



NEWSLETTER 15th December 2023

Dear Parents /Carers,

I can't believe that we are at the end of the autumn term already, the children have worked brilliantly all term and the progress in their learning has been wonderful to see. This would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the whole High Street team working together for the best of every child in the school. Alongside that, I want to thank you as parents and carers for the work you do with your children at home, but also for supporting us as a school. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas holiday and enjoy the time spent with your family over the next couple of weeks.

As a reminder: School will reopen for all children on Thursday 4th January 2024!

Christmas Nativities and Carol Concerts

It was lovely to see all our children taking part in something festive over the last few weeks, whether it be carol singing, performing at the United Reformed Church or in a nativity performance- every child in school has impressed me with their resilience and their attitude when working within their year group teams. Thank you as well to all the parents and carers who supported their child by attending the performances. What a great team effort!

PTA

I would also like to say a huge thanks to the PTA who have worked hard all term to raise money for our school, but in particular these last few weeks by washing any donated Christmas jumpers, sorting out the raffle prizes and selling tickets in a variety of weathers. I would also like to thank them for supplying the items for the advent bags received by each class and for donating party cakes and drinks for every child to enjoy at their Christmas party- thanks again for all your hard work!

Winners of the Christmas Raffle

All winners have been informed

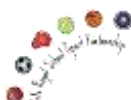
Our winners are:

Sarah M
Emma S
Elif S
Kelly R
Michael H
Kate M
Zoe R
Charlotte W

Reception Class Application for September 2024

If you or you know someone who would like to apply for a Reception Class place from September 2024 the deadline is Monday 15th January 2024. Please note that if your child attends our nursery this is not a given that they will get a place in the Reception Class. Please see the link below if you haven't applied yet and for more guidance:

[Primary Guide 7618 Revised Dec23 \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/primary-guide-7618-revised-dec23)





Winsford St Luke's Elf Run

As in previous years we have supported Winsford St Luke's Hospice by taking part in a Reindeer Run, Santa Dash and this year we will be continuing to support the hospice by taking part in an Elf Run. It was lovely to see the children take part in the Elf Run and having lots of fun.

So far, we have raised an amazing **£461** and counting online and **£140** cash. There is still time to donate to this wonderful cause by following the 'Just Giving' link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/winsford-high-street-primary-1701099178620?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fwinsford-high-street-primary-1701099178620&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

United Reformed Church

The collection taken at the services last week have now been counted and totals £312.52. Thank you to all the relatives and friends who contributed to this which I feel will have covered the costs of heating and lighting the church. We are very grateful for the generous contributions. The elders from the church have also expressed their thanks.

Pen Licenses

To maintain high standards of penmanship across the school, we are making a few changes to our English and handwriting policies. As a school, we want to ensure that the children have the opportunity to write with a range of mediums; to do so we will ensure that children are initially used to using mediums such as chalk or pencils, whilst using the correct grip, before they move onto others, such as a pen.

Through subject monitoring, we have noticed that some children who have been using a pen need a little more practise using pencils to perfect their handwriting style. Therefore, on our return to school in January, some of these children may be asked to use a pencil in writing books and only practice using pens in their handwriting books until they can show a consistent cursive handwriting style and transfer this across all writing books. Each term this will be reviewed accordingly. We should be grateful if you would encourage your child to continue to practise the cursive handwriting style wherever possible at home. Please note that in some instances there are children who use pens on the recommendation of health professionals. Children with such specific needs will continue to use their pens as indicated in their plans.

Introducing the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Please see the flyer attached. The flyer details the team's crisis helpline number and website options for parents to access over the Christmas break if you are in need of support.

Winter Mini Challenge

Following the success of Ready, Set, Read Summer Reading Challenge, the theme has been extended into the Winter Mini Challenge. With the holidays approaching, now is the time to encourage your children to tackle the holiday reading 'dip'. Join in at wintermini.org.uk from 1st December 2023. More information on the Challenge can be found on the website.



Winter Water Safety Message

Please see the flyer attached to this email with some very important information about staying safe during the winter.

Christmas Craft sessions at New Images Youth & Community Centre

Please see the flyer attached for some exciting activities on Monday 18th December.

HAF Free Winter Activities

Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Crewe Alexandra F.C.

Crewe Alexandra F.C. is offering tickets for the Barrow Game at £10 for adults, £5 for under 18's, and free for children aged 11 and under.

Please see the flyer attached for more information or call the Club Ticket Office on 01270 213014.

Date	Information
15th December 2023	School closes for the Christmas holidays
2nd January 2024	Inset Day – school closed to children
3rd January 2024	Inset Day – school closed to children
4th January 2024	School opens after the holidays
19th February 2024	Spring Half Term
26th February 2024	School opens after the Spring Half Term
26th March to 28th March 2024	Year 4 York Residential
29th March 2024	Good Friday and start of the Easter Holiday
1st April 2024	Easter Monday
15th April 2024	School opens after the Easter holiday
18th April 2024	Year 1 Conwy Residential
6th May 2024	May Day
27th May 2024	May Bank holiday and start of the Summer Half Term
3rd June 2024	Inset Day- school closed to children
4th June 2024	School opens after the Summer Half Term
24th June 2024 to 28th June 2024	Year 6 Lakes Residential
25th July 2024	Start of the Summer holiday
2nd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
3rd September 2024	Inset day – school closed to children
4th September 2024	School opens after the Summer holiday

Please note that these dates may be subject to change, although we will keep these where possible.

Should you need to make contact with school, please don't hesitate to email me on:

head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk or returns@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk and please remember the year group emails if you need to contact your child's class teacher.

However, please note that email accounts will not be monitored as regularly after 5.30pm each evening or during the weekends, to ensure a work life balance for the staff.

Kind regards

Mark Joule Head Teacher