



9th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

Christmas has arrived in school and we have had an especially exciting week this week. A huge well done to our EYFS children who sang and performed so beautifully for their parents this week. We were also treated to a special Christmas concert where our own choir and brass band joined with the City of Coventry Brass band for an evening of Christmas music. It was a fantastic evening and we were so proud of all of the children who took part. It was also lovely to accompany some of our Year 6 children who sang at the hospital on Tuesday. Thank you to the staff who have supported the children and dedicated a huge amount of time to ensure children have these opportunities.



Sports results



Well done to our Year 3/4 girl's football team who took part in a tournament this week. They won 3 out of their 4 matches and scored 12 goals! Our boy's football team also won again in their first league match with a 10-0 result. Well done to all!

Christmas Charity Appeals

Thank you for all of the generous donations for our Christmas charity appeal last week. It was a delight to take your food and toiletry donations to the Halo centre in Binley, a food bank which has supported many of our families. As a school we donated 298.5 kg, which is an incredible achievement!

Alongside this, we were also able to support the Risen Christ Church 'Shoe box Appeal'. On Thursday evening, Nalin from the Risen Christ Church collected a huge number of toys, games and wrapped Christmas parcels. These will be taken to 'Carriers of Hope' where they will be distributed to children and families in need over the Christmas period.

Each and every donation we received this year will make an enormous difference to families within our local community. Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity.



Christmas Day in a day

Once again we will be having our Wyken Christmas Day in a Day on the last day of term, Friday 16th December. The children will be having hot chocolate and biscuits as well as a traditional Christmas dinner. The children will also have the opportunity to watch an online Pantomime and have lots of Christmas fun. A separate letter has been sent to you outlining the day in more detail.

Reception Admissions 2023

If you have a child in Nursery class, the deadline for applying for a place in Reception for September 2023 is 15th January 2023. Your child will not automatically be offered a place in Reception (even if they currently attend one of our Nurseries) and an application must be submitted to the local authority by this date to be considered in the first round of allocations. Late applications will not be considered until after the initial allocations are made.

Please make your application online at www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you are unable to access the internet, a paper application form is available from the school office which can be completed and returned to us for submission to Coventry City Council. If you have any questions, please either call the school office or the Admissions Department directly on 02476 975445.

E-Safety

As children are making their Christmas lists for Santa, we know many will be asking for new technology devices. If your child receives an electronic device as a gift this Christmas, please do take a look at our e-safety information on our school website for support and tips on how to ensure the appropriate parental restrictions are in place, ready for them to use it safely <https://www.wykencroft.coventry.sch.uk/esafetu> . Please can we also remind you that Smart watches are not permitted to be worn by children in school. Not only are they very expensive, they are also at risk of getting lost or damaged and there are safeguarding implications regarding being able to send and/or receive messages and pictures during the school day. Mobile phones should only be brought into school by Year 6 children who are walking home by themselves and have signed the school agreement in place. These children must hand their mobile device to their class teacher at the start of the day and then these will be returned to them as they are getting ready to go home. All devices must be turned off whilst on school site.

Attendance and Punctuality

If your child is going to be absent from school or has a medical appointment, please can we ask you to report this using Studybugs. This is available as an App or on their web page and updates class teachers immediately. This is important for safeguarding reasons, so we know where your child is if they are not in school.



We are still having a large number of children arriving late to school, with the majority of reasons being given as transport/traffic issues and having slept in. With the new year arriving, please ensure you are leaving yourself adequate time to get your child to school on time, especially with the icy weather we have been having. We are committed to giving our children the very best education we can provide but when children miss parts of lessons due to lateness, it is detrimental to both their learning and well-being and we would appreciate your help with this. If you would like some support to help improve your child's attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Simpson, who will be happy to discuss this with you.

Pastoral and Family support

We know many of you will already be making plans to spend quality time with your loved ones over Christmas but also recognise that this is going to be difficult for some families, especially in the current financial climate. If you require any additional support regarding uniform, food, behaviour or safeguarding, please let us know by emailing pastoral@phoenix.coventry.sch.uk This email address will be monitored by Mrs Webb and Miss Simpson at designated times over the holidays. Please also refer to our school website if you require urgent support via alternative agencies e.g. NSPCC, Childline etc...

<https://www.wykencroft.coventry.sch.uk/key-information-childprotection>

End of Term

School finishes next Friday 16th December for the Christmas holidays. School will re-open to all children on Wednesday 4th January 2023 as we are closed on the 3rd January 2023 for a teacher day.

Kind regards,



Mrs G. Franklin
Headteacher

