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WHINMOOR



ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

20/12/18

Dear Families,

As we finish for the Christmas holidays, thank you so much to everyone who has joined us over this term at one or more of our many events. We have held 'Quick Start' learning meetings, Reading meetings, Friday Worship/Assemblies and some fabulous PTFA events, including a brilliant Christmas Fair last week. We have raised money to support our Nature Area, Christmas celebrations and so importantly, we have supported several charities close to our hearts, most recently The Childrens' Society. Again, thank you for your unfailing support.

We are so proud of all of our children. Many have taken part in sporting events, turning up at practise sessions regularly and doing their very best. Our newly formed choir have already been supporting the community, singing at a local residential home and displaying impeccable manners when using public transport. All of our children have decorated our Christmas tree beautifully with handmade baubles, alongside entertaining us with wonderful Nativity productions, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. We know they all loved the parties and disco yesterday and it was a well-deserved treat for them all.

We have certainly not slowed up the pace of work however. Only a few weeks ago, Whinmoor St. Paul's received a monitoring visit from Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) and we are delighted that the report highlights the many ways in which we have moved forward and will continue to do so, supporting all our children to be given the best start in life.

Christian and British Values

Throughout the spring term we will be focussing on the values of Humility, Service, Tolerance and Justice. Our display in the main entrance hall will focus on 'Community, Growing in God's Love.'

As always, we will focus on the importance of following the Golden Rules, both in and out of school. The Golden Rules are simple to understand and promote kindness, care and respect. If you need a paper copy of them to display at home, please ask our office staff, who will happily provide one for you.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children only get one chance at school and this chance is affected by not attending school every day and on time. When children do not attend or are late, they often struggle to keep up with school work and miss out on the social side of school life. Poor punctuality and attendance can often affect their ability to make and keep friendships, which is such a vital part of growing up. Lateness not only affects the child, but other members of the class, as the teacher often has to stop the lesson and go over key learning points. Each week, the class with the highest attendance get a reward towards an end of term party and at the end of the year our 100% attendees get certificates and awards too.

As you know, doors open at 8.40am and children can come straight into class and begin their learning tasks. At 8.45am the bell rings and doors close at 8.50am. At this stage, you need to bring your child to the school office and sign them in. If your child is poorly and unable to attend school, please inform us by ringing school

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by 9am at the latest. Please rest assured that if you send your child to school and they become poorly, we will always ring you and let you know. It is vital we have updated contact numbers and addresses for all our children, so please do let us know if you have recently changed any details.

Uniform

As we return to school in January, we ask for your full cooperation in ensuring your child wears correct school uniform. This identifies children as belonging to Whinmoor St. Paul's community and supports us in continuing to raise expectations and standards. Our full uniform list can be found on our website or pop into our office for a paper copy. We would appreciate your particular support with the following:

- school shoes – sensible black shoes, not trainers
- Jewellery - On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exception to this rule is plain ear-ring studs in pierced ears. On any days that a child is participating in PE, games, swimming and other physical activities it is advisable to leave earrings at home
- Nail varnish is not permitted nor are 'extreme' haircuts, patterns in hair or large hair 'decorations' such as patterned bows, clips etc. Please keep to simple bobbles, head bands, in school colours.

Wedding Bells

Our congratulations to Miss MacLellan and Mr. Vaughan who get married over the Christmas holiday. We wish them a lifetime of happiness and health together. Miss MacLellan will be taking her husband's surname and so we look forward to welcoming back Mrs. Vaughan.

Thank you again for your continued support. We wish all our families a peaceful, healthy and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing all our children safely back with us on 7th January 2019 at 8.40am.

Miss McBride

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