# Kingfisher Courier

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# Thank you and Well Done!

I would like to start with a big WELL DONE to all our children in Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 for their performances this week in the Bethlehem Bake Off and a Miracle in Town. The acting, singing and dancing was fantastic and I know they have all enjoyed practising for this. Thank you too to school staff for making this happen.

What made it even better this year was having an audience in school for the first time in two years to watch the performances live, rather than us having to record this and send it home to watch. Thank you to all our families and friends who came along to watch you were great audiences...it really supports your children when you are there encouraging and supporting them throughout their performance.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a 'Happy Christmas and all the best for 2023'. Your support has been fantastic this year and much appreciated by myself and all the staff in school. This support and engagement from you our families makes the school what it is and helps us to ensure that your child learns well, flourishes in their understanding and enjoys the different experiences which take place in school. Thank you!

## Y6 Thornbridge Residential 2022

Last week our Y6 children enjoyed a fun packed full three days of outdoor activities at Thornbridge Outdoor Centre in Derbyshire. It was enjoyable to see and hear about the experiences they had during this time from navigating their way through tunnels, to completing the obstacles on the High Ropes...not an easy task. Our children engaged in everything, even when it was something that challenged them. What a great Team in Y6...the Team of 22!! Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to make this possible.



# SNOW POLICY SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, families should take the following advice about the possibility of school closure. Whenever possible, Kingfisher Primary will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a great distance into school each day.

Should the need arise, in severe weather a decision will be made by 7.30 am if the school is to be closed. A text message alert will be sent informing you of school closure. I will also ring radio Trax FM (107.1 FM) snowline and ask them to broadcast the relevant information. We ask families not to ring the radio station themselves as it blocks the lines and schools have been unable to get through to announce closures. The closure will also be announced on the school website at

http://www.kingfisherprimary.org.uk/
and notices will be placed on the school gates.
I would ask all families to check for a text message or listen to the radio if heavy snow is falling or has fallen overnight or if there is other extreme weather and there have been school closures announced. Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am. If you do arrive at school, please do not leave your children without con-

firming that the school is to remain open. If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. Please do not telephone in these circumstances, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. Our aim is to open every day but hopefully, this information will give some clarity.



### **Attendance Matters**

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% and our whole school attendance currently stands at 94.8%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

Class	Current Attendance
1	93.0%
2	92.0%
3	93.0%
4	95.0%
5	93.0%
6	96.0%
7	94.0%
8	97.0%
9	95.0%
10	95.0%
11	95.0%
12	94.0%
13	97.0%
14	96.0%

### **School Matters!**



## It's Christmas at Kingfisher!

On Friday 16th December we will be having Kingfisher Christmas Day.



Children can come dressed as Christmassy as they like -from having tinsel in their hair to wearing Christmas Jumpers. We know that Christmas Jumpers are expensive so please do not

feel this is a must anything which has a hint of Christmas will add to the festive spirit.



We hope that you will enjoy taking part in this festive event!



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The next INSET Days are:

★ Friday 10th February 2023★ Monday 20th February 2023