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Tuesday 4th November - Newsletter 2

Dear Parent/Guardians



A warm welcome back after the half term break. We hope you had an enjoyable rest with your children and are ready for the run up to the festive season. Please remember to check our school website (ribbledriveprimary.net) and Class Dojo on a regular basis for news and information.

This half term we will be focusing on:

Article 14

Every child has the right to think and what they want and to practice their religion.

Article 23

A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence, and to play an active part in the community.



Communication

Mrs Caunce will be sending home, to all parents, a copy of our Communications Policy. This has been revised and approved by governors. Please do take time to read through the policy.

Pennies for Pudsey

On 14th November we will be holding a non-uniform day for Children in Need. We ask that children bring in any loose change for us to create our traditional Pennies for Pudsey. All donations will be sent to the Children in Need charity.

Poppies

Poppies and poppy themed accessories are now available to buy in school. Please send in a minimum donation of 50p. All donations will be sent to the British Legion. Thank you for your support.

Parents Evening

This term Parents Evening will be held on Monday 17th November between 3:30pm and 6:00pm. The link to book a time slot will be sent out next week. We do ask that you try to attend your appointment without your child(ren).

Mini Music Festival

On 26th November our Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a music festival with some of our local schools. Further information regarding this will be sent out to parents. Please can parents provide consent for their child to attend at the earliest opportunity.

Christmas Crafts

Our parent craft sessions will once again take place this year. This is an opportunity for you to spend some time in school, with your child creating lots of festive items to decorate your home with. Only parents of the school will be able to attend.

Pantomime

We are delighted to be taking all the children to watch a pantomime on the morning of Friday 12th December. The payment schedule is now set up on Scopay. Please ensure all payments are complete no later than 5th December.

Infant Nativity

This half term our infant children will be working hard to practice and perform our annual nativity. This year we will be performing two performances on Tuesday 16th December at 10am and 2.00pm. Information about tickets will be sent out in the next few weeks.

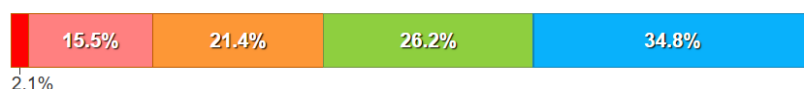
Christmas Bingo

On Wednesday 17th December we will be holding a Christmas Bingo in school. We will hold a non-uniform day on Friday 5th December where we will ask for donations towards Christmas hampers. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our overall attendance last half term was **94%**. This needs to improve to be in line with government expectations.

Below is a breakdown of our absence rates.



Legend

- Severely absent (50% or more sessions missed)
- Persistently absent (10% or more sessions missed)
- At risk of persistent absence (5-10% sessions missed)
- Good attendance (95-99%)
- Excellent attendance (99%+)

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Attendance concern letters were sent out to all parents whose child had an attendance rate below 90% last half term. All pupils will be tracked on a weekly basis.

Attendance affects learning Attendance affects future outcomes

Attendance affects wellbeing and a sense of belonging

Clubs this half term:

All after school sports clubs will start week beginning **November 10th** from 3.30 - 4.30. These will be targeted at different year groups throughout the year, and Miss Clements will be issuing more details on Class Dojo.

Monday - (Y1/2) - Gymnastics

Tuesday - (Y3/4) - Gymnastics

Wednesday - (Y5/6) - Archery

Parents should note that after school clubs finish promptly and pupils must be collected from **the front of the school**. Staff are not responsible for supervising children after the activity has finished.

Reminder

School closes on Friday 19th December at 3.30pm.
School reopens on TUESDAY 6th January.

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

24.10.25 - School Closes - Half Term
04.11.25 - School Opens (TUESDAY)
04.11.25 - Flu Vaccinations
14.11.25 - Children in Need - Pennies for Pudsey
17.11.25 - Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.00pm
26.11.25 - Mini Beacon Festival - Year 4
28.11.25 - Tree decorating
01.12.25 - Assessment Week - Year 1 -Year 5
08.12.25 - EYFS, Y3 & Y4 Christmas Crafts - 2.00pm
09.12.25 - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Crafts - 2.00pm
10.12.25 - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Crafts - 2.00pm
12.12.25 - Pantomime - Whole school - 10am
15.12.25 - Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal - 10am
16.12.25 - Infant Christmas Nativity - 10.00am / 2.00pm
17.12.25 - Christmas Lunch
17.12.25 - Christmas Bingo - 3.30pm
18.12.25 - Class Christmas Parties - pm
19.12.25 - Break up - Christmas break
06.01.25 - School opens (Tuesday)

