



Chapel End Infant School & Early Years Centre Newsletter

2nd December 2016



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Festive Season is upon us

We are happy to inform you that the *Christmas card post box* is now open. If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends or staff members, please ensure that their name and class is clearly written on the envelope. The Post box is located outside the school office.



The children have expressed how happy they are to see the Christmas tree displayed in our school hall. This adds to the festive feel during this time of years.

Our Christmas bazaar is taking place on **Tuesday 6th December**, from 3.45 to 5.30. Please come along and support our school whilst making memories with your children. There will be many games, creative stalls, face painting and Santa's grotto to name a few. Together we will make this years bazaar a success and have fun doing so!

Thank you to parents / carers who have kindly already brought in their donations, without your support these events cannot take place.

School Clubs important update

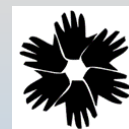
Due to the unavailability of the sports coach, football and multi skill clubs are now cancelled till the new year.

Dance club is cancelled on Tuesday 6th December due to the Christmas Bazaar.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Owls Sharing Assembly

On Friday 2nd December, we all enjoyed Owls sharing assembly. The class performed a Rap song about their maths learning on doubles. We also enjoyed listening to the children's poems about winter.



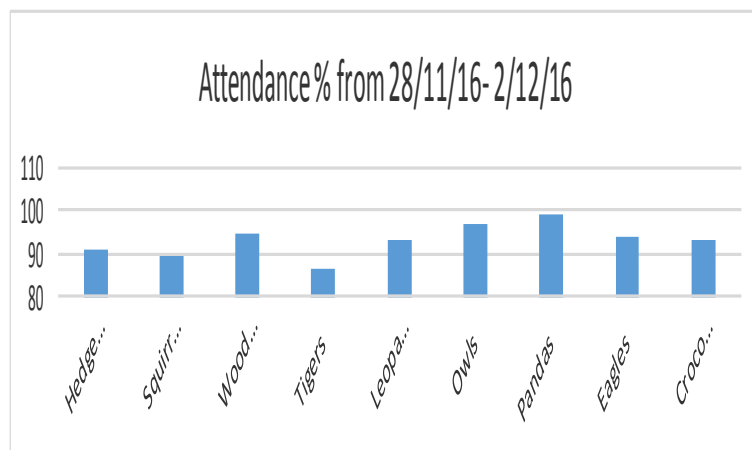
The children work really hard on remembering and learning some sign language and they were able to demonstrate this through a story about a little boy in a blue jacket.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and enjoy this with us.

All the children have been working really hard on learning Christmas songs for their productions—we look forward to sharing these with you.

Attendance & Punctuality

School attendance and punctuality is monitored every day. All lates, absences and early collection are recorded on our school database. Time missing from school can affect your child's learning. If your child is absent from school please make sure that you call the school office before 9:30am with a reason for the absence.



This week attendance is 93.2%, which is below government expectations.

Well done children and parents for ensuring that your child is in school everyday and on time.

Have a look to see where your class is –Every child makes a difference to their class attendance percentage.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 6th December 2016 Christmas Bazaar—3.45pm till 5.30pm –Dance club cancelled
- Wednesday 7th December 2016 School Nurse Drop in Session 9:15am till 10:30am
- Thursday 8th December 2016 Nursery Cake Sale at the end of each session
- Friday 9th December 2016 School Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day
- Monday 12th December 2016 *Due to unforeseen circumstances the day has been changed—EYC—Car park being re-tarmacked— not accessible from 12.30—Please use Wadham Lodge sports ground car park in Kitchener road for dropping off and collecting children.*
- Tuesday 13th December 2016 Christmas Production for Nursery at 10.45 & 14.30
- Wednesday 14th December Christmas Production for Reception at 9.30 & 14.30
- Thursday 15th December 2016 Christmas Production for Yr1 at 9.30—Willow production at 11.15 & 14.45
- Friday 16th December 2016 Christmas Production for Yr2 at 9.30
- Tuesday 20th December 2016 Caboodle Panto—Aladdin— LAST SESSION FOR TEATIME CLUB



Behaviour

We are so proud of the behaviour of our children across our school. We believe that our Golden Rules contribute to a clear and consistent message on behaviour. These Rules are displayed around the school. We ask parents from time to time to discuss these rules with their child. Thank you for your support.



Communication Tools



Improved text messaging system – and you can help the school save money

From time to time, we send information to parents via text message to your mobile phone. A new, free, smartphone app for parents is now available for download called ‘School Gateway’ for Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3 / Gingerbread or later) devices.

Please could you download this new app to your phone (it’s free) as it will help us improve communication with parents – and save the school money.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for “School Gateway” in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
 2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to “Allow Push Notifications”
 3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select ‘New User’ and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
 4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.
- As soon as you’ve got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you’ll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you’ve recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let us know so we can update our records.

Thank you for your help and to those parents who have already downloaded the app.

We are in urgent need of spare children’s tights, socks, underwear, trouser and skirts. Please send unwanted items to the school office—thank you

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Please remember to take a look at our school website where you will find information on your child’s learning