



Newsletter Thursday, 4th November 2022

Principal's Message



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34

The first half-term of the new school year has absolutely flown by and the first week of the new half-term is at an end.

The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and are all working hard.

I have been really pleased to see that the overall attendance for the school has risen from 92% at the end of last year to 94.5% this year to date. This can still get better though!

At the end of each term, we will be holding attendance discos again. These will be for children with attendance of 95% or above.

As a reminder – the gates close at 9:00.

Children arriving between 9:00 and 9:30 receive a late mark and those who arrive after 9:30 are marked as absent.

We understand mornings can be hectic times but please try to ensure your child is in school before 9:30 to avoid being marked absent.

Uniforms

After only 7 weeks, we have already amassed a growing pile of lost jumpers, cardigans, and other assorted property. Most of the uniforms do not have names in them and it is therefore impossible to return them to their owners. From next half-term, we will be putting out a lost-property box every Friday on the playground so that we can try to reunite the lost bits and bobs with their owners.

Will you please ensure that **ALL** items of uniform (including PE kit) are labelled with your child's name/initials and class.



Calendar Dates

Some important dates for your calendars:

- Children in Need – Friday, 18th November – Pyjama Day
- Attendance Disco – Tuesday 6th December
- Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday, 7th December
- **EYFS** Christmas Party Day – Monday, 12th December
- **KS1** Christmas Party Day – Tuesday, 13th December
- **KS2** Christmas Party Day – Wednesday, 14th December
- **KS1** Christmas Service in church – Thursday, 15th December 11:00 – 12:00
- **KS2** Christmas Service in church – Thursday, 15th December 9:30 – 10:30
- Non-Uniform Day - Friday, 16th December - School Closes at 2:00pm

***For their party days, children can come in their party clothes on that day.**



Christmas
JUMPER DAY



Behaviour and Safety

- Many parents have been asking about the state of the Puffin crossing on Gorton Lane. I have emailed Councillor Reid and she has assured me that the crossing will soon be in full operation.
- Playground issues – I would like to state once more that if your child has an issue with another child in school, please see the class teacher or arrange an appointment to see myself and we can work together to resolve it. ***I ask parents not to approach other parents in the playground and allow school to deal with the matter.***
- Parking and cars on the Gorton Lane entrance are causing more and more problems including incidents of 'road rage' as well as endangering the safety of our children and their families. In the next week or so, cones will be put out to try and improve the situation. I ask all parents who drop their children off by car to consider other road users and pedestrians.



Attendance and Punctuality

Current attendance figures show that attendance over the year is 94.1%. The current national average is 93.7%. There is still plenty of room for improvement and myself and Mrs Harvey will be organising meetings with parents of children whose attendance is below 90%.

We are also bringing back termly attendance discos for children with attendance above 95% as well as for children with most improved attendance.

We cannot stress how important it is for your child to be on time and in school every day. We understand that illness happens and that cannot be helped but research shows that the more school days a child misses, the greater the impact on their chances of academic success in the future. If you need assistance or help regarding attendance and/or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Year Group	Overall Year group attendance	Individual Class attendance	
R	92%	RB = 91.2%	RL= 93.3%
1	93.3%	1S = 93%	1Q =95.2%
2	94.7%	2O = 94.1%	2W = 95.4%
3	93.8%	3G = 93.3%	3N = 94.6%
4	94.7%	4S = 95.1%	4T = 94.6%
5	95.1%	5D = 94.2%	5G = 96.2%
6	95.7%	6D = 95%	6L = 97%

Finally....

A huge congratulations to Linda and the rest of her Mellor's team in our kitchen. Their hard work and constant willingness to go above and beyond for our children was recognised by Mellor's and they received the 'Best Small Team' award at a recent company ceremony. Linda and her team are a huge asset to the school, and we are so proud of them all!

