



Celebrating Attendance

Over the final weeks of this term we are having a real focus on attendance. Being in school everyday is really key to a child's learning. Research shows that pupils with high levels of school attendance are more likely to benefit from education, achieve better results, and go on to have more successful careers.

Any families whose children achieve the school target of 96% attendance between Monday 4th December and Friday 22nd December will have their name entered into a prize draw to win a Christmas Hamper.



The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The Big Ambition survey, which is anonymous, will be open until Friday 15th December. The following link will take you to the website with more information, a video explaining and the links/QR code to the survey itself. It can be completed by a child or an adult inputting responses on behalf of their children.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>

Attendance Matters

Here are our attendance figures for last week. Our whole school attendance target this year is 96% our whole school attendance currently stands a 94.2%. Thank you for helping us to reach our target by ensuring that you are in school everyday

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

School Matters!



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. An App message alert will be sent informing you of school closure and a message will go up on the Facebook page. We 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. https://www.astrea-kingfisher.org/](http://www.https://www.astrea-kingfisher.org/)

I would ask all families to check the App for a 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 confirming 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.



Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre, it was very busy and great to see everyone. As a result of all the support you gave to the event we raised £1310...thank you so much. We use monies raised from these events to provide experiences for the children and so some of the money raised will pay for some visiting workshops for science week.



Once again thank you for your support!

Parking

Once again, we have been receiving a number of complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous parking around the school. We politely remind parents to be considerate when dropping off and picking up in the morning. We understand that people are in a hurry and have places where they may need to be but dangerous parking puts our children at risk and we have seen one too many near misses. Parents who have concerns about the parking should contact Doncaster City Council or the Police as sadly we are not able to control what happens beyond our gates. Please think carefully when you drop off and pick up your children.

Term Dates:

The last day of Term is **Friday 22nd December 2023** and we return on **Monday 8th January 2024**

The next INSET Day is :

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024