.

The School Council have requested **Christmas Discos** again this year. These will be held on **Thursday 21st December**. Lower School Disco will run from 5pm-6:15pm and Upper School Disco will run from 6:30pm-7:45pm. **All children MUST be collected by an adult please.** Tickets will go on sale nearer the time—please keep an eye out for details.

Our Year 3 children are busy learning their lines and songs for their **Year 3 production**, which they will be performing to parents on **Wednesday 13th December** at 2pm and 6pm. Please keep an eye out for letters home about ticket information.

On **Thursday 7th December**, our Year 6 children will be visiting Nottingham Playhouse to see the pantomime Cinderella as part of our Passport of Experiences. This will be funded by school and a letter with more details for parents will come home nearer the time.

2023-24 DATES

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| Monday 13th November | All Day | Odd Socks Day |
| Monday 13th—Friday 17th November | All Week | Book Week—Remembrance |
| Monday 13th November | 3:30-6:30pm | Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 15th November | TBC | Flu Immunisations for Pupils |
| Wednesday 15th November | 3:30-6:30pm | Parents' Evening |
| Friday 17th November | All Day | Children in Need—wear something spotty/yellow |
| Thursday 7th December | PM | Year 6 Pantomime trip to Cinderella—letter to follow |
| Wednesday 13th December | 2pm & 6pm | Year 3 Christmas Production to Parents/Carers |
| Wednesday 20th December | All Day | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Wednesday 20th December | 12:15pm | Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 21st December | AM | Lower School Gold Reward Trip—Bowling |
| Thursday 21st December | Lower School 5:00-6:15pm Upper School 6:30-7:45pm | Christmas Discos—Ticket information to follow |
| Friday 22nd December | AM | Upper School Gold Reward Trip—Bowling |
| Friday 22nd December | 3:30pm | End of Autumn 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS | | |
| Monday 8th January 2024 | All Day | INSET 4 |
| Tuesday 9th January 2024 | 8:55am | Spring 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Friday 16th February 2024 | 3:30pm | End of Spring 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM |
| HALF TERM | | |
| Monday 26th February 2024 | 8:55am | Spring 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Thursday 28th March 2024 | 3:30pm | End of Spring 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR EASTER |
| EASTER HOLIDAYS | | |
| Monday 15th April 2024 | 8:55am | Summer 1 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Monday 6th May 2024 | All Day | May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed |
| Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May 2024 | Mornings | Year 6 SATs Week |
| Friday 24th May 2024 | 3:30pm | End of Summer 1 Term—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM |
| HALF TERM | | |
| Monday 3rd June 2024 | All Day | INSET 5 |
| Tuesday 4th June 2024 | 8:55am | Summer 2 Term begins—BACK TO SCHOOL |
| Tuesday 23rd July 2024 | 3:30pm | End of Summer 2 Term—BREAK UP FOR SUMMER |



Breakfast

This week we have provided breakfast to 38 children. Children can come to the hall when doors open to collect a breakfast bar if they wish. *Please remind your children that this provision is for those that have not had access to a breakfast at home.*

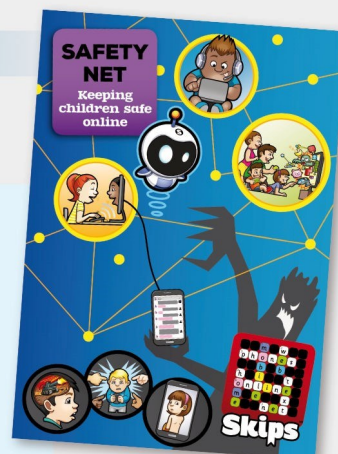
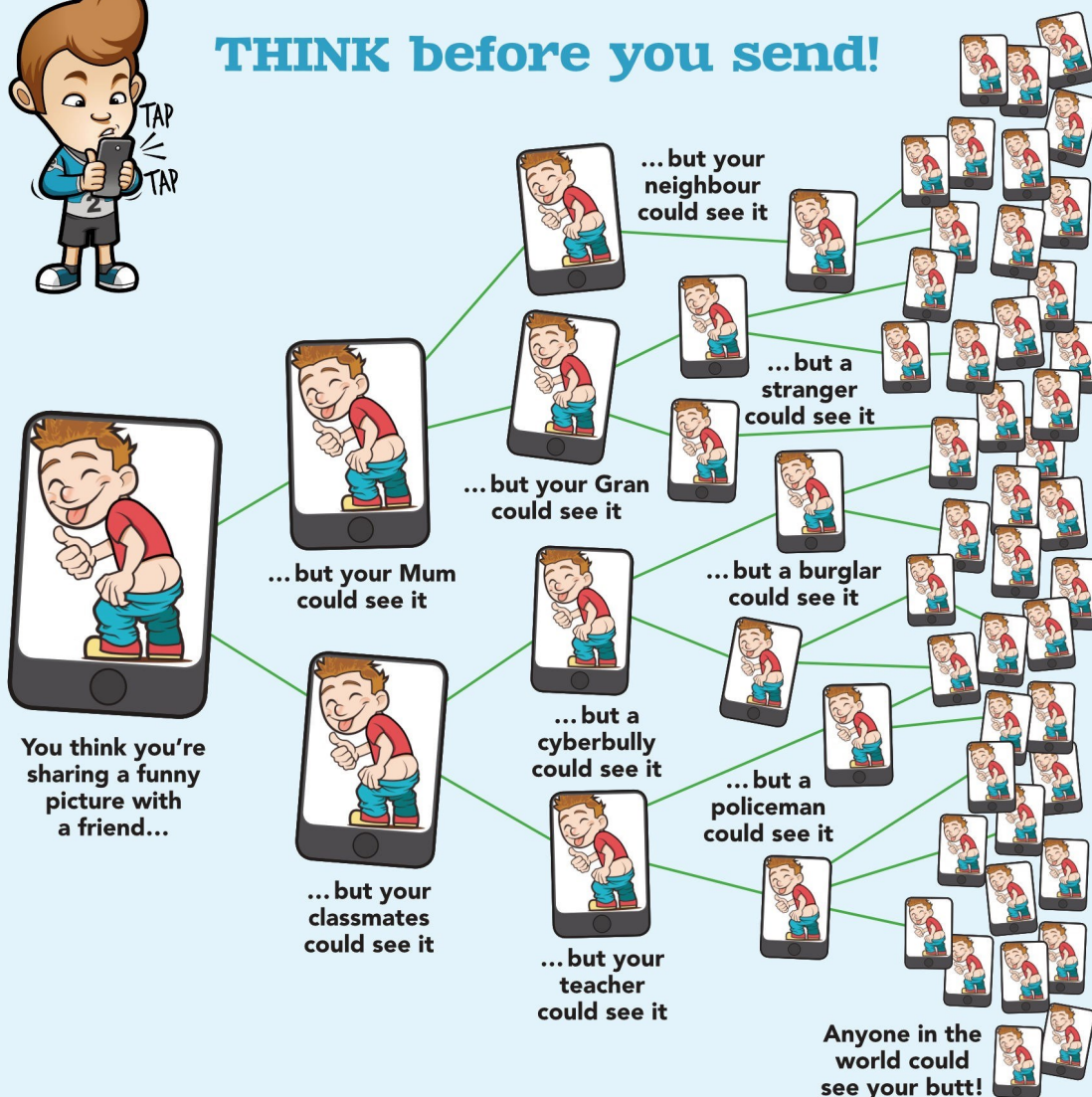
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fuel for learning

Parent Guides to Online Safety



THINK before you send!



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

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