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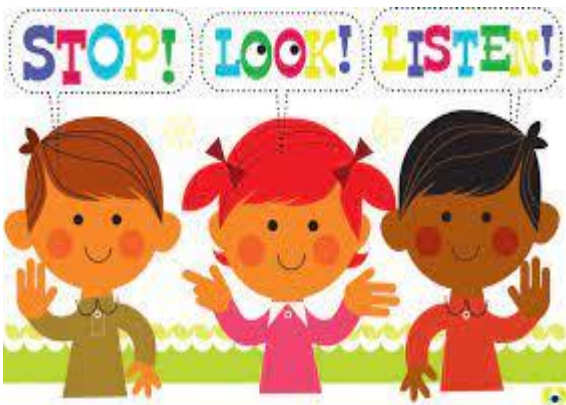
Dear Parents

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need. We are in the process of counting the monies received and will let you know the amount raised to be sent to the charity next week.

Road Safety

Today in assembly we talked about road safety, what we need to remember when crossing the road and where it is safe to cross the road. The children shared their ideas with each other and learnt how they need to stop, look and listen.



Parent Governor

I am pleased to tell you that our recent election was successful and I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Scanlan to our Governing Board as a new Parent Governor.

One Picture Exhibition

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 24th November when you are invited to our exhibition in our school hall between 3p.m. – 4p.m. to see a showcase of the children's work from their study of Turner's famous painting 'The Fighting Temeraire'.

Tag Day

We are holding a tag day on Friday 2nd December. Children are able to wear their own clothes to school in return for a donation of

chocolates, sweets or other Christmas goodies to go towards our Christmas raffle hampers. Please send all donated items into school on the 2nd December with your child. Further information and raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

Christmas Cards

The Balfour Christmas Post Box will be available in school for children to post their cards to friends in from Monday 5th December. Please ensure that envelopes are marked with the first name, initial of surname and class of the child the card is for. Sadly every year we have cards that cannot be delivered as this information is missing.



If you would like a class list for the purpose of sending Christmas cards, please speak to your child's class. Please note that we are able to provide a list of pupils stating the first name and initial of surname only. If you do not want your child's name included on this list, please let your child's class teacher know.

Christmas Colouring Competition

We are holding a Christmas colouring competition for pupils, with each year group having a different picture to colour. The colouring sheet will be sent home shortly. If you would like to participate, please return the completed colouring sheet with 50p entry fee in an envelope marked with your child's name, class and 'Christmas Colouring Competition' into school with your child by Monday 12th

December. One winner from each year group will be chosen to receive a prize.



Christmas Jumper Day

Children may wear their own clothes to school along with a Christmas jumper on Friday 9th December in support of Save the Children. There will be a donation bucket on the playground before and after school for donations to the charity.



Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be arriving in school next week. If you would like to visit the book fair in our school hall with your child to buy a book you will be able to do so on Friday 2nd December from 8.30a.m. – 9a.m. and 3 p.m. – 3.30p.m. and also on Tuesday 6th December from 3p.m. – 3.30p.m.



Top Attenders

Congratulations to Owl Class who again were our top attenders last week with 97% of pupils attending school every day. Well done Owls!



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 24th November 2022
One Picture Exhibition

Friday 2nd December 2022
Tag Day

Friday 9th December 2022
Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 13th December 2022
Year 2 Christmas Performances

Wednesday 14th December 2022
Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 15th December 2022
Year 1 Christmas Performances

Friday 16th December 2022
Year R Christmas Performances

Last Day of Term 2
Tuesday 20th December 2022

Regards.

Ms D Atkinson
Headteacher

LATE ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL

Good time keeping means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn. When your child arrives late to school, they miss the teachers instructions, early work and the induction to the lesson. A number of late arrivals is unsettling for the child, the teacher and the rest of the class. Lateness can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child's education.

The gate is open from 8.45am – 9am. Any children arriving after this time must come into school through the school office and the lateness will be recorded by the office staff. The official closure of the registers in the morning is 9.30am, any children arriving after this time will be given a 'U' mark, which is classed as an unauthorised absence, unless it is for a medical/dental appointment or a reason is provided which can be classed as authorised.

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.

