



# NEWSLETTER

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## MIDDLE STREET PRIMARY CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

### Christmas Performances @ The Brighthelm

This year we will be holding our Christmas shows at The Brighthelm Centre, on North Road. Due to the size of the venue we will be holding two performances of each show.

#### Reception and key stage one:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- 11:30 – 12 or 1:00 – 1:30

#### Key stage two:

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- 10:30 – 11:30 or 2:00 – 3:00.

**NB: CHANGE OF DATES**

Each child will be able to get two tickets to either the morning or afternoon show. This will be allocated on a first come first served basis from the school office, via parent pay.

Tickets will be available for purchase on parent pay for £1.00 per ticket, from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – please look out on PING for further information later this week.

Once each child has had the chance to claim their two ticket allocations we will offer any spare tickets after the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be filming each performance and an online recording will be available for you to purchase after the event at a cost of £2.50.



### Cross Country

#### Well done everyone!

On Wednesday, children from year five and six competed in the Brighton and Hove cross country running event. Forty-two schools entered and there were around three hundred children in each race. All the Middle Street children were a credit to the school and gave their best effort. Edu (in year five) came eleventh and has been invited to the county finals. Thank you to all the pupils involved and all the parents that came and supported.



### Attendance Matters

Recently we have seen a decline in attendance across the school. We would like to support our children where attendance is becoming a concern. We continue to understand the need for children to be absent from school if they are unwell or for COVID related isolation. However, we have seen a large increase in unauthorised absences.

To ensure we support families properly we will be re-issuing the

local authority policy and need to highlight the important information below.

Attending school is required by Law. If a child's attendance becomes a concern we will make you aware.

Please note that we will continue to follow the Attendance Policy and you are at risk of a FPN (Fixed Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child) if your child's attendance falls below 95%.

Leave of Absence (holidays) will not be authorised and you will need to fill in a 'Leave of Absence' Form for safeguarding purposes (so that we know you and your family are safe).

If we are unable to contact you, we may need to refer the case to FDF (Front Door for Families).

Please continue to call us each day your child is absent from school on 01273 323184. This is a safeguarding procedure so that we are aware your child and family are safe.

We may ask for medical evidence if your child's attendance is poor due to illness. Again, this is part of our safeguarding procedures and enables us to support you should you need it (e.g. - the School Nurse).

Further information on attendance can be found [here](https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/absent-school) <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/children-and-learning/absent-school>



### Dates for your diary What's Coming Up?

30/11/21	Parent/Carer Teacher Meetings
2/12/21	INSET DAY – Children not in school.
8/12/21	
9/12/21	Christmas Lunch
13/12/21	Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
15/12/21	KS2 Christmas Extravaganza!

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