



Hello everyone

It was lovely to see so many Christmas jumpers in school today and everyone looking super smart in their own clothes! Here are a few reminders for you blow about upcoming events in school:

Tuesday 19th December — Years 3 and 5 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th December — Years 4 and 6 Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December — 9am Year 3 Nativity for Year 3 parents and carers

Monday 8th January 2024 — Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 — 8.30am ALL children return to school

Joseph Chamberlain College are currently running a **Childcare Level 1** course at Thornton Primary school every Monday from 1:30pm until 3pm. Anyone interested in joining the course needs to please contact JCC on **0121 440 4663** or email dwhiteman@jcc.ac.uk , thank you.



We are also excited to share the news that all children who have achieved our **school attendance target of 97%** or more this Autumn Term will be rewarded with a special **pantomime** production in school on the morning of **Monday 18th December**. Currently, we have almost 300 children on track to achieve this, which is fantastic! Well done! A reminder to everyone that all children who manage to achieve 100% attendance at the end of the academic year will be going on a fun day out with me!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Article 23: Every child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to provide support to disabled children and their families.

ARTICLE 23 - I have the right to live a life of dignity.

This logo represents a special time to celebrate the achievements of people with disabilities.

It helps us think about the needs of people around us.

The logo helps people with disabilities to feel like they have a voice and that they are an equal part of society.

ARTICLE 23. I have the right to live a life of dignity.

It is important for us to learn about different disabilities because it helps us be more sensitive to the people around us. We have to remember that not every disabilities are visible and that all humans deserve to be treated equally and with dignity.

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Spectacular Poet Spoz

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Ward End Library

Saturday 16 December

2023@2.30pm



SPOZ...was 'crowned' Birmingham's eleventh poet laureate in October 2006. .

Don't miss this never to be repeated event at Ward End Library

This is a Family event suitable for all ages, you are not too young and you are not too old!

School Attendance



Class Attendance

Congratulations! Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week.

YEAR 3	YEAR 4
3SQ	4SH
3GJ	

Our school attendance last week was 92.9%

Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: '**concentration**'.

Concentration is a word linked to our expectation to be ready to learn, but what does it mean?

Concentration is focusing all of one's attention on the task in hand. Learning of course requires commitment and focus. Therefore, to reach our full potential as learners certainly requires us to concentrate.

Ready

Respectful

Safe

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

Pupil Collection

We understand that sometimes you may have to ask someone else to collect your child from school instead of yourself, however, recently we have been receiving calls from parents/carers as late as 3:35pm!

This is too late! Please can you ensure that if you want someone else to collect your child you, must call the school **no later than 3:10pm**, this is so that we can make sure the information gets to the class teacher in good time and we can follow all the necessary checks to keep your child safe and dismissed to the correct person at home time.

Thank you for your support with this, it is valued.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 11th December

Year 5

Tuesday 12th December
Year 3

Wednesday 13th December
Year 4

Thursday 14th December
Year 6

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 15th December
Swimming for class 4SH

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2 Ends

Friday 22nd December
2023

Half Term Holidays:

Monday 25th
December to Friday 5th
January 2024

Spring Term 1

Teachers Training Day
Monday 8th January
2024

School opens to
pupils on Tuesday 9th
January 2024

Half Term Holidays:

Monday 12th February
To Friday 16th February

Spring Term 2

Monday 18th February

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