

Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023

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Canon Popham News and Events



Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

A reminder that our school Christmas Fair is taking place next Friday 8th December. Children will be able to come to school in **non-uniform** on Friday when they bring in items for the chocolate tombola. During the afternoon all classes will spend time in the fair enjoying the games and Christmas stalls. Please ensure they bring change in a named purse or wallet which is to be handed in to their class teacher on Friday morning. At 3.15pm the fair will be open to our school community to enjoy with the raffle being drawn at 4pm in the school hall. Raffle tickets will be available to buy before and after school from next week. Thank you to those who have already donated items for stalls and raffle prizes. Reminders will be sent next week also. Please let school know if you are able and would like to help during the Christmas Fair to set up a stall etc.



School is taking part in **LIVING STREETS**, THE UK CHARITY FOR EVERYDAY WALKING. We will launch this to the children in a WOW assembly next week. Below is just one initiative school will be taking part in:

WOW - THE WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!



This term we will explore the value of

COMPASSION

We have looked this week at: Having the Courage to Care **Exodus 2.1-10 - The story of Moses in the basket**

Next week's message: Coming to the Rescue – **Luke 15.4-6**

What's happening in school?

Sunday 3rd December – The first Sunday of Advent

Sunday 3rd December – Canon Popham C of E Primary Academy's **50th Birthday!**

Monday 4th December – 50th Birthday Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 5th December – Christmas in a Box Y2

Tuesday 5th December – Pastor Les assembly

Wednesday 6th December – WOW Living Streets launch assembly – 9.30am

Wednesday 6th December – Rev Tom worship

Friday 8th December – non-uniform day for Chocolate tombola

Friday 8th December – Christmas Fair 1pm onwards for each class, 3.15-4.15pm open to all.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Well done to **Year 4** who were again this week's winners of the attendance trophy with **96.7%**. They will enjoy 5 minutes extra break. Overall school attendance last week was **93%**



Well done Year 4!

Absence reporting reminders

Registration

The law requires the register to be taken twice a day – at the start of the morning session and once in the afternoon session. This is at 8.45am and at 1.00pm. Pupils are expected to arrive no later than 8.40am in order to be ready for the start of registration period at 8.45am. Registers close at 9.00am in the morning and 1:15pm in the afternoon, after which students will be marked as unauthorised absence unless a satisfactory explanation has been received.

Academy response to absence

If a pupil is absent at morning registration without contact from a parent/carer to explain the absence, the academy will contact parents/carers. We take our safeguarding responsibilities seriously and will always do our best to contact parents/carers to ensure that they are aware of their child's absence using the following methods:

- Mobile number of Contacts 1-4 (as identified by parents/carers on pupil's registration form – please update school straight away if there is a change to any of your child's emergency contacts)
- Email – enquiries@cpa.dsat.education
- Home visit – if no contact is made to the academy to give a reason for absence a welfare visit will be made.

Please be reminded that you must contact the academy on **each day** of absence and **before 9:00am**. Thank you.

Enjoy your weekend - Mrs Shelton and Mrs Patton

Celebration

Assembly



Celebration assembly is held to recognise children from Y1 to Y6 who have gone, 'Over and Above' in class and around school.

Y1 – Ethan, Zak

Y2 – Meesha, Alice

Y3 – Henry, Charlie

Y4 – Kellen, Chloe

Y5 – Amy, Ella H

Y6 – Isabelle, Violet



Sunday 3rd December is the first Sunday of Advent.

We have talked lots about Advent with the children at school this week.

To celebrate Advent, we have emailed two advent calendars which have been produced by the Diocese of Sheffield. They provide ways of making Advent a special time rather than just the run up to Christmas.

Autumn 2: Diary Dates

December

Sunday 3rd December – First Sunday of Advent

Monday 4th – 50th Birthday Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 5th – Christmas in a Box – Y2

Friday 8th – Christmas Fair

Monday 11th - Flu immunisation catch up session

Monday 11th - Key Stage 2 Carol Service at 2.00pm with Year 5 leading the service (years 3,4,5,6)

Wednesday 13th - Foundation stage Nativity 10.00am and 2.00pm (nursery and reception classes)

Thursday 14th – Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.00pm (Year 1 and 2)

Friday 15th - Key Stage 2 Christmas Party PM (years 5 and 6)

Monday 18th – Key Stage 2 Christmas Party PM (years 3 and 4)

Monday 18th – Storytime with Mr Stickley – Christmas stories EYFS / KS 1 9:15am – KS2 10:30am

Tuesday 19th – Pantomime for years 1 – 6 at the CAST

Tuesday 19th – Pantomime for Reception and Nursery at Canon Popham

Wednesday 20th – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th - Foundation stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party PM

Thursday 21st – last day of term - school closes at 3.15pm

Monday 25th – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (2 weeks)

JANUARY 2024

January 8th 2024 – School opens at 7.45am for breakfast club and at 8.40am to all other pupils

Monday 15th January 2024 – closing date for Reception class applications for September 2023

Letters sent this week giving information about:

Christmas Fair – Non-uniform to support Chocolate tombola

Family Advent Calendars and Lights for Christmas

Illness information update with links to NHS guidance