

Parent Teacher Communication

At present we are using the DOJO system to communicate with parents. Unfortunately, many staff are being constantly swamped with messages from parents, some late in the evening, many over the weekend and some before 7-00am in the morning. These are often trivial information requests such as, what time is the show, does he need to bring his trainers, could you help look for her coat, he can't find his homework, can she go to Kidz Club tonight or he's not feeling well so he won't be in school today. It's not uncommon for staff to be receiving 20-30 messages each evening. They have now been advised not to respond.

It is important for the health and well-being of staff, that when they are off-duty from 5-00pm until 8-00am (with the exception of planning and marking) they are not bombarded with messages.

The staff work incredibly hard and it is really important that they have time to switch off and enjoy a good work/life balance.

Thanks for your support with this matter.

After Christmas, we will set up the **School Spider** system to communicate to parents. Primarily, this uses parents' e-mails. Parents will need to download the **School Spider App** to access messages. More details will follow.

Reasons for Absence

It's a **legal requirement** for parents to inform school about a child's absence.

Please contact school asap from 7-30am.

It is also **illegal** for parent to mislead school regarding the reasons for an absence.

Please be open and honest. Thanks.

Car Speed



Thanks for driving slowly and safely. If you trigger the unhappy face, you are driving too fast. Thanks for your help in this matter.



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Christmas Party

If your child normally has a packed lunch and you wish him/her to have a Christmas lunch provided by the school kitchen, please let us know by Monday. A form was sent home on Thursday.

Please complete the form slip and return with the £2-30 payment in a named and sealed envelope. Thanks.



Covid : Informing School

If someone in the household tests positive, please inform school as a matter of urgency. As there is a strong likelihood that Covid will pass through the family, this information is important. We may well alter our provision to reduce the risk to any vulnerable staff and any staff who may be pregnant. If your child is unwell or shows symptoms, please keep him/her at home. Please carry out lateral flow tests on a regular basis before school.

We really want to get to the end of term and give the children an amazing last week. Be vigilant, play safe and let's keep COVID transmission levels to a minimum.

Assessment Week

Next week is a very important time in school and it is crucial that your child attends. As well as Christmas activities, the children will be carrying out a range of tests. These will let us know just how much progress your child has made in the autumn term. Anyone absent will have to take those tests in January. Thanks.

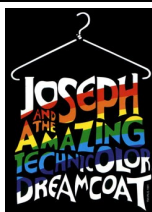
**School closes
for Christmas
Friday
17th Dec
2-00pm
Thanks**

Christmas Shows

A big, big thanks to everyone who came along to support the children at the Christmas shows. An even bigger thankyou to everyone who did a LFT prior to attending and to those who wore a mask if they could. It certainly made the event much safer for everyone. The children did brilliantly in all the 5 shows this year and they certainly kept everyone entertained.

Many thanks for buying tickets, sending in donations, entering the raffle and for any closing donations. It was much appreciated.

For Alder Hey and Derian House, we raised an amazing —



£3,329

Outstanding Payments

Please could all outstanding bills for both Kidz Club and Breakfast Club be paid prior to the end of term. Thanks.

Christingle Service

St Cuthbert's Church
Christmas Eve
Sat 24th Dec 4-00pm



Come and sing your favourite carols, wear a festive hat and celebrate the birth of Jesus.