



Sneyd Green Primary School Newsletter

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“Together we make a difference”

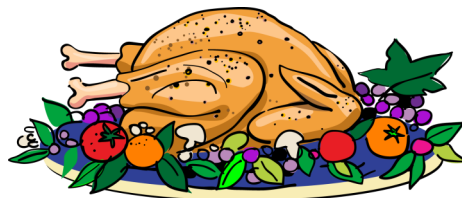
MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Thank you to everyone who came along to parent forum and shared their ideas.

Our Christmas coffee afternoon is on Tuesday 6th December at 2.30pm, this will be in our new dining room. Please come along and have a mince pie, coffee and a chat.

Please could we ask that the children in Year 3 are NOT to bring pencil cases into school. They are too much of a distraction and things could get lost from them. We have enough resources for them in school to use for their lessons.

We are having our Christmas Lunch on Monday, 12th December 2016 for Foundation, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Tuesday, 13th December 2016 for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. There will be a letter coming out to you soon to inform you of this.



SPORTS

Well done to our girls football team, they took part in the under 13s tournament at Dimensions, overall they came 4th, well done.



Our Boys football team competed in the Burslem league, last Friday. We won 2-0 against St Peters, and lost 0-1 against Greenways.



**51ST
SMALLTHORNE SCOUT
GROUP IS RECRUITING**

BEAVER SCOUTS 6 - 8 YEARS OLD

CUB SCOUTS 8 -10 YEARS OLD

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
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CHRISTMAS ACCESSORY DAY



We are having a Christmas accessory day this year on Friday, 16th December 2016

All children are invited to wear a Christmas accessory. This may be headgear, a Christmas jumper,

Christmas socks, a tinsel belt etc. Children are to wear their normal school uniform on this day unless they choose to swap their jumper for a Christmas one!

Sneydie Stay and Play

Sneydie Stay and Play has started for the new term on Thursday mornings from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Sports Hall. It is a playgroup for children under 5 years where they can have lots of fun playing, learning and interacting with other children. There is a £1.00 per session charge and everyone is welcome.





ATTENDANCE

The whole school target for attendance this year is **96%**. Our whole school attendance is currently;



95.9%

It is extremely important that children attend school everyday. Any absence does affect the children's learning.

Did you know;

If your child has 96% attendance it equates to 10 days off during the year

If your child has 90% attendance it equates to 19 days off during the year.

If your child has 80% attendance it equates to 38 days off during the year.

If a child's attendance is at 90% throughout their primary school life this equates to **133 days** or **4 months** off school. Please support your child and encourage daily attendance.

ARRIVING LATE FOR SCHOOL

We still have a number of pupils who are arriving late for school. We continue to monitor the lateness of families and continue to be concerned about the number of late arrivals. Please help your children to achieve their best by ensuring that they are in school for the start of their lessons. It is vital that children arrive at school on time, every day ready to learn. Please be reminded that the school doors open at 8.45am. Thank you for your continued support.



HEADLICE



We have had reported cases of head lice in school. Please check your child regularly so that we can eliminate these unwelcome visitors. It is best to fine tooth comb your child's hair with conditioner so that the eggs can be removed as well. Doing this just once is not effective and needs to be repeated daily until you are sure they have gone. Thank you for your support.

DINNER MONEY

As you are aware, it is very important that children's dinner money accounts are kept in credit. However, there are currently a small amount of accounts which have a negative balance.



It does not matter how small the arrears may be, the school have to pay for any unpaid meals out of the school budget each month.

Regardless of how much your arrears are, we will continue to send messages, make phone calls and send letters until the arrears are paid as this is the procedure in school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:

- December 1st and 2nd – Bikeability training for Y5 and Y6
- December 6th – Coffee afternoon for all parents and carers, dining room, 2.30pm
- December 7th – Songbirds Concert, Victoria Hall
- December 9th – Y1 nativity – times to be confirmed.
- December 12th – Christingle for pupils at St Andrew's Church
- December 12th – Christmas dinner day for Foundation Stage and KS1 only
- December 12th – Y5 and Y6 parties
- December 13th – Y1 and Y2 parties
- December 13th – Christmas dinner day for KS2 only
- December 14th – FS Christmas Jingle for parents – times to be confirmed
- December 15th – FS1 and FS2 Christmas parties
- December 15th – Y5 Carol Service, followed by refreshments – times to be confirmed
- December 16th – Christmas jumper/accessory day for pupils and staff.
- December 16th – Y6 Sneyd's got talent competition
- December 16th – Y3 and Y4 Christmas parties
- December 16th – School closes at normal time

