



### **THE REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR - THE CALENDAR THAT GIVES SOMETHING BACK**

This year, the School/Eco-Council wanted to do something in the lead up to Christmas which is all about "giving to others". We talked about the Reverse Advent Calendar to support foodbanks and help struggling families in our local community during the cost of living crisis.

The reverse advent calendar idea appeared a few years back as a way to counter the over-commercialisation of Christmas. The idea was to concentrate on giving and helping, rather than only receiving. Very quickly, the idea was adapted to help charities and local foodbanks, who are always under strain during winter months.

Each day **TWO** children from each class will pull out a "ticket" which has a food item on that they bring into school the following day if possible. There are 30 food item tickets for each class and the idea is that if two children take one each, every day- by **Friday 15 Dec** every class should have 30 items for their box. This means the food hampers will be ready to distribute the following week in time for Christmas.

*"The reverse advent calendar is thinking about the festive season as a time of giving — not just receiving."*  
**School Council**

### **Pantomime**

Children should wear full school uniform for the pantomime visit. If you would like your child to have a school packed lunch on this day the deadline for ordering one is today. Alternatively, please ensure you send in a packed lunch with your child.

### **Christmas Parties**

Christmas parties have been arranged for our pupils as follows:

Tuesday 19 December - R & Y2

Wednesday 20 December - N & Y1 & all KS2

### **Christmas cards**

Children may bring cards, for their friends, from Friday 1 December. The cards will be put into post boxes in school and given out by staff at a suitable time. Please ensure that the envelopes are addressed with the child's full name and class.

### **Christmas jumper day - 21 December**

Our Christmas jumper day is Thursday 21 December. Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper on this day for a £1.00 donation. We do not expect parents to go and buy a jumper especially for the day. Children can wear something red, green, or festive. School uniform skirt/trousers must still be worn.

### **ParentPay**

Information for you regarding ParentPay - when making payment for items if you choose the "one click" option this is paying via bank transfer, which can take up to 10 working days to clear. To ensure payment clears immediately we advise you to choose the "other payment method" where you pay with your debit/credit card as payment clears instantly.

### **Reception intake 2024**

If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2024 online applications are now open. The closing date for applying for a place is 15 January 2024. Below is the link to apply online.

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Primary-schools.aspx>

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance % for last week</u>	<u>Number of lates</u>
<u>RR</u>	97.5%	0
<u>RL</u>	93.9%	2
<u>1R</u>	98.5%	2
<u>1L</u>	96.9%	2
<u>2R</u>	96.3%	3
<u>2L</u>	93.3%	5
<u>3R</u>	93.1%	0
<u>3L</u>	94.8%	0
<u>4R</u>	92.1%	3
<u>4L</u>	89.3%	6
<u>5R</u>	95%	3
<u>5L</u>	90.7%	1
<u>6R</u>	93.7%	1
<u>6L</u>	92%	1
<b>WELL DONE TO 1R!</b>		

### **FORLH**

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### **Diary Dates**

Monday	04 December		KS2	Guitar lessons
Tuesday	05 December	3.15 - 4.15pm	KS2 KS2	Keyboard lessons Karate
Wednesday	06 December	3.15 - 4.15pm 3.15 - 4.15pm	KS2	Percussion lessons Mr Green's fit 4 fun club ( <b>last one</b> ) Junior choir
Thursday	07 December	3.15 - 4.30pm	KS2 Y3/Y4	Voice, woodwind, and violin lessons Multiskills club ( <b>last one</b> )
Friday	08 December		KS2	Brass lessons <b>PANTOMIME VISIT</b>

### **Proposed diary of events**

Monday 11 December	Y4 music showcase - 2.30pm
Tuesday 12 December	Reception Nativity - 1.30pm Y5 music showcase - 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 December	Y6 music showcase - 2.30pm
Thursday 14 December	Y3 music showcase - 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 December	Reception and Year 2 Christmas party
Wednesday 20 December	Nursery and Year 1 Christmas party KS2 Christmas party
Thursday 21 December	School closes for Christmas Christmas jumper day
Monday 08 January	School reopens
Monday 15 January	Closing date for reception applications to primary school
Monday 5 February	Y6 Bike ability