

Countdown to Christmas - Events in School

Carol Singing in Tesco

Maple Class will be singing in tesco on Tuesday afternoon this week. Pop along and see them as they would welcome your support.

EYFS Nativity

Our Nursery and Reception children take the stage for their Nativity play on Thursday morning at 9:10 am. You are welcome to pop up to the classroom afterwards for a stay and play craft session. Raffle tickets will be on sale.

KS1 and KS2 Christmas Play

Come along and support the children in their Christmas Play on Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm and Friday morning at 9:30am. Entry is £1 per person and raffle tickets will be on sale too.

Christmas Carol Service at St Helens Church

Our KS2 children will be leading our carol service in church on Monday 16th December at 2:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. Children may be collected from church but you must make staff aware that you are taking your child home before leaving.

KS1 and KS2 Christmas Parties

Children in KS1 and KS2 can bring in a change of clothes for their party and change after lunch. We will send home a party plate and request that you send in a selection of party food for your child only. In previous years there has been a great deal of waste which we hope to avoid this year. Thank you for your support.

KS1 and KS2 Pantomime

This year the children will be watching Jack and the Beanstalk at Darlington Hippodrome theatre. We will buy the children an ice cream for the interval. Please do not send any additional sweets with your child. They may bring a bottle of water, no fizzy drinks. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day and Carols in School

On Friday 20th December, children can wear their Christmas jumper to school and pay £1 fine which, this year, will support the Butterwick Hospice. Our KS1 children will lead our carol service in school at 2:00pm. Come along and enjoy some super singing! Children may be collected from school immediately after the carol service.

Oakley Cross Friends *Article 31 - children have the right to relax and play*

Our Christmas fair was really successful this year and it was lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you to Mrs Lowrie and Oakley Cross Friends for organising this event. We will continue to sell tickets for our Christmas raffle which you will be able to buy at our Christmas events this week. There are a good number of super prizes on offer so don't miss out!

Sporting events *Article 15 - every child has the right to join groups*

Our football league is now finished for and our team finished in 9th place. Well done to our football team and thank you to Miss Turner, Mrs Lowrie and Miss Curry for supporting the team and attending these events. This weekend our football team and club were invited to Bishop Auckland Football Club to be mascots for the game. They accompanied the players onto the pitch and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Miss Curry for organising this event.

Jewellery *Article 19 - all children have the right to be safe*

Children must not wear jewellery in school. Items should remain at home to avoid any unnecessary accidents or losses in school. Small stud earrings and a watch may be worn but must be removed for PE lessons. Thank you.

Attendance *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education*

Our overall attendance today stands at 94.2%. Please make a huge effort to help improve our school attendance. Currently Maple Class is top of the leader board with a class attendance of 95.8%. Your child's attendance is important and we will contact parents of children where attendance is causing concern to offer further advice and support. We are monitored closely by the local authority; low attendance could trigger their intervention and persistent absence can lead to parents being issued a fine or further enforcement action.

Governor Vacancy *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education*

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors on our school governing body. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please pop in to school.

Parent Mail *Article 17 - you have the right to get information that is important to you*

Thank you to everyone who has now registered with Parent Mail to receive all our school letters and bulletins. If you have registered but not downloaded the FREE app please do so. Parents who have, tell us this makes receiving our messages so much easier than relying on email alone as you will receive a notification alert.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 12 th December	EYFS Christmas Sing Song/Nativity 9am
Thursday 12 th December	KS1/KS2 Christmas play 2pm
Friday 13 th December	KS1/KS2 Christmas play 9.30am
Monday 16 th December	KS1 party (afternoon)
Monday 16 th December	KS2 carol service at St Helen's Church 2pm
Tuesday 17 th December	KS1/KS2 Panto trip
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS party (afternoon)
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas dinner
Thursday 19 th December	EYFS Littlest Elf 9.30am
Thursday 19 th December	KS2 party (afternoon)
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 fine)
Friday 20 th December	Carols in school 2pm
Friday 20 th December	Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 7 th January	School re-opens

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with school if you want to put forward a suggestion or discuss anything.

Thank you.

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