

Dear Parents and Friends

As we prepare to close for the well-earned Christmas break today, it is an excellent opportunity to reflect on a busy and action filled term which has been full of wonderful teaching, learning and enrichment opportunities. We are, as always, very grateful for your engagement and enthusiasm in supporting our school.



Christmas Festivities

"Praise him, all His Angels praise him all His hosts" Psalm 148:2



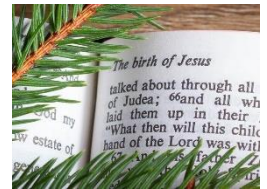
Our children have shone brightly as they have shared the Christmas Story this year. Once again this year, we have filmed some very special Christmas story videos in Reception and Preschool. Reception had a messy church Christmas session in school earlier this week. Year 1 and Year 2 shared their Nativity in school with parents and grandparents, it was lovely to be able to welcome back into school adults to share the Christmas story. Key Stage 2 shared their Christmas Service at church on Tuesday. We have carolled at the amphitheatre and with the community around the tower. The children really enjoyed a Christmas filled day on Wednesday with jumpers, panto, Christmas dinner and Santa! Today they have come together for parties.

In amongst all this Christmas celebration, it is important we remember the true meaning of Christmas – Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. They knew this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star stopped over



Bethlehem just to mark the way for those who were looking for this special child. Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Rejoice!

We wish that everyone has a wonderful family Christmas sharing the Love, Hope, Peace and Joy of the Gift of Jesus Christ, the son of God and the Light of the World – the true gift of Christmas



Class worship It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers to class workshops across this term. Each class has focused on being a courageous advocate for a cause or campaign, this will continue across the year. Courageous advocacy is about being a champion and making a difference over a period of time, not one-off fundraising. Across this year our classes are learning about and championing the following:-

- Reception – The Trussell Trust, Nantwich Food Bank
- Year1 – Woodland Trust
- Year2 – Keep Britain Tidy
- Year3 – Single use plastics
- Year4 – Emotional and Mental Health
- Year5 – Save the Bees
- Year6 – The Blue Cross



During the spring term they will be putting some actions into place and we will share through worship how we are getting along. Reverend Alison is continuing to visit every fortnight and leads our worship.



Christmas Services 2022 at St. Chad's

Tuesday 20th December
Carol Service at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve, 24th December
Crib Service, at 4pm.

Christmas Day, 25th December
Family Communion at 9.30am.



Staffing Update: We send Libby and her husband many congratulations as they have welcomed a beautiful little girl, Kittie, into their family. She put in an early appearance but both mum and baby are very well. We have loved catching up with them this week as they been into Preschool and also made a mystery reader appearance! Miss Holliwel leaves us today as her maternity cover contract comes to an end, I know she will be missed by us all at Wybunbury Delves but I am sure you all join us in wishing her the very best with her new class and school! Miss McCurrie has now returned from her maternity leave, she has been completing Keeping in Touch days over this last half term and returned to work yesterday. She returns as deputy head and year 3 teacher. Mrs Jenkins is also joining the Year 3 teaching

team, she will continue with her sports teacher role on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday afternoons and be Year 3 class teacher Thursday morning and all day Friday.

We also say goodbye to Miss Sophie from our staff team today, she has worked in the Year 4 class and as a midday over this last term. We wish her all the best.

Our staffing structure from January is below:

Senior Leadership Team 22-23 from January 22					
Head Teacher	Mrs Chesters	Deputy Head	Miss McCurrie	Assistant Head	Mrs Burns
DSL	Miss McCurrie	SENDco	Miss Welch	SBM	Mrs Hughes
Early Years	Mrs Ward	Lower School	Miss McCurrie	Upper School	Mrs Burns
Preschool Supervisor	Helen Bracegirdle	Site Manager	Mr P Carter	OOSC Manager	Clare Cliffe
Teaching Staffing Structure 22-23					
	Teacher		Teaching Assistant		
Preschool	Helen Bracegirdle (Supervisor) Beth Hodgkinson (Deputy Supervisor) Kim Williams (Keyworker) Meg Critchley (Lunch cover)				
Reception	Mrs L Ward		Mrs F Wainwright Ms L Piggott (SEN Support)		
Year 1	Miss Haynes		Mrs J Van-Russelt Miss M Critchley Mrs L Cross		
Year 2	Mr M Dale		Mrs J Parker		
Year 3	Miss McCurrie + Mrs Jenkins		Miss N Holland		
Year 4	Miss A Welch + Mrs R Pointon		Miss H Dunn (SEN support)		
Year 5	Miss L Pennance		Mrs S Whittingham		
Year 6	Mrs J Burns		Miss G Tripp (SEN support)		
Support Staffing Structure 21-22					
	Lead Staff		Staff		
Admin	Mrs K Hughes (SBM)		Mrs A Lawlor; Miss J Beresford;		
Premises	Mr P Carter		Staff from Crystal Clean		
OOSC	Mrs C Cliffe		Mrs D Moulson; Mrs K Williams; Mrs L Cross; Miss B Hodgkinson; Mrs V Tomkinson		
Midday	Mrs C Cliffe; Mrs G Vickers; Mrs D Moulson; Mrs V Tomkinson				
PPA	Mrs L Jenkins; Miss N Holland				
Supply	Mrs L Jenkins + Agency				
Forest School	Mr A Hadfield (Headintothewild)				

PTA A huge THANK YOU to our PTA for all their hard work this half term. The fireworks night was a huge success and raised a whopping £1261! The PTA have been busy organising the Santa's Grotto and the Panto day! The children really enjoyed their festive Wednesday. Thank you to them for funding the panto and providing snacks. The tea towels are lovely and I'm sure there will be a few given as presents this Christmas!

Earlier this term, Sarah Mellor and Katie Buckingham stepped down as Chair and Vice-chair. We are sure you will join us in thanking them both for all their time, hard work and dedication to the PTA. They have led the way in organising some truly wonderful events for the school and its community. Thank you!

In January the PTA are holding an Extraordinary Meeting (EGM) on Thursday 12th January 4.00pm. All parents/carers of Wybunbury Delves children are welcome to attend. During the meeting, all PTA post seats are 'empty', and any parent/carer may stand.



EasyFundRaising – we are signed up to benefit from Easyfundraising .org.uk Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Wybunbury Delves Primary with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,400 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share

today. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wybunburydelves/?invite=452OSO%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

Thank you to everyone who is thinking about us when you are doing your Christmas Online Shopping! I am receiving daily emails at the moment telling me the contributions made.

Operation Christmas Child A huge thank you to everyone who has brought a shoe box into school for Operation Christmas Child, your gifts have been collected and are now on their way to bring Christmas Joy to a child somewhere in the world. We have acted as a local collection point this year and there were over 90 shoeboxes in total collected, plus monetary donations and some spare gifts to fill up other shoe boxes at the distribution centre.

Reception Place 2023 Applications

The deadline for applications for Reception 2023 is now fast approaching, January 15th. We welcome visits and enquiries from prospective parents. If you know families with children due to start school next September, please encourage them to come and visit to find out what a special place Wybunbury Delves is! We have a brilliant new film about our school on our website that you can share too!

Preschool Vacancies

Our preschool can take children in the term before they turn 3. We take admissions into the setting in September, January and April. Sessions for the spring term have been agreed with parents and we have now taking prospective bookings for the summer term and 2023/24 entry. More details please contact the office for more details

School Payments

We thank families for keeping on top of any monies owed to school through using ParentPay.

Our extended school services are run as businesses outside of the school budget. They have to meet their running costs and any profit is used to enhance the services and school resources. We have to monitor non-payment of services and take action if outstanding payments reach a threshold. This will be defined as:

- £25 per child for school dinners debt *or*
- £75 per child for OOSC *or*
- Preschool invoice not paid within 4 weeks *or*
- Total debts to school services (Dinners/OOSC/Preschool) exceed £100 per child

Once the threshold has been reached, school will contact you regarding the outstanding payment. Non-payment towards services used could lead to the use of them being withdrawn for your child.

Please can you check your ParentPay accounts and settle any outstanding Autumn term payments in readiness for the new term. Thank you.

OOSC

Please ensure you have made your bookings, or confirmed your bookings are to continue with Clare for Spring term before/after school club sessions! All bookings for OOSC should be made through their email address, oosc@wybunburydelves.co.uk directly to Clare please. There is a limit on places at OOSC due to the size of the room. Thank you for all the positive comments about our Out of School Club provision and changes this term.

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We suggest you do make a claim for free school meals even if your child is in key stage 1 as the school can claim additional funding (pupil premium) for new equipment and resources. It would also allow you access to the Holiday Activities and Food Programme currently in place in Cheshire East.

You can apply for nursery-age children if they attend before and after lunch sessions at a local authority nursery school, nursery class or an Academy nursery if it has the same Ofsted number as the primary school – this includes us at Wybunbury Delves. Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.

Holidays Activities and Food Programme 2022 is available for children on the income related free school meal list. Food voucher codes have been emailed out earlier this week and if families would like to find activity sessions over the Christmas break, more information can be found here: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf.aspx>

Attendance: It is expected that your child is in school every day and our attendance target is 97%. Well done to all of you who have managed 100% attendance this half term!

Reception 93% **Year 1** 98% **Year 2** 95% **Year 3** 96% **Year 4** 95%
Year 5 96% **Year 6** 96%

Well done to **Year 1** who are our top attenders this half term!

The government are keen to encourage full attendance now the pandemic has passed, they have issued new guidance this week and this can be found on our website.

We ask that medical appointments are, as far as possible, made outside of school hours. If they cannot be arranged at this time, please provide school with a copy of the medical appointment letter for our records. If you take a sibling out of school to attend their brother/sister's appointment, this is an unauthorised absence as the appointment does not relate to them and should only happen if you genuinely have no alternative. Sometimes when your child is ill it is difficult to decide whether or not to send your child into school,

especially in the current times, the NHS have produce this useful guide: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?tabname=self-help-tips>

Fixed Penalty Notices apply to all types of unauthorised absence, not just those accrued through holidays in term time. Holidays within term time cannot be authorised by school.

If 10 or more unauthorised absences (1 absence = ½ day) are accrued over two consecutive terms then school will consult the LA on the issuing of a Fixed Penalty Notice. The cost of which is £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days increasing to £120 per



parent per child to be paid within 28 days if remains unpaid will be processed to Court for prosecution. These Fixed Penalty Notices have been introduced as part of the government's drive to improve attendance. Please see our attendance policy on the website.

Please do not phone your child in as ill if you have gone away on holiday or out for the day - the children do tell us where they have been or are going to go! If this happens we will record the absence as unauthorised holiday.

Fixed penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised absences which are not holidays when the threshold of 10 sessions has been met.

Contact details It is vitally important we hold up to date contact information for you. We should have on record at least two emergency contacts who can attend school to collect your child. New addresses, phone numbers and email addresses need to be emailed to the office so that our systems can be updated.

Thank You

I would like to thank the whole Wybunbury Delves Team. Our team has so many faces: our site manager and cleaners; our middays and kitchen staff; our admin; the governors; Out of School club; Our Preschool team; the teaching staff and our TAs. Their hard work, enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to go the extra mile makes Wybunbury a special place to be.

As we bring the term to a close, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school and our team.

On behalf of everyone at Wybunbury Delves, I would like to wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas. I look forward to seeing all the children in school on **Wednesday 4th January 2023!**

Kind regards

Mrs Chesters and the Wybunbury Delves Team

Term Dates for 2022/2023

Holiday Period	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2022	Tuesday 19th July 2022	Monday 5th September 2022
Autumn Half Term 2022	Friday 21st October 2022	Monday 31st October 2022
Christmas 2022/2023	Friday 16th December 2022	Wednesday 4th January 2023
Spring Half Term 2023	Thursday 16th February 2023	Monday 27th February 2023
Easter 2023	Friday 31st March 2023	Monday 17th April 2023
May Day 2023	Friday 28th April 2023	Tuesday 2nd May 2023
Summer Half Term 2023	Friday 26th May 2023	Monday 5th June 2023
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Inset Days 22/23 (already included in calendar above):

- Thursday 1st September
- Friday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd January
- Friday 17th February
- Friday 21st July

These holiday dates are in line with Cheshire East School Holiday dates and will be formally agreed as our school dates at January 2022 Governors meeting.

King's Coronation Bank Holiday – Monday 8th May – School will be closed for this national bank holiday in addition to the dates above.

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Summer 2023	Thursday 20th July 2023	Monday 4th September 2023
Autumn Half Term 2023	Friday 20th October 2023	Monday 30th October 2023
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 22nd December 2023	Monday 8th January 2024
Spring Half Term 2024	Thursday 15th February 2024	Monday 26th February 2024
Easter 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day 2024	Friday 3rd May 2024	Tuesday 7th May 2024
Summer Half Term 2024	Friday 24th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Summer 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	

INSET DAYS (Included)

- Friday 1st September
- Friday 16th February
- Monday 22nd July
- Tuesday 23rd July
- 1 further INSET to be confirmed

