

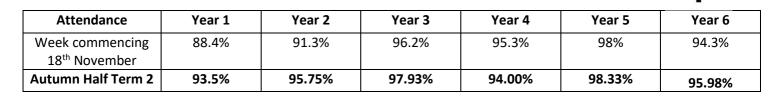
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## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Attendance & Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 was 94% this week. This means that we are in the **Amber zone** and we are NOT meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.



#### **Christmas Performances**

Christmas performances will begin at 10am and 1.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Teas and coffees will be available from 9.45am for the 10am performance and 1.15pm for the 1.30pm performance. Please enter via the playground gate.

- EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10am and 1.30pm
- KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am and 1.30pm

#### **Advent Mass**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am, Year 3 will lead us in a special Advent mass, at St. Aidan's Church. After the mass, Year 3 will remain at church, where we will host a coffee morning in the church hall. Parents and Carers of the Year 3 pupils are invited to join us. Please note not all Year 3 pupils will have a reading, however, all children play a vital role in celebrating the mass.

#### **Advent Celebration of the Word**

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, our Key Stage 2 students will be planning and leading special *Celebration of The Word* services. These services will be held in school and will explore the key themes and messages of Advent. We are pleased to be able to invite parents and carers to join us in this special time of reflection and celebration. After each service, we will be hosting a *coffee morning* in support of *The People's Kitchen*. All proceeds from the coffee morning will go towards supporting their vital work.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9:15am - Year 6 Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am - Year 5 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am - Year 4

#### Jewellery

Jewellery (excluding watches) must not be worn to school, we have noticed an increase in pupils, particularly in KS2, not adhering to this by wearing necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Please ensure that your child is not wearing jewellery for school.

### Dates for the Diary (as always, dates are subject to change!): Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9:15am - Advent Celebration of the Word (Year 6) Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Mr Taylor Bible Stories Tuesday 3rd December – Wednesday 4th December - Year 3 Residential visit to The Sill Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10am and 1.30pm - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am and 1.30pm - KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Nativity Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 12.45pm - Year 6 Athletics Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am – Advent Celebration of the Word (Year 5) Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - Awards Assembly Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 lead Advent Mass Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm - KS2 Christmas Carol Service Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - KS1 Santa's Grotto Rising Sun Visit Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am - Oxford Centre Community Christmas Sing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am – Advent Celebration of the Word (Year 4) Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1pm-3pm - Christmas Disco Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Pantomime (in school) Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - Awards Assembly



# CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have some fantastic Christmas raffle prizes up for grabs:

**Hoverboard Go Kart** 

One month of Swimming Lessons at swim! Benton

**New Adventurelands Play Sessions** 

**Chocolate Hamper** 

Wine

Selection Boxes

**Gift Sets** 

Tickets are 50p each (£2.50 per strip) and can be purchased by cash or card at the school office.

The raffle will be drawn in the last week of term.







