



Attendance for last week was 94.5%. Our target is 96.5%

If your child is too poorly to attend please let us know on the first day of absence on 0115 9794304

There are 179 children who had 100% attendance last week – Well Done

Children in Need: A big **“Thank you”** from The School Council to everybody who joined in the ‘Children in Need’ day. At Kersall Drive we raised a fabulous £200.00.

Reminder: Winter Fair: Next Friday is our Winter Fair from 2:30pm in the hall. We are still in need of some raffle prize donations as well as nearly new or soft toys that can be added to our stalls. The children can be collected from their classrooms to attend the fair from 2:30pm. If you can help in any way, please speak to a member of staff. We would love our parents to be part of the planning of our school events as well as attending them so if you have any spare time next week, pop in and see us. We are also looking for a volunteer who would like to dress up in a red suit.....

School Dinner Money: Please can we remind you that dinner money should be paid a week in advance at the start of the week. The current price per meal is £1.95 meaning the weekly cost is £9.75.

KS1 Trip to Newstead Abbey – Monday 18th December: A final reminder that the Hedgehogs, Owls, Squirrels and Rabbits will soon be taking part in a visit to Newstead Abbey to celebrate a ‘Victorian Christmas’, so if you haven’t sent your children’s permission slip back please do so. All of the live actors there will pretend to be the Victorian people who lived at Newstead Abbey in the past. To enhance their experience we are asking children to dress up as Victorians too and pretend to be Victorian children visiting Newstead Abbey. Here are some ideas that can be adapted so that this does not mean you have to buy expensive costumes:

- Boys: long shorts or trousers tucked into grey or black socks, a shirt and woollen jumper or waistcoat.
- Girls: longer length skirt or dress, white apron, tights and a cardigan or shawl. Hair could be plaited, brushed neatly or covered by a mop cap.

It is quite chilly in some rooms so please layer clothes by wearing long sleeved t-shirts underneath

Christmas Parties

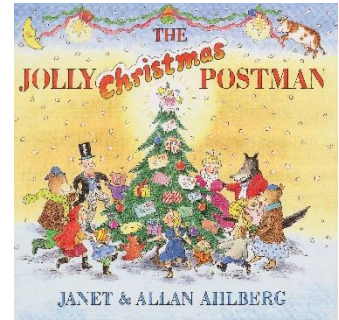
Christmas parties will be taking place on the following dates:

- **EYFS - Jellyfish, Turtles and Octopus - Tuesday 19th December**
- **KS1 - Hedgehogs, Owls, Squirrels and Rabbits - Thursday 21st December**
- **KS2 - Peacocks and Pelicans - Wednesday 20th December**

We kindly ask for a donation of £1 per child in order for us to buy and provide party food for the children to enjoy. Children may wear party clothes on the day of their party.

KS1 Christmas Performance: We are pleased to announce that this year our Christmas performance will be 'The Jolly Christmas Postman', which is a story we have been learning about this half term. All the children will be taking part by singing, dancing or acting on the big stage so please join us! **It will be now be taking place on Friday 15th**

December at 2pm in the school hall, apologies for any previous dates given. Children will be coming home with a separate costume letter from class teachers next week requesting certain items of clothing for their performance. We kindly ask that this be provided in a labelled bag as soon as possible and left at school until the final performance has taken place.



Due to the space we have in the hall we have a limit of 150 seats available and there will be a maximum of 2 tickets per family. These will be available from the school office from **Wednesday 6th December**. Can we please remind you that if you are intending to bring your camera/video camera to the performance you must agree to the conditions and guidance from the Information Commissioner's office in that any photographs or videos taken by you during any school performances are for the family album **only** and must not be published elsewhere, including on social media.

Songs Around the Tree: Our Songs Around the Tree will be on **Wednesday 20th December**. Further details will be in next week's newsletter.

Christmas Jumper Day: We will be having our Christmas Jumper day on **Thursday 21st December**. We like to raise money for Save the Children who run an annual charity day at this time of year as not all children are fortunate to have lovely parents like you. A suggested donation of £1 to wear Christmas Jumpers would be fantastic.

Christmas Dinner Day: Our Christmas Dinner will also be on **Thursday 21st December**. Look out for details of the menu in the outside board near the school office. It would be lovely to see as many children as possible participate in this event. The cost for the meal will be £1.95 unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals.