



Endsleigh Newsletter

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Friday 12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you had a lovely Christmas break and a good rest. It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school on Monday and to hear all about their Christmas holiday.

Our whole school attendance for the Autumn term was 97%. This is a fantastic achievement and I hope this high rate of attendance continues for the rest of the year. As well as being in school every day, it is essential that the children are on time too. There are some children who are regularly late to school and miss out on learning time which can then impact on their progress. I look forward to seeing this improve as we progress through the term.

I would like to remind parents that all planned absences from school must be requested in advance in writing by completing a leave of absence request form. In line with government guidelines and agreed St. Cuthbert's Trust policy, absence requests will only be approved if they meet with our exceptional circumstances criteria. Any holidays taken without prior notification or permission will be marked as unauthorised and may trigger a fine from the Local Authority.

I would like to invite you to join us for Mass at 9.30am on Friday 19th January to celebrate the start of the new term.

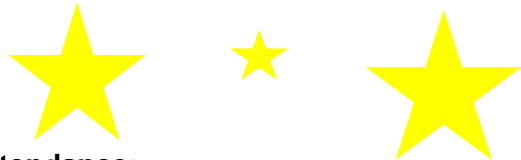
With best wishes

L Windeler
 Head of School

Star of the week:

Our star of the week certificates are presented to children who have gone 'Over and Above' in school that week. The children also receive an invitation to 'Hot Chocolate Friday' with me in recognition of their hard work and efforts. The following children were awarded star of the week this week:

	12.1.18
Orange Lions	Ksenija
Purple Elephants	Georgia K
Class 1	Harley C
Class 1/2	Harley C
Class 2	Jasmina & Poppy
Class 3	Nathan W
Class 3/4	Emmanuel
Class 4/5	Georgina
Class 5/6	Jessica P
Class 6	Mia K



Attendance:

Each week we award a certificate to the class with the best attendance for the previous week in school. Our whole school target is 96%.

	11.12-20.12	18.12-20.12
Orange Lions	94.0%	75.8%
Purple Elephants	99.5%	98.2%
Class 1	97%	**99.4%**
Class 1/2	94.7%	93.3%
Class 2	99%	97.8%
Class 3	97.2%	97.4%
Class 3/4	98.1%	93%
Class 4/5	99.4%	92.2%
Class 5/6	96.8%	93.5%
Class 6	****100%****	99%
Whole school	***97.6%***	94.5%



The Endsleigh Voice:

A group of our year 5 children have written to me asking to create a new half-termly newspaper to sell and raise money for a charity chosen by the children. The first edition of 'The Endsleigh Voice' will go on sale next Friday at a cost of 50p per copy. This will include a free gift made by the children.

Friendsleigh:

Thanks to Friendsleigh for organising yet another very successful disco at the end of last term. The children had a great time and much-needed funds were raised for the school. Thank you to Terri for organising everything and to the army of parents who helped on the night.

The total amount raised from the disco and the hamper raffles at the nativity plays was £1182.47.

Staffing:

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Anthony's daughter Harriett who was born during the holiday. Mrs Brownlie has started her maternity leave too and we look forward to hearing news of her new arrival.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs R Bramall to Endsleigh as our new Safeguarding & Wellbeing Lead. Mrs Bramall started on Monday and is looking forward to working with the children and families at the school. If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, Mrs Bramall will be the first point of contact.

Mr Gray has taken over the role of SENCo (Special Education Needs Coordinator). If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, the class teacher should always be the first person to speak to. They may then consult with Mr Gray about next steps for the child.

Midday supervisor vacancy:

We have a temporary position available for a midday supervisor. The hours are 11.45am – 1.00pm each day. If you are interested in applying for the post, please ask at the school office.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Time	Event
Monday 8th January	08.40am	School opens for the spring term.
Thursday 25th January	Full day	'Big Sing' liturgy day for Year 4 at St. Richard's Academy
Monday 29th January	3.50pm - 6.30pm	Parent consultation evening
Tuesday 30th January	3.50pm- 5.30pm	Parent consultation evening
Friday 9th February	3.30pm	School closes for half term
Monday 19th February	08.40am	School opens
Thursday 1st March	Full day	World Book Day
Tuesday 20th March	TBC	Class 3 and 3/4 play
Wednesday 21st March	TBC	Class 4/5 and 5/6 (Y5) play
Friday 23rd March	3.30pm	School closes for Easter
Monday 9th April	08.40am	School opens for the summer term.
Monday 7th May	Full Day	Mayday – school closed.
Monday 14th May	Full week	KS2 SATs week
Friday 25th May	3.30pm	School closes for half term
Monday 4th June	08.40am	School opens
Saturday 7th July	Full day	Catholic Cup football competition
Friday 20th July	3.30pm	School closes for the summer holiday.