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"With exploring minds, and faith, we achieve our challenging goals."



The staff and governors wish you a very Happy Christmas

and a Peaceful New Year.

School re-opens on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 8.50am

Curriculum News

Details of the curriculum for the first half of the spring term are now on the website for all classes.

Reports

Following comments from parents, on our July questionnaire, about being kept up to date with information about your child, we have devised a short report. This means that in the Autumn term we hold a parents' evening in the first half term and then send a short report at the end of the second half term. We welcome any feedback you may have about these reports.

In the spring term there will again be a face to face parents evening and a short report.

ATTENDANCE and ABSENCE

School attendance percentages are affected by absence, whether or not it is authorised. Our new report showed the band your child is currently in. New government directives say that 'persistent absentees' are now those with an attendance of less than 90%, this used to be 85%. I therefore think it is important that you are aware of your child's actual attendance.

Christmas Performance

Yet again the children demonstrated how fantastic they are and how they rise to the occasion when required. The singing was amazing and those involved on the altar gave brilliant performances. Thank you to parents for your support and particularly for making sure your child came back for the evening performance. I realise there were several clashes with other commitments but we really appreciate your support in 'out of hours' events like this.

NOROVIRUS

We have been advised by Public Health England that the region is beginning to experience a seasonal increase in the number of outbreaks of diarrhoea and vomiting caused by norovirus. Thorough hand washing is vital to help to stop the spread of the bug so please impress on your child the importance of good hand hygiene after using the toilet and before eating.

If you suspect your child may have symptoms of norovirus (diarrhoea and/or vomiting), please keep them at home to prevent an outbreak spreading around the school.

Children who begin to display the symptoms of norovirus whilst at school will be sent home immediately and should only return to school after they have been **symptom free for 48 hours.**

For more information please visit;

www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/pages/introduction.aspx

Christmas jumper day in aid of WCH

You helped us to raise £166.00 for the WCH – thank you once again for your support.

EBASC - Tuesday 5th January

Please note that there will be no **after school club** on Tuesday 5th January due to staff training. Breakfast club will be open as usual.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance was 94.40 %

This term's attendance was 96.63%



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Music Lessons



Tues 5th Jan - a.m. – Guitar with Mr Curzon
Thurs – a.m. - Keyboard with Mr Bartholomew



Dates for your diary

Tues 5th Jan – Spring Term begins

Wed 6th Jan – Y4 swimming wk 1 of 5

Tues 12th Jan – Muay Thai taster day for all classes

Thurs 14th Jan – Y3 Stone Age Day visit to Hawse End – letters will be sent home on 5th January.

9th-11th March – Y4 Hawse End residential visit

9th – 12th May - SATS WEEK

Tues 24th – Fri 27th May – Y6 London residential visit

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1	Spaghetti bolognaise or Vegetarian spaghetti Bolognaise with wholemeal garlic bread	Pepperoni or cheese & tomato pizza with potato wedges and baked beans	Sausage or vegetarian sausage with mashed potatoes, carrot & swede	Roast beef served with Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, sweetcorn, carrots and stuffing	Breaded chicken breast with chips and baked beans
CHOICE 2	Chicken casserole with mashed potatoes and mixed vegetables	Salmon nibbles with potato wedges and red cabbage	Chicken or Quorn curry with boiled rice and naan bread	Vegetarian roast dinner	Pasta in sweet tomato sauce with garlic bread and garden peas
CHOICE 3	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna	Filled tortilla wrap with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna	Filled jacket potato with a choice of fillings > Cheese > Beans > Tuna
DESSERT	Fruity flapjack with custard	Chocolate & mandarin sponge with custard	Fruit and custard	Iced sponge cake	Apple & cinnamon crumble muffins