

Hugh's News

Weekly Newsletter – 15th December 2017

Headteacher: Mrs K McNulty
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs J Padgett
Deputy Headteacher: Miss C Hudson

A message from Mrs McNulty..

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable end of term break. We look forward to seeing you all again on January 2nd, ready to take on new challenges in the New Year.

Reception Class Nativity

Our Reception pupils shone this week and looked fantastic in their Nativity costumes. The children performed twice for parents and carers and were brilliant during both performances. Mrs McNulty was particularly impressed with the children's retelling of the Nativity story using the Talk for Writing approach and the children's singing of the song 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas' using sign language. Well done children!



Wren Class Carol Singing

Hugh Gaitskell choir sang joyously at DePuy Synthes, to herald the upcoming festivities. Their audience were truly taken by the confidence and dramatic ability of the children as they enlivened Christmas traditional songs. DePuy Synthes had kindly invited local pensioners to join with the choir for a meal and visit to Santa Claus and we were honoured to be part of such a wonderful community event!



Year 1 Nativity

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers who came and watched our Nativity. All the children in Year 1 were excited to perform the Nativity and enjoyed singing the Christmas songs.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd January

First day back

Thursday 4th January

Year 5/6 Showcase

Monday 8th January

Year 1/2/3 100%
Attendance Assembly
@ 9:30am

Monday 8th January

Year 4/5/6 100%
Attendance Assembly
@ 2.30pm

Tuesday 9th January

Kingfisher trip to Pizza
Express

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Kestrel and Sandpiper
trip to Tropical World

Wednesday 10th

January

Bluebird trip to Pizza
Express

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Nightingale and
Skylark trip to Tropical
World

Thursday 11th January

Magpie and Wren trip
to Tropical World

Last Week's Attendance

Our target is **97%**: Please ensure that children arrive at school **on time** every day.

Class	Last Week's Attendance	Number of Late Marks
Robins	94.0	2
Penguins	96.0	0
Parrots	86.8	2
Flamingo	92.5	4
Toucan	91.1	8
Owl	84.2	8
Swan	94.1	1
Bluebird	96.9	3
Kingfisher	98.1	6
Skylark	97.2	8
Sandpiper	95.3	3
Wren	96.4	1
Kestrel	98.0	6
Nightingale	95.0	11
Magpie	93.7	4
Hummingbird	95.0	4
Woodpecker	97.9	9
Goldfinch	97.3	2
Falcon	97.7	1
Eagle	94.7	5
Peacock	90.0	5

Doors will open at **8:40am** and children may come in from that time. Doors will close at **8:50am**.

Year 6 SAT Parent Workshops

In order to be fully-prepared for the Year 6 SATs assessments in May, all children will take part in carefully planned **booster sessions** for Reading, Writing and Maths.

These sessions will start in January and will run until the SATs week (14th-17th May). Booster lessons will focus on the main areas for development to support your child in achieving their very best in the upcoming tests.

I would also like to invite you to one of our **SATs Parent Workshops**. These sessions will help you to learn more about National Curriculum expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths and will give you the opportunity to take away some top tips on how to support your child at home.

If you would like to attend, please choose one of the following dates and return the slip you were provided.

Parent Workshop Date	Time
Monday 15 th January 2018	3:30pm – 4:15pm
Friday 19 th January 2018	9am – 9:45am



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