



December Newsletter

What a great start to our Autumn term with many festive preparations and celebrations still to come! Year One have already started our Christmas celebrations with their fantastic performances of 'Christmas Counts', What a Success!

"An amazing play, Well done Year One. Super singing and really clear speaking"

"Top effort Year One!, great to see big smiles and confidence!"

"The best singing I have heard in a play. Smiley faces and really good behaviour"

"Fab-u-lous!"

"The show was fantastic. Well done to all the children and teachers – it was wonderful. Happy Christmas"

From us all at Gig Mill, we wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Have a look at our Christmas trees displayed in the main entrance – a lovely, creative and festive display for you to enjoy

Breakfast & After-School Club.

Please note that there will be no after-school club on Friday 21st December – however, Breakfast club will run as normal on that day.

You will all now be aware that we have an Ofsted inspection tomorrow (Tues).

There is a link on our school website on our home page if you would like to take a look at the Ofsted Parents Guide.

From the beginning of term – 26th October (Half-term), our overall attendance figure for the whole school was **96.52%**, and we have also given out **303 - 100% attendance certificates for the first half- term – well done!**

We would like to pass on our thanks to all Parents and Carers for continuing to support our efforts to attain the very best attendance possible. We appreciate that many have struggled recently with the multitude of bugs that are around, and without which, we are sure that the figure would be even higher.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported, donated and helped at the Christmas Brunch – a profit of over £2073 was raised.

Thank you and a very happy Christmas from the HSA.

Reminder from the Office

If your child is off school please can we remind parents to call **every day**, before 9.30am. A dedicated absence line is available for you to leave a message, please remember to state your child's name, class and reason for absence.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – December 14th

Cake donations for our coffee morning would be greatly appreciated, but please ensure that any cakes do not contain nuts.

Please drop them off at the school office – your help, as always, is greatly appreciated and ensures that these events can continue to take place.

Fundraising totals

Children in Need total – **£354.78** (including funds raised from a Year six bake sale)

Sarcoma UK – (Year four sold homemade crafts) - **£35.63**

Classrooms in the Clouds Wear Blue Mufti Day - **£296.30**

Poppy Appeal - **£712.27**



Winners of Christmas Raffles

Teddy – William in Yr 1
1st Hamper – Freya in Yr 5
2nd Hamper – Amy in Yr 5
3rd Hamper – Indie in Yr 1
4th Hamper – Ava in Yr 1

Congratulations!

Reception Admissions for September 2019

(Children born between 01.09.14 & 31.08.15)

The deadline for admission into our Reception Classes for September is January 15th.

If you haven't already applied, please do so as soon as possible at www.dudley.gov.uk

Giggles Nursery

We currently have spaces available for January in our Nursery, if you have a child who is now three years old, and you would like them to attend - please give the school office a call.



December 11th – Class RW Nativity @ 2.15pm

December 13th – Class RJD Nativity @ 2.15pm

December 14th – Festive Macmillan Coffee Morning @ 9.30am
KS1 Hall (Entrance via Broadway)

December 18th – Christmas Lunch

December 20th – Nursery – Santa's Workshop (Two sessions am & pm)

December 21st – Outdoor Carol Concert – KS2 Playground (weather permitting) Both entrances will be open.

December 12th – Class RN Nativity @ 2.15pm

December 14th – Year 2 Carol Concert – KS2 Hall
(Performances & 10.00am & 2.30pm)

December 19th – Class Christmas Parties
(own clothes can be worn)

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch or Vegetarian Option
(No other meal will be served that day and there will be no KS2 tuck available)

Wednesday 19th December

Beef or Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese
Tempura Goujons
Jacket Potatoes with Baked Beans/Cheese/Tuna
Jacket Wedges
Sponge and Custard
Daily Specials

Friday 21st December (box meal)

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Beefburger
Fish Goujons
Chips
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Salad bags
Fruit bags and Cake.

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>