# **Mexborough St John The Baptist C of E Primary School**



Sedgefield Way, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, S64 OBE.

We love and value all of God's children, creating an inclusive environment that helps all to flourish.

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NEWSLETTER

#### **Collective Worship**

This week we have focused on getting ready for our Christmas performances. F1 & F2 were fantastic this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along to support. KS1 & KS2 are looking forward to their performances next week!

#### **Celebration Children**

Our celebration children have shown excellent attitudes to their learning so please join us in congratulating them on their achievements.

	F2: Oscar B	Y1: James	Y2: Kayden
Well done to this week's Star Learners			
Y3: Tilly	Y4: Samira	Y5: Addison	Y6: Claire-Ann
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	F2: Eliza	Y1: Daniel	Y2: Kobie
Well done to this week's Star Values:			
Y3: Jack S	Y4: Phoenix	Y5: Jackson	Y6: Jayden
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This week's young readers are...

F2:	Y1:	Y2:	<b>Y3</b> :	Y4:	Y5:	Y6:
Charlotte F	Harry	Lucas A	Jude	Cassie	Harry	Dylan

The children will choose a book from the vending machine when we return back to school Well done everyone for your positive attitude towards reading. Keep up the hard work.

# **Attendance**

This week's attendance scores are below.

Cherry Tree/FS1	89.6%	Willow/Y3	100%
Acorn/FS2	93.5%	Maple/Y4	92.0%
Rowan/Y1	95.0%	Chestnut/Y5	95.0%
Cedar/Y2	95.1%	Oak/Y6	92.7%

Our school attendance target is 96%. Well done to Y3 for reaching 100%.

Please revisit the communication regarding attendance by visiting https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/\_files/ugd/ef9da6\_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf

# Y1 CAST Visit

What an amazing time Y1 had during their visit to CAST Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast.

It was amazing! Well done Rowan class, you were brilliant!

## Montagu Residential Home Visit

This week Cherry Tree and Acorn Class children had a lovely afternoon at the newly opened Montagu Hall Care Home on Harlington Road. We sang Christmas songs with the residents, exchanged Christmas cards and were treated to some yummy refreshments. Everyone said what a magical afternoon it had been and how well behaved our children were. We are very proud of how well both classes represented our school. They are all superstars. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to walk with us.



#### **Christmas Fair**

Thank you to all families for your support with our first Christmas fair, our children were really busy running up to the fair making all our crafts and decorations. We feel it was a great success and hope everyone enjoyed it too. We raised over £850 which is truly amazing. Thank you!

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to parents for donations to Hallam FM Mission Christmas campaign We raised £131.73 Thank you!

#### **Christmas performances**

Today we welcomed in F1&F2 families to enjoy Carols & Crafts with their little ones, we hope you enjoyed it. Next week we look forward to welcoming KS1 & KS2 families to see their children's performances please see the key dates below for all dates and times.

Spare tickets for these shows are still available at the moment if you need extra.

## Christmas Dinner & Party Day Wednesday 20th December

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Dinner Day, only a meat and vegetarian option will be available (no jacket potato or sandwich choices on Wednesday). If your child does not wish to have Christmas dinner, please provide a pack lunch.





Parties will also take place during the afternoon. Arrive to school in uniform as normal, but children are invited to bring party clothes to change into if they wish.

# Dinner menu for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

With Christmas dinner day being on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, the dinner menu on Thursday will be Wednesday's usual option of Red- Salmon fish cake, Yellow – Pizza, Green – Jacket Potato and Blue- Tuna.

# **Christmas Gift Wishlist**

We really appreciate your generosity when it comes to buying us gifts at Christmas, although this is not expected it is gratefully received. This year we have had a great idea to create a wishlist of books for each year group and would kindly ask that instead of Christmas gifts per teacher/support staff you could visit our wishlist and choose to purchase a gift from there. This way both staff and pupils benefit from new reading material to be used in school. **This message is not a request so please do not feel obliged to purchase anything at all**, it's just an idea for families that do usually purchase gifts for staff

# Here are the links to each class's wishlist if you would like to purchase. Please arrange delivery to your home address.

EYFS: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/Q3LINO8FDEW6?ref\_=wl\_share

- Y1: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2X5A6T8XS2OMB?ref\_=wl\_share
- Y2: <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3IQBCU4NRLKL5?ref\_=wl\_share</u>
- Y3: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2M4NR28BO8MF5?ref\_=wl\_share
- Y4: <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/E91SJEQ88VTK?ref\_=wl\_share</u>
- Y5: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/VI25HK07DBXA?ref\_=wl\_share
- Y6: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3KV85LNMMVHI6?ref\_=wl\_share

# **Christmas Raffles**

Tickets are on sale now for our fantastic Christmas raffles.

## FOS Raffle:

Prize 1: Christmas Hamper. Includes: colouring book, Santa plate, foot masks, face masks, Soap and Glory gift set, Dove gift set, 2 soap and glory mascaras, fluffy socks, candy canes, chocolate lolly's, hot chocolates, reindeer food, Grinch cold cup, Christmas bows

Prize 2: Barbie. Make your own Dream House. Perfect for Barbie fans who love to craft! Raffle tickets are £1 per strip. If you would like to purchase the strip attached, please return one side to school with the required amount

## Food Hamper Raffle:

All the things you need for a tasty Christmas dinner including a starter, main meal, pudding and tasty snacks!

Raffle tickets are £1 per strip. Tickets were sent home today. If you would like to purchase, please return one side to school with the required amount. (Please remember to put full name and contact on the back of each ticket).

If you do not wish to purchase any tickets, please return both sides to school so we can reallocate them.

Additional tickets available from the school office if required. Raffle will be drawn Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December



(Items may differ from the illustration).







# Key Dates

# <u>December</u>

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 = Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 performance AM – 09:15am	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1= Y1 & Y2 performance PM – 02:15pm	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1= Y1 & Y2 Performance AM – 09:15am	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 = Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Performance PM – 02:00pm	
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Parties	
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	School closes at the usual time for Christmas break.	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	School closed for children. INSET day.	
<u>January 2024</u>		
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Y5 Swimming lessons commence. Appropriate kit required as detailed in letter.	
15 January 2024	Close date for applications to F2/Reception in Sept 24.	
https://www.doncaster.gov.uk//schools/primary-admissions		

30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Your Place Drop in session

\**Term dates* & *inset dates available here:* <u>https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/term-dates</u> Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/504576376708064/</u> Twitter: @StJohnMex



