

December 2022

# Headteacher's Monthly Newsletter



## General information:

*Attendance so far this year still stands at 92.1 % which is much lower than pre Covid times. Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school for any reason that you MUST inform the school office by 9am.*

*Holidays taken in term time can result in families receiving a fine as we do not authorise holidays taken in term time.*

*The class attendance figures this year so far is:*

*FS2: 92.1%*

*Year 1: 92.6%*

*Year 2: 92.1%*

*Year 3: 94.4%*

*Year 4: 89.9%*

*Year 5: 94.9%*

*Year 6: 90.2%*

## End of the day arrangements

*We understand that sometimes things happen and parents or carers maybe late to pick their child up. Therefore if this happens, please can you phone the school office to ensure we know. We can then make arrangements to accommodate this. After school club places should be booked in advance however if you are late and we are not notified your child will be placed in the after school club and you will be charged which could incur an additional non arrangement fee.*



## Outwood Update!

November has been another busy month! Here are just some of the exciting events that have taken place.

This month began with the PTA's spooky Halloween disco, thanks to our PTA for organising this; the children had lots of fun whilst raising funds for the school. Year 6 went to Stockport's 'Crucial Crew' event where they learned lots from the emergency services about how to keep themselves safe. Year 5 and Year 6 took part in 'Show Racism the Red Card' workshops as part of their PSHE work. KS1 took a trip out to see how shops have changed over time in Heald Green and also had a visit from local historian Helen Morgan who was also a pupil at Outwood. Helen shared lots of local history which the children found really interesting! Our FS2 class enjoyed their trip to St Catherine's Church last week where they decorated a tree in preparation for St Catherine's Christmas tree Festival. A group of Year 3 & Year 4 children participated in an indoor bowling event with other Stockport schools and did very well.

December is set to be another eventful month so please see the dates for your diaries below.

## Christmas Extravaganza!

The PTA are holding a children's Christmas Fair for the children on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for sending in bottle donations today and thank you in advance for any chocolate donations that you can send in next Friday. It looks to be a great event with lots of activities, music and possibly a visit from the big man himself!

## Attendance

Total attendance for November is 90.2%  
The winning class was 3 with 93.4% - Well done!



## Working together!

Thank you to all who attended our parent and teacher meetings. It was great to be able to offer face to face meetings again along with virtual sessions too. If you were unable to attend please arrange another time with your child's class teacher. We really love to share our children's successes with you and I hope that you were impressed by the quality of work that your children are producing.

## Children in Need

Thank you to all who took part in our crazy hair day in aid of Children in Need. We raised over £100 for this worthy charity whilst having fun too!

## Outwood says no to bullying!

As part of Anti-bullying Week the children have been thinking about the theme 'Reach Out'. Each class has designed some great art work which is now displayed around school to reinforce this message. In assembly each class presented some great work about this important topic and the school council have been helping me to write a new anti-bullying policy. Bullying has no place at Outwood!

## We are a healthy school!

The school council has been busy this month. As part of our drive to be a healthy school the school council are planning to bring back the healthy tuck shop which they will manage. We plan for this to be launched in the spring term. The school council have also sent out some recommendations for healthy snacks recently and today we share some healthy lunchbox ideas.

# Outwood in the community!

Outwood has been busy in the local community over the last couple of weeks. Our head boy George, head girl Khadeeja and Year 6 representative Haala laid a wreath on behalf of the school when they took part in Heald Green's Remembrance service. They really did us proud!



Our steel pan band and school choir wowed crowds on Sunday when they went on a tour of Heald Green! First of all they played and sang to a large crowd at Heald Green's Christmas Markets where they were interviewed and played live on radio station Wythenshawe FM. After this they played and sang at St Catherine's Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival. We really have some talented children!



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## December dates for your diaries

<b>DECEMBER</b>	
6.12.22	EYFS Santa visit 10:30-11:30am
7.12.22	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production (1:45pm)
8.12.22	FS2 & KS1 Christmas production (6:00pm)
9.12.22	Non uniform day – chocolate donations for Children's fair please
12.12.22	Choir to sing at John Lewis
13.12.22	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
13.12.22	EYFS singalong – families invited 1:45-3pm
16.12.22	KS2 Christmas carol concert at St Catherine's Church (9.45 start) Families welcome
16.12.22	PTA Children's Christmas Fair 1pm-3pm
Week beginning 19.12.22	End of term Christmas parties
20.12.22	9.15am Music assembly – Front Row Music presents the ukulele & guitar stars!
21.12.22	EYFS Christmas party 9:30-11am
22.12.22	Christmas celebration assembly
22.12.22	School closes for Christmas break