

Wirksworth Junior School Newsletter- December 24



Well snow arrived earlier than we expected which was an exciting addition to November. As well as delaying bike ability starting it also prepared us all for the Christmas celebrations ahead as we move towards the end of 2024.

We are Creative.

Despite Radcliffe's class assembly being postponed for the third time, it eventually went ahead last week. The children shared their learning about UK parliament and even sang a song about the democracy and how long this has been going on for.



You may also remember back on 11th November the children made poppies to attach to the train windows for part of armistice day to commemorate those that sacrificed their lives for our peace. It was a moving moment as the train left the station to head to Derby for the service in the cathedral.

We are Caring.



A regular slot in our annual calendar is Anti-bullying week. As always, the children got to update their Child Anti bullying policy which can be seen on the school website, and for this year the pupil mental health ambassadors ran the assembly. The children did a sterling job as they shared how to keep ourselves safe and teaching us all how to respect differences. The children also took part in an anonymous survey where they shared that where they felt safe in school to feedback to governors on improvements to the school grounds.

We make every moment count.

The children elected their school councillors this month and they set straight off to work by opening our new toilets in the main building. In the coming weeks, the children will be creating their own attendance policy discussing how we in school can help them when they come back after an illness to catch up on their learning and discuss what improvements they want to see in school to support their learning.



Attendance matters- Attendance for the whole school in November so far was 94.14% which is still below the school targets of 96%, however the number of holidays taken has reduced and we are now seeing a lot of seasonal colds and sickness bugs. We are reminding the children about having good hygiene, washing hands, sneezing into the elbow and binning used tissues. Hopefully doing this we may avoid some of the colds that are around at this time of the year, to keep them fit and healthy and to keep attending school.



Love Life. Live Advent. During December we will introduce the children to the Love Life Live advent. This is a calendar of activities across December to help give back, be mindful, and show

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we care for others in this busy time of year. Each day we will post the new activity for you to try if you like to be more mindful of the significance of Christmas.

No sweets in school- This is a gentle reminder that the children should not be bringing in sweets to hand out to others as we do have some children with food allergies. This is in line with our school's food policy to encourage healthy eating and lifestyle.

PTFA Thanks to everyone that supported the PTFA Halloween Tuck shop - we managed to raise a massive £196.20. This is fantastic and will help to fund the extra little bits in school.



Christmas Bauble Run
The PTFA are raising money to provide new resources & experiences for our children which the school budget does not cover.

To help raise PTFA funds so we can invest in Fun trips, Disco's, new playground equipment [sunshine Gym], Leavers Hoodies, Sailing, School entertainment and the fun stuff for our kids

Then why not sponsor a Bauble. It's just £1.00 per Bauble!

Prizes shall be awarded to:

- The Sponsor of the fastest bauble on the run.
- Runner up Bauble.
- Child selling the most baubles.

Prizes include; Festive food hamper/voucher; Festive Chocolates; £20 Cash Prize

Baubles will be released on 11/12/2024
All baubles to be purchased by 06/12/2024

Singing around the Christmas tree and the Bauble Run.

Hopefully you have already received your sponsor form for sponsoring a bauble for the bauble run in school, if not please contact school so we can send you another copy. The event will run at the same time as the singing around the Christmas tree event which will start at 3pm. Please come to reception where you will be let in at the side gates.

Childcare over Christmas. Need childcare before Christmas for that last minute Christmas shopping or in the new year. Premier Education will be running a club from 10-2pm on 23rd December and 2nd and 3rd January. To book on please use the QR code on the poster opposite.

Free Cyber Choices Webinar

To register for the Derbyshire County Council Cyber Choices webinar, follow the link [Cyber Choices Toolkit](#). Free sessions will run on the following dates and times.

- Tuesday 3rd December – 10:00 – 11:00
- Tuesday 3rd December – 13:30 – 14:30
- Wednesday 4th December – 10:00 – 11:00
- Wednesday 18th December – 10:00 – 11:00
- Wednesday 18th December – 13:30 – 14:30

Important Dates

- Wednesday 11th December at 3:00pm – Singing around the Christmas Tree & Bauble Run
- Wednesday 18th December at 12:00pm – Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 18th December – Y3/4 Christmas Performance, 2:00pm & 6:00pm
- Friday 20th December at 9:30am – Y5/6 Christmas Service
- Friday 20th December – Last Day of Term
Class Christmas Parties, details to be confirmed by your child's class teacher.



PREMIER BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY CAMP TODAY!

Wirksworth Junior School

Monday 23rd December,
Thursday 02nd & Friday 03rd January
10am until 2pm

£10.76 per child per day -
NAF Spaces also available

4 years - 11 years

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