



Richmond News



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Our school gates are closed for vehicles between 8.30am-8.55am and 3.05pm-3.35pm

ATTENDANCE

Well done to 5BW who achieved 100% attendance last week. Whole school attendance fell to 93.3% which is well below our target of 97%

ATTENDANCE FAIRY

Every fortnight we celebrate all children with 100% attendance. Everyone with 100% over the two week period will be entered into our lucky dip.

This week's winners are:
Ava-Grace, Rupert, Oliver M, Teddy B, Alysha B, Lillie-Mai J, Reina, Sam G, Katy M, Aiden McC, Elsie K, James B, Rafe, Charlotte A, Ava-Lily, Harry S, Lily-May B, Tabitha and Florence.



FESTIVE FUN RUN

All year groups will be taking part in our Santa Fun Run on **Thursday 15th December**. Children can wear clothes that they can walk/run in and have a festive theme. Could we please ask that your child is wearing appropriate footwear.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Post boxes for Christmas cards will be situated in each of the three buildings. Cards will be distributed to children each day.

Please ensure that the full name and class of the child is clearly written on the front of the envelope. We do have a number of cards each year that cannot be distributed because they are not clearly marked.

PTFA CHRISTMAS DISCO

Friday 9th December

EY/Y1 - 3:30-4:15pm
£2.00 per ticket (sweets & drink included)

Y2/Y3 - 4:30-5:15pm -
£1.50 per ticket (sweets & drinks can be purchased on the night)

Y4/Y5/Y6 - 5:30-6:15pm
£1.50 per ticket (sweets & drinks can be purchased on the night)

Tickets are available now.

Could we please ask that money is sent into school in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Thursday 15th December** children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers.



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

Our Christmas Dinner Day will be on **Thursday 15th December**. Meals do not need to be pre-ordered.

DISCO ARRANGEMENTS FOR FRIDAY

Early Years/Year 1 - Children are to come to school in disco clothes. They will be taken down to the Year 4-6 hall (next to the main office) by staff and collected from their classrooms by parents as normal.

Year 2 are to be signed in at the main office and collected from the Year 4-6 hall.

Year 3 to be signed in in the end Year 6 classroom (Mrs Carter's) and collected from Year 3 classrooms.

Year 4 are to be signed in in 4RT and collected from their normal classrooms.

Year 5 signed in in 5AS and collected from normal classrooms.

Year 6 will be signed in in the end Year 6 classroom (Mrs Carter's) and collected from their normal classrooms.



YEAR 5 CHURCH & REDMOOR VISIT

As part of our RE topic on Christianity, Year 5 will be walking to St Mary's church in the centre of Hinckley on **Monday 12th December 2022**.

Additionally, we have been invited to watch a Christmas Performance at Redmoor Academy on **Tuesday 13th December** in the morning, which we will also be walking to.

A letter has been issued about this, please ensure the reply slip has been completed giving permission for your child to take part in these experiences.

PLANETARIUM VISIT TO EARLY YEARS/YEAR 1

On **Wednesday 4th January** The Black Hole Planetarium Company will be visiting Early Years and Year 1. A separate letter has been issued about this, a copy of which can be found on our website. This visit is now live on Parentpay, in order for voluntary contributions to be made.

VISIT TO YEAR 3 PORTALS TO THE PAST

On **Monday 12th December** Portals to the Past will be visiting Year 3. A separate letter has been issued about this, a copy of which can be found on our website. This visit is now live on Parentpay, in order for voluntary contributions to be made.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

A letter has recently been sent via Jotter to parents of children in Early Years and Year 6 giving information of a forthcoming height and weight measurement programme on the **10th January**. A copy of this letter can also be found on our website. If you do not wish your child to take part, could you please contact the NCMP Team either by using their web link bit.ly/ncmpwithdraw or by email at lpt.ncmpprogramme@nhs.net before the **4th January**.

EARLY YEARS NATIVITY

The following events have been planned for our Early Years:

- **Thursday 8th December** - Class EYAK nativity at 2.15pm
- **Monday 12th December** - Class EYLI nativity at 2.15pm

3 tickets will be available per child, these have been issued.



BEACON CHURCH CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

In response to the cost of living crisis, The Beacon are going to be doing a free Christmas Day lunch for anyone (not just low income families).

All the details can be found here: <https://www.thebeaconhinckley.org/christmas> Please note that you will need to book in advance.

For the families entitled to free school meals (who are obviously welcome on Christmas Day too) there will be a Make Lunch lunch club on **Tuesday 20th December**.

A flyer with more information on is attached to this newsletter.

BIG CHRISTMAS SING

Children from Years 1 to 6 will be performing in our Big Christmas Sing as follows:

Years 1/2/3 - 13th December at 2:45pm

Years 4/5/6 - 14th December at 2:50pm

The children will be performing a selection of Christmas songs outside, weather permitting.

A separate letter has been sent out about this.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo proofs have been issued today. To place an order simply visit: photos.jssp.co.uk and enter your access code printed on the proof. Alternatively, you can call 01773 717984 to place an order directly with JSSP. Please do not send orders into school.

The deadline date is the 14th December. Any orders received after this date will incur a minimum £3.99 surcharge with orders being delivered to home addresses.

ABSENCES

Could we please remind parents to contact the school office on the first day of your child's absence. This can be reported on the absence line.

Dear parents and carers,

On Tuesday evening last week, we were delighted to see our Trust Poetry Competition winners perform their poems at Thomas Estley Community College. Each of the poems was based around the theme of 'All Different, All Equal' and links into our No Outsiders learning on diversity. Each of the children did an amazing job of performing their poems to the audience and received a certificate from Mrs Collins, Success Academy Trust Leader. We were extremely proud of all of the children for their carefully considered poetry, which will be published in a Trust Anthology book shortly.



In addition to the Trust Poetry competition this term, all of the children entered a design into the Trust Christmas card competition. These were judged by the Art and Design leaders across the Trust, with one winner selected from each school. The cards have been printed and will be distributed within the community. I am pleased to announce the winner from Richmond is Suzanna in year 5, with a wonderful Christmas design.

Year 1 had a very exciting week of learning last week. They began the week with a recreation of the Great Fire of London. With some help from our site team, we burned down our 'London houses' to show the children what happened during the fire. The



children were fascinated to see how quickly the fire spread across the houses and linked this to their learning about London. In R.E this week, year 1 children made their own Christingles. They learnt about the symbolism behind each of the parts and thought about the message of hope it brings during Advent.



Year 2 children made a very exciting discovery in the school grounds last week. On the field, behind a large tree, they uncovered a dragon egg! During the day, the egg hatched and Mr Middleton – one of our site team – was left very shocked by the incident. The children were captivated by the discovery and spent the day keeping their eye out for any further dragon sightings around school. They also produced some brilliant story writing based on a hero saving everyone from the dragon.



It was lovely to welcome you all into school on Friday for our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to those who were able to attend. Santa and his elf were certainly very busy and enjoyed meeting all of the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Emma Clark
Headteacher



Join us for our Christmas Lunch club on:
Tuesday 20th December at 12noon

Also for this year...
Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day Lunch at 12noon

Visit our website to book:
www.thebeacon.org/tlg-makelunch





Leicestershire Libraries Newsletter

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The Winter Mini Challenge is back!

Be a Gadgeteer this winter. This online challenge invites children, aged 4-11 to read three books or more, between 1st of December and 20th of February, to earn digital rewards. Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple:

- Sign up at: www.wintermini.org.uk to create an online profile
- Read at least 3 books over the holidays
- Rate and review the books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock a virtual badge and download a certificate to print!



Jingle Spells: Festive Fun with Author James Brown

Come join us for this family-friendly activity session that will include a drawing demo 'Draw yourself as an Elf!', singing, colouring-in and of course, meeting author James Brown who will share the picture book 'Jingle Spells'.

Wigston Library
Wednesday 21st December 10.30am.
[Booking via Eventbrite](#)

Oadby Library
Wednesday 21st December 1.30pm.
[Booking via Eventbrite](#)



New Junior Christmas Titles

Find your festive inspiration! We have got everything you need to get you reading over Christmas. From Christmas Classics to great new titles, there is something for everyone.



Children's Christmas audiobooks are also available on Borrowbox - with no queue!



New Adult Christmas Titles

Fantastic Christmas titles to read over winter for adults too, why not read as a family? Visit our [libraries](#) or browse our [online catalogue](#) to find out more. We also have a wide range of eBooks and eAudiobooks from [Borrowbox](#).



Christmas activities at your local library

Contact your local library to find out what is on or follow us on social media for up to date information about events, activities and new titles.

Merry Christmas from everyone at Leicestershire Libraries.

