

Dear all

The excitement is building all through the school And we continue to try to be nice. Rehearsals are here with a king and a jewel But no creature was heard, 'not even the mice'.

We are keen to make Santa's special Christmas list Not forgetting the story of following the star. Through the cold and the rain, the ice and the mist We **all** keep on going, the end is not far!

Christmas dinner is coming and jumper day too With a party thrown in for good measure.

So, come one and all, wish us well please do It's a time we can all really treasure!

A big thank you to the 'Friends' for helping us organise the panto for the children ... oh yes they did! The children had a fantastic time – it was brilliant for the whole school. It has also, once again, been a joy to show prospective parents around our lovely school and welcome them in to the Nevill Road family. The trip to St Vincent's Church was a great success for Nursery and Reception and important for our children to get a sense of their community. With all the busy times ahead, please make sure you and your children have some 'down time' to rest and thoroughly enjoy this special time of year.

Have a wonderful weekend! Mr Whitfield

Christmas Presents

At this time of year, many parents and carers very generously like to purchase gifts for staff members. We are always very grateful and appreciative of this however, I would like to be very clear that this *is not an expectation* and I would rather parents and carers use their money to go towards making even better family memories at Christmas.

Christmas Post

Class post-boxes for Christmas cards are available, please ensure they have the name of the child and the class they are in written on the front. Please encourage your child to write these; it is real life good practice for them!

Attention Parents of Leopard Class

Mr Gillies (pronounced Gilliss) will be in school on Monday 11th for the afternoon to spend some time with the children and handover with Miss Pickles. He will also be outside at pick up time if you would like to say hello – he is very excited to be joining us and we cannot wait to welcome him properly in January.

Donation

Thank you all for the kind donations given towards the raffle prizes, I know the PTA are very thankful. Don't forget, if you have bought raffle tickets the winners will be announced via live zoom on 10th December at 7pm!

Christmas parties

Next week we will be sending home a decorated bag for the children to have some treats from home for their Christmas Party – please remember no nuts / nut products and keep in mind children will also have had their lunch. Party day is 20th Dec in the afternoon and Miss Ahmed will hopefully be joining Lions class too!!



Dates

11th Dec → Parents in 2:30 YR Christmas Show

12th Dec → Parents in 9:15 YR / 2:30 Y1 Christmas Show

13th Dec → Parents in 9:15 Y1 / 2:30 Y2 Christmas Show

14th Dec → Parents in 9:15 Y2

15th Dec → PTA Santa Dash

15th Dec → Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day

18th Dec → Report update to parents

20th Dec → Class Christmas parties (afternoon)

20th Dec → Parents in YN / Little Brown Bears 1:45 - Stay & Play & Christmas Songs

21st Dec → Sensory Bus in school

22nd Dec → INSET Day – school closed to children

All Things Christmas					
11 th December @ 2:30	Parents in for Reception Christmas Show				
12 th December @ 9:15	Parents in for Reception Christmas Show				
12 th December @ 2:30	Parents in for Year 1 Christmas Show				
13 th December @ 9:15	Parents in for Year 1 Christmas Show				
13 th December @ 2:30	Parents in for Year 2 Christmas Show				
14 th December @ 9:15	Parents in for Year 2 Christmas Show				
14th December	Christmas Party bags sent home				
15 th December	PTA Santa Dash Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day				
20 th December @ 1:45	Little Brown Bears & Elephants → Stay & Play followed with Christmas Songs Christmas Parties in the afternoon				
21 st December	Last day of Autumn term				



Communication this week					
Whole school	07.12.23 - Raffle deadline reminder; 08.12.23 - Newsletter				
Little Brown Bears					
Elephants (Nursery)	05.12.23 – Reminder for applications for Reception 2024				
Koala Bears (Reception)					
Polar Bears (Reception)					
Sea Otters (Y1)					
Blue Whales (Y1)					
Sea Turtles (Y1)					
Leopards (Y2)	05.12.23 – Information for Christmas Show				
Lions (Y2)	05.12.23 – Information for Christmas Show				

Housepoints

	Bruntwood	Lyme	Woodbank	Vernon
This Week	105	107	136☆	110
Total	1711	1482	1840☆	1833

Certificates

Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Emerald
14	20	0	0	0	0

Go For It Gorilla

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This week the following children have all really shown a Growth Mindset and let their teachers know they are a 'Go For It Gorilla'. Please see the school website (Parent Section) for more information on growth mindset.

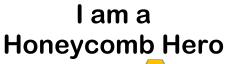
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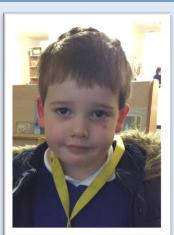
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These children have been voted for by their class mates to be the Honeycomb Hero – they have been following all of our Golden Rules beautifully and the other children have noticed how great they have been – Well Done, we are very proud of you!!



Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about <u>managing specific infectious diseases</u> <u>at GOV.UK</u>. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor <u>cough</u> or <u>common cold</u>. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has <u>chickenpox</u>, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a <u>cold sore</u>. Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have <u>conjunctivitis</u>. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

have a high temperature

do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an <u>ear infection</u> and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has <u>hand</u>, <u>foot and mouth disease</u> but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

<u>Impetigo</u>

If your child has <u>impetigo</u>, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.



Ringworm

If your child has <u>ringworm</u>, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has <u>scarlet fever</u>, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have <u>slapped cheek syndrome</u> because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a <u>sore throat</u>. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with <u>diarrhoea or vomiting</u> should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



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