**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 20th December 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fabulously festive week in school to finish off the first term.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our key stage 2 Christingle service on Tuesday morning. The children had made beautiful Christingle decorations and, as always, the singing was stunning. We’d like to thank Pastors Dave and Dyfan for leading the celebration to remind us of the important message behind the Christingle candle, whilst also entertaining the children – we loved Pastor Dyfan’s giant orange suit!

Children in the infants all arrived looking sparkly and festive on Tuesday and they had a great time at their Christmas party during the afternoon. They were very excited when our special visitor arrived to give them an early Christmas present… Thank you Father Christmas!

On Wednesday morning we held our Christmas Assembly where we listened to both key stage 1 and key stage 2 children perform some of their Christmas songs once again and shared the story of The Grinch. Of course, it wouldn’t be Christmas at Leftwich without a very lively rendition of the 12 Days of Christmas which the children always enjoy.

**Friends of Leftwich Primary School (FOLPS) news**

Our two festive film nights were really well attended and these, along with Christmas Bingo, raised over £600 for FOLPS. Huge thanks, once again, to our wonderful volunteers and to the staff who always support our events. Special thanks to Carly and Emma, without whom our events simply wouldn’t happen – we are in awe of your organizational skills ladies!

**Uniform**

Please can we remind parents that we expect children to wear appropriate uniform at all times. Recently we have noticed a large number of pupils wearing trainers or joggers/ leggings on normal uniform days and incorrect kit on PE days.

Our uniform policy clearly states that grey or black school trousers, shorts or skirts should be worn with sensible black shoes. On PE days we ask that children wear **navy or black plain joggers/ hoodies/ sweat tops and not those with sports logos**. Additionally, while we do allow earrings, children should only wear **one pair of small studs** – this includes children who have multiple piercings.

We have reminded the children of correct uniform this week. If children have outgrown shoes or other items of clothing, please ensure this time off is used to purchase new clothing so children return wearing the correct uniform in January.

Should any parent have any difficulties in sourcing or funding items of uniform, please get in touch with us directly and we will endeavor to assist you.

**Attendance**

We haven’t had our class competition this week. Instead, all the children had a day full of treats to end the term. Thank you for continuing to support our drive towards improved attendance. We are ending the term on 95% which is really positive. Let’s hope we can keep those winter bugs at bay when we return for the spring term.

**Finally…**

It has been a long, but successful first term in school. We are incredibly proud of the progress the children are making and for their contribution to school life. They have worked hard and had lots of fun too. We have had much to celebrate with our new reception children settling so well into school life, our sporting success in inter-school events, our contribution to the NEP art exhibition at Northwich train station, super class and music sharing assemblies and our fabulous Christmas performances. We are also thrilled that this week our improved outdoor play area for Reception has been completed.

Staff have enjoyed collaborating with our colleagues from our Weaver Trust leadership team and partner schools, to continue to develop their skills and improve the curriculum so our children receive the best experience in school. We also continue to value relationships with those who do so much for our local community and help us to support our children and families, including our friends at The Holiday Activity & Food Programme, Northwich Community Support, The Christmas Toy Sack Appeal, Emmanuel Church, St Wilfred’s Church, Councillor Rachel Waterman and MP Andrew Cooper.

Thank you to the members of our wonderful governing body who have volunteered their time to support and challenge leaders, and helped us to improve provision in a number of ways this term.

Finally, on behalf of the team here at Leftwich, we would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Don’t forget that Monday 6th January is an INSET day, so we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 7th January.

Happy holidays everyone!

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy

**Dates for your diary:**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Monday 6th January | School closed |  |  |
| *Tuesday 7th January* | *Children return to school* | *8.30am* | *All classes* |