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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 94% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber zone** and we are NOT meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.



| Attendance | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Week commencing 18 th November | 88.4% | 91.3% | 96.2% | 95.3% | 98% | 94.3% |
| Autumn Half Term 2 | 93.5% | 95.75% | 97.93% | 94.00% | 98.33% | 95.98% |

Christmas Performances

Christmas performances will begin at 10am and 1.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.45am for the 10am performance and 1.15pm for the 1.30pm performance. Please enter via the playground gate.

- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity – **Wednesday 4th December 10am and 1.30pm**
- KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity – **Thursday 5th December 10am and 1.30pm**

Advent Mass

On Thursday 12th December at 10am, Year 3 will lead us in a special Advent mass, at St. Aidan's Church. After the mass, Year 3 will remain at church, where we will host a coffee morning in the church hall. Parents and Carers of the Year 3 pupils are invited to join us. Please note not all Year 3 pupils will have a reading, however, all children play a vital role in celebrating the mass.

Advent Celebration of the Word

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, our Key Stage 2 students will be planning and leading special *Celebration of The Word* services. These services will be held in school and will explore the key themes and messages of Advent. We are pleased to be able to invite parents and carers to join us in this special time of reflection and celebration. After each service, we will be hosting a *coffee morning* in support of *The People's Kitchen*. All proceeds from the coffee morning will go towards supporting their vital work.

Monday 2nd December 9:15am - Year 6

Monday 9th December 9:15am – Year 5

Monday 16th December 9:15am – Year 4

Jewellery

Jewellery (excluding watches) must not be worn to school, we have noticed an increase in pupils, particularly in KS2, not adhering to this by wearing necklaces, bracelets and earrings. **Please ensure that your child is not wearing jewellery for school.**

Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!):

Monday 2nd December 9:15am - Advent Celebration of the Word (Year 6)
Tuesday 3rd December – Mr Taylor Bible Stories
Tuesday 3rd December – Wednesday 4th December - Year 3 Residential visit to The Sill
Wednesday 4th December 10am and 1.30pm - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity
Thursday 5th December 10am and 1.30pm - KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity
Friday 6th December 12.45pm - Year 6 Athletics
Monday 9th December 9:15am – Advent Celebration of the Word (Year 5)
Tuesday 10th December 9.00am - Awards Assembly
Thursday 12th December – Year 3 lead Advent Mass
Thursday 12th December 6pm - KS2 Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 10th December 2024 - KS1 Santa's Grotto Rising Sun Visit
Wednesday 11th December 10.00am - Oxford Centre Community Christmas Sing
Monday 16th December 9:15am – Advent Celebration of the Word (Year 4)
Tuesday 17th December 1pm-3pm - Christmas Disco
Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December - Christmas Pantomime (in school)
Friday 20th December 9.00am - Awards Assembly



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have some fantastic Christmas raffle prizes up for grabs:

Hoverboard Go Kart

One month of Swimming Lessons at swim! Benton

New Adventurelands Play Sessions

Chocolate Hamper

Wine

Selection Boxes

Gift Sets

Tickets are 50p each (£2.50 per strip) and can be purchased by cash or card at the school office.

The raffle will be drawn in the last week of term.



swim!

