



Note from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is moving quickly and we have a couple of weeks left until we break up for Christmas and there is a lot planned for that time.

November has seen the launch of Star Writer award at Christ Church! This prestigious award was given to one student in each class who successfully demonstrated fantastic writing skills. Star Writer award will be held at the end of each month where children will have the opportunity to have their work displayed on a very special board. Have you got what it takes to be the next star writer?

This year Santa's Grotto is taking place on Tuesday 14th December during the school day and is open for all children. If you would like your child to receive a gift from Santa, feel free to make a payment of £2.50 on ParentPay.

We have our Christmas letter box in school, so if children wish to send Christmas cards within school they can pop them in the post and they will be delivered in the afternoons by Santa's special helpers.

Don't forget to take a look at the diary on the back of this letter; it includes all the important dates and information for this term so far.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Mr Whitehouse
Head Teacher

Star Pupil

Year Group	Star Pupil
Nursery	Layla and Samya
Reception	Malik and Zayan
Year One	Alina and Nouradine
Year Two	Margaret, Zoya & Zachariah
Year Three	Rayann and Yousef. H
Year Four	Anas and Summar
Year Five	Aqsa and Aminah
Year Six	Nyalueth and Ismaeel



Theme

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

Christmas is a very special Christian festival because it celebrates the birth of Jesus.

Why do we call Christmas "Christmas"?



Attendance

Attendance for the week beginning
18th October – 22nd October

Year Group	Percentage	Lates
Nursery	94.3%	1
Reception	88.5%	7
Year One	88.8%	3
Year Two	94.4%	9
Year Three	93.6%	2
Year Four	97.2%	2
Year Five	92.0%	6
Year Six	94.0%	3

Attendance for the week beginning
1st November – 5th November

Year Group	Percentage	Lates
Nursery	94.1%	0
Reception	94.4%	3
Year One	96.6%	0
Year Two	99.6%	0
Year Three	100%	0
Year Four	95.8%	0
Year Five	96.0%	3
Year Six	100%	1

We would like to thank all our parents who make sure their child is in school every day and on time.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th December – Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 10th December – Y5 & Y6 Parent workshop at 9:00am
Friday 10th December – Christmas Carol Concert in the Hall
Monday 13th December – “Aladdin” Pantomime
Tuesday 14th December – Santa’s Grotto
Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Production (Nursery and Reception parents only) at 9:15am
Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Production (Year One parents only) at 2:00pm
Thursday 16th December – Behaviour Awards
Friday 17th December – Children break-up for Christmas holidays (Full school day)
Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 5th January – Children return to school

House Points

Faith

1450

Patience

1328

Charity

1308

Hope

1267



School Meals

Nursery £2.10 per day = £6.30 per week.
Primary £2.40 per day = £12.00 per week
All dinner money should be paid on ParentPay.

Other News

Coronavirus

You will be aware that Covid 19 has been in the news recently with the new Omicron variant. School continues to follow all DFE guidance and is continually reviewing safety arrangements. It is strongly advised that families and pupils continue to regularly use lateral flow tests, which are available from many pharmacies. The arrangement still remains that if your child develops Covid 19 symptoms, DO NOT send them to school and book a PCR test at the earliest opportunity. If your pupil starts to show Covid19 symptoms in school, parents will be asked to collect their child as soon as possible. Covid 19 symptoms are:

- A fever
- A new, dry continuous cough
- A change of or loss of the sense of smell or taste

There are new arrangements for the isolation of direct contacts of a positive Covid 19 case, especially if you are a direct contact of an Omicron case. If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace with regards to being a contact, please follow their advice regarding next steps.

Reception Intake 2022

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? If so, it is important that you apply online for your child’s Reception class place for September 2021 by **15th January 2022**. For further information and to apply online please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, alternatively contact a member of the Children’s Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888.

Christmas Dinner

The children’s Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 14th December. Children who usually have a packed lunch are welcome to join us for this special celebration meal. The cost of the meal is £2.40 and for Nursery children £2.10 which includes a Christmas Dinner and a pudding. If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner on this day, please inform the school office by **Friday 10th December** and payment will then be made by ParentPay.