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GREAT PRESTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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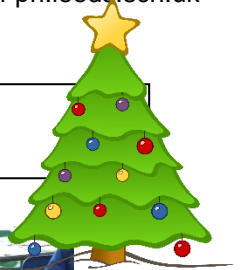
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Weekly Newsletter 7th December 2018



Dear parents and carers,

This week Ms Taylor and I had the pleasure of visiting Brigshaw High School to meet with some of the children who left Great Preston in July. It was a thoroughly enjoyable visit and wonderful to see them thriving and making great progress at their new school.

Christmas celebrations have already begun, with children throughout school preparing for their performances and productions. We are very much looking forward to watching rehearsals next week and welcoming parents and carers to see all of the hard work pay off! Have a fantastic weekend.

Yours in learning,
Mrs Katie Pashley



Christmas Fair Friday 14th December 2018

A massive thank you for all of your generous donations for the Christmas Fair. Events like this really couldn't go ahead without your support. Year 4 were the winning class for contributions as they donated 57 gifts! Well done and thank you Year 4!

If any parents or carers are available next Friday afternoon from 1.30pm, we would appreciate as many pairs of hands as possible to help set up the hall. It's fine to just turn up on the afternoon itself. Please note that this would only be appropriate for parents and carers without children to care for.

Finally, we would welcome any donations of buns and cakes for the fair. These can be brought into school on the morning of the fair. Thank you, as always, for your anticipated support.

Deadline Approaching!

Please note that the deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2019 is 15th January 2019. All children must apply for a school place even if they already attend our school nursery. To apply online, please go to www.leeds.gov.uk

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 3 who are this week's attendance superstars with a combined attendance of 98.3%. Well done Year 3!



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England



Developing Inspiring Teachers

Great attendance is important for all pupils and although some missed days are unavoidable due to illness, we would urge parents to avoid taking children out of school for other reasons such as holidays. This applies to children throughout school, from Nursery to Year 6. Even one day of missed learning is difficult for children to catch up.

Safeguarding

Information regarding online safety has previously been shared with parents, particularly around the use of age appropriate games such as Fortnite. May we remind parents and carers that Fornite has a PEGI rating of 12 due to 'frequent scenes of mild violence'.

During the Spring term, Mrs O'Carroll will be delivering a session for parents surrounding the use of online games and we would urge all parents to attend. Information will be shared before Christmas so that you can save the date in your diaries.

Thankfulness Celebration

This week we celebrated the following children who have all demonstrated thankfulness in some way:

Nursery: Darcy R and Mia F
 Reception: Sam H and Noah W
 Year 1: Tyler H and Lilly D
 Year 2: Harry GC and Felix P
 Year 3: Jack G and Ellie-May BB
 Year 4: Levi BB and Priya S
 Year 5: Libby N and Joseph R
 Year 6: Lisa F and Jack D
 Lead servers: Charley R and Joe H

Well done to you all!



Christmas Performances

You should have received a letter informing you of any productions your child will be a part of this year. Please note the final tickets are now available and will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please send any requests for tickets in an envelope clearly stating which performance the money is for. Please send any requests for tickets into school via your child's class teacher.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at each of the performances. The raffle will be drawn towards the end of the Christmas Fair.

Important Dates

Mon 10 th Dec	Road Safety Team Christmas Pantomime in school for children
Tues 11 th Dec	Early Years Christmas performance for parents (Nursery and Reception) 9.30am
Wed 12 th Dec	Early Years Christmas performance for parents (Nursery and Reception) 2pm
Thurs 13 th Dec	Year 3,4 and 5 Christmas performance for parents 9.30am and 2pm
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Mon 17 th Dec	Christmas Service at Allerton Bywater Church for Years 1 to 6 PARENTS VERY WELCOME 9.30am
Mon 17 th Dec	Nursery Stay and Play (morning)
Mon 17 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Service in school with Rev Diane PARENTS VERY WELCOME 2.00pm
Tues 18 th Dec	Year 1 and 2 and musicians Christmas Carols by Candlelight for parents 9.30am
Thurs 20 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day – whole school Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 21 st Dec	Break up for Christmas