

NEWSLETTER

9TH DECEMBER 2022

Baarmy Bethlehem!

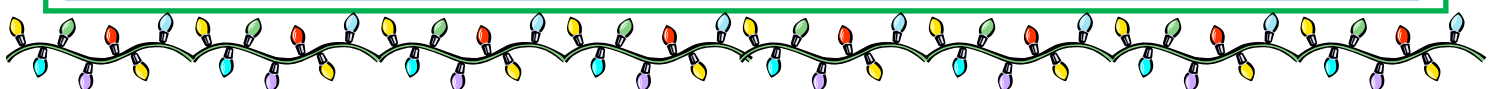
On Thursday and Friday morning Nursery and Reception children gave an amazing performance of their nativity 'Baarmy Bethlehem'.

Everyone who watched the show thoroughly enjoyed it!



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Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

This weeks attendance is **94.4%** which is

below our school target.

Reception	93.7%
Year One	93.7%
Year Two	95.3%
Year Three	93.3%
Year Four	98.1%
Year Five	97.0%
Year Six	89.4%

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy or made a donation to The Royal British Legion.

We raised £323.91!



Nursery and Reception Visit to National Adventure Forrest

On Tuesday Nursery and Reception children will be spending the day at the National Forest Adventure Farm in Burton-on-Trent.

Could we please ask children to arrive at the slightly earlier time of 8.15am, as we will leave school at 8.30am prompt. We will return during the afternoon before the end of the school day.

Children will need to wear suitable clothing and footwear for the outdoors (wellies or trainers dependent upon weather) with their school sweatshirt/cardigan and a waterproof jacket. All children will need a packed lunch for dinnertime, could you please put these in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free. They will also need a water bottle that can be packed into the backpack.





KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

This year Key Stage 2 are holding their Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Baswich Lane on Thursday 15th December at **6.30pm**. All KS2 children are taking part. It should be a very exciting evening.

Arrangements on the evening:

All children should arrive at the church hall at 6.15pm.

They must wear school uniform – but no sweatshirts please – as it will be too hot.

The concert should last about an hour. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up after the concert.

Please can we kindly ask all parents not to bring young children as the concert is not suitable for young children to attend.

Admittance to the Carol Concert is by ticket only. These can be purchased via ParentPay at a cost of £3.50 each and are limited to 2 tickets per family. Anyone who arrives with additional family members who do not have a ticket will not be admitted into the Church and will be turned away. Extra children will not be permitted to sit on a parent's knee as there will simply will not be enough space.

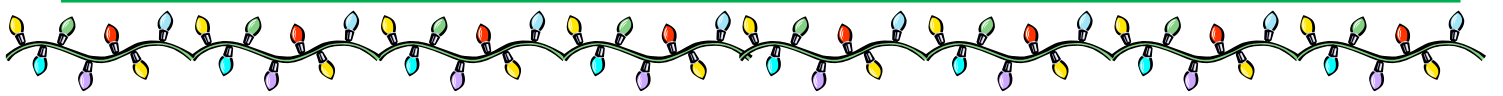
We apologise for any disappointment this may cause.

Before

On Thursday 15th, the children will be rehearsing at Church all day. We will be leaving school at 9:15am and returning to school for 3:15pm. Children will walk down to the Church on the Thursday morning and will be closely supervised; if it is raining they will need waterproofs.

Parents can, if they wish, pick their child up at 2:30pm from the church if they have completed the form that will be issued on Monday. We will not be able to send children home with other parents unless we have been informed beforehand. Children will also not be allowed to walk home by themselves from the church.

The vicar has made the church hall available for us to eat our lunch so please remember on Thursday that your child will need a packed lunch and a drink.



Key Stage One Nativity



Don't Be Afraid

On 13th and 14th December at 9.30am Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing their nativity 'Don't Be Afraid'.

We will **not** be formally issuing tickets, for either of the Nativity performances, but we do ask for a £2 donation towards performing licences, costumes etc on the door. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Year One and Two Visit to the Pantomime

On Thursday 15th December Year One and Year Two children will be given the opportunity to experience live theatre, when they will be visiting the Gatehouse Theatre to see a performance of Cinderella.

Contributions of £19.25 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account.

Children are expected to return from the Gatehouse at approximately 4.30pm—we will send out a text to let you know when they will arrive back at school.



School Christmas Dinner

It was Christmas dinner day in school on Wednesday this week and the children all had a lovely time. A big thank you to all of our lunchtime staff who made the occasion very special.



Year Four Brass Lessons

The children who are currently in Year 4 have now been receiving Brass tuition for two terms - the cost of this has been covered by a grant that we received from Staffordshire Performing Arts. The whole class lessons will finish at the end of this term.

If your child has enjoyed learning to play either a cornet, trumpet or trombone and would like to continue they may do so.

Mr Walker, their teacher, will be taking small group lessons at a cost of around £100 for the two terms; this can be paid in instalments. We need at least 4 children to continue and the amount will be confirmed as soon as we know final numbers. There is no cost to hire the instrument.

If your child would like to continue learning to play, could you please complete the Parentmail Form no later than Wednesday 14th December so that we can 'book' Mr Walker.



Sporting Golden Book

Next Friday we will be holding a special sporting golden book for the children who have taken part in sporting competitions this term.

The assembly will take place at 9.05am and invitations will be sent out via Parentmail as usual.

Year 4 Swimming

On Wednesday 11th January, Year 4 will be attending their first swimming lesson at Stafford Leisure Centre. All boys need to wear swimming trunks (not shorts) and girls need to wear a one-piece swimming costume (not bikinis).

If hair is long enough to impair vision then a swimming hat must be worn (this applies to both girls and boys). All jewellery should be removed and left at home.

A ParentMail form will be sent out detailing the use of Goggles. If your child needs to wear goggles during lessons could you please return the form by the end of term.

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On Monday Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children visited Berkswich Methodist Church to take part in and experience a Christingle service.



Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby Competition

On a cold Monday night Oakridge took two Year 4 rugby teams to compete in the School Games Tag Rugby event at Stafford Rugby Club – the Oakridge Owls and the Oakridge Otters.

The Owls and the Otters played each other in the first game, the game ending in an exciting 3-3 draw thanks to some great attacking play on both teams. Following that both Oakridge teams dominated the competition with both going undefeated in their remaining 6 games which meant that they finished first and second in the competition – the Oakridge Owls narrowly pipping the Otters to first place by 1 point!

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part.



Perton Middle 2 v 3 Oakridge Girls County Cup Quarter Final

On Wednesday afternoon Oakridge girls travelled to Perton Middle to play their quarter final match in what promised to be a very tough game. The girls made a great start and after threatening the goal on numerous occasions early on, Oakridge took the lead through Holly with a great finish high into the net. Oakridge continued to dominate the first half after that and went into the half time break with a 2-0 lead when Isla doubled the lead after a great work by Jenny. However, Perton responded superbly and quickly pushed Oakridge back in the second half scoring two quick goals to leave the match finely poised at 2-2.

Despite this set-back the girls showed great resilience and in the last minute of the match Isla broke free down the middle of the pitch to score the winning goal.

A great result for the girls and the first team through to the County Cup semi finals – well done girls, a fantastic achievement!

