

Headteacher's Newsletter



6th December 2024 - Edition 7

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

With only 19 more sleeps to go until Christmas, we are digging out the glitter and the tea towels ready for the festivities to begin. But we are still working hard and keeping everything as structured as possible. There's lots to get through so please read on...

Christmas Trees - Thank You!



On behalf of the school, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Halesowen Fireplaces and Aaron Tonks (The Property Guy) for donating two stunning Christmas trees. They look beautiful in the hall and front entrance and are helping us to get into the Christmas spirit!



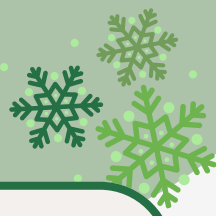
Thank You - Donations



I would also like to send another huge thank you to you, our generous families, for all of your wonderful donations over the last few weeks. We are using the proceeds to hold a 'Bumper Christmas Hamper Raffle,' and a 'Secret Santa' event (read on to find out more). We are raising money over the next year to fund a library and develop our reading provision in school, so thank you so much for your continued support!



New Approach to Behaviour



As you know, we have already launched our new **Code of Conduct** (our core rules), which can be seen around the school on our new signage. Positive behaviour creates the right environment to learn, feel safe and be happy. The Senior Leadership Team have been working hard this half term to develop a new **Positive Conduct Policy**, which we will be launching in January.

This policy is underpinned by our school values, particularly **Respect, Aspiration, Collaboration and Responsibility**, and will be driven by consistent high expectations. We will be much clearer on what we expect, promoting and rewarding positive conduct, but also will be much firmer on our rules and expectations, including uniform (see below).

Alongside this, we are thrilled to announce an update to our school's rewards/consequences system that will begin next term. As part of our commitment to fostering an engaging and rewarding environment, as well as improving parental engagement, our current Star Point system will be replaced with a brand-new approach. This includes an exciting currency designed to motivate and celebrate positive behaviour and correctly address poor behaviour choices. This system should allow staff and parents to communicate and collaborate more easily and effectively.

For children in Key Stage 2, this term provides a wonderful opportunity to spend their already-accumulated **Star Points** (from the outgoing system) with their class teacher. Teachers will help students use their points before the end of the term, ensuring they enjoy the rewards of their hard work and positive actions. **Pupils in KS2- with at least 9 star points- will have a non uniform day on Wednesday 18th December.** They will be checking with their class teacher next week if they have earned enough points. All other pupils will be expected to wear the correct uniform.

We're confident that this new system will bring a fresh sense of enthusiasm and engagement to our school community. Look out for more details about the launch of the new Positive Conduct framework!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and enriching environment for all our children.



Uniform Expectations/PE Kit

As part of our new approach to behaviour/conduct, we will also be raising our expectations of school uniform. This is an important way in which we demonstrate our values of *Respect* (for ourselves and our school) and *Aspiration*.

Please make sure your child is in the correct uniform, especially on PE days, where we have noticed most 'slippage'. Children should only be wearing a plain black tracksuit and black trainers. Sweatshirts should not have brands, stripes, or logos. We have now commissioned a Hurst Green tracksuit which will be available to purchase very soon. Information will be sent via email when we have it. Please note, this is **NOT compulsory**: non-branded plain black tracksuits are perfectly acceptable. If children repeatedly wear the wrong uniform, we will contact parents to ensure this is rectified.

Hopefully, I will be updating and sending out the uniform policy over the next few weeks, but in the meantime, please ensure children are in the correct uniform and are not wearing any jewellery, other than a wristwatch (not a Smart Watch) and stud earrings (no hoop or dangling earrings please).

Bumper Hamper Raffle

Children have now brought home raffle tickets. If you wish to participate, please write your name and number on each ticket you wish to purchase, and send back to school in the envelope provided, including the payment. Tickets are £1 per ticket (not strip). We have over 40 Christmas food and drink hampers to win, ((large and small). All entries must be in to school by **Monday 16th December** and the draw will take place on **Tuesday 17th December**. Hampers must be collected by **Friday 20th December**.

Please see the flyer sent home this week for further details.



New Parent Governor

Following our recent Parent Governor nomination, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Jenny Church to our Governing Board. We would like to thank Mrs Church for taking an interest in the governance of our school and volunteering as a parent governor.

Mrs Jewkes - Maternity Leave

You may have noticed that Mrs Jewkes is expecting a baby, who is due to be born later in January. We are well prepared for her maternity cover and already have a teacher (Miss Russell) in class for two days per week, getting to know the children ready for the transition.

New Website Coming Soon!

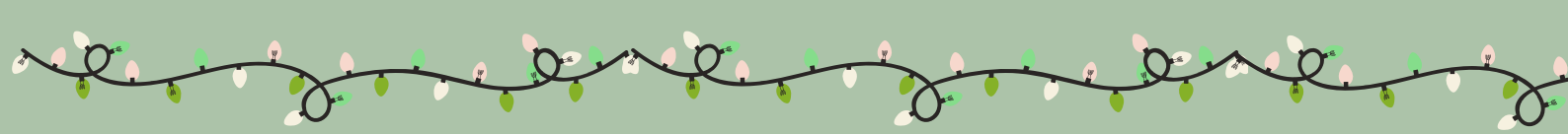
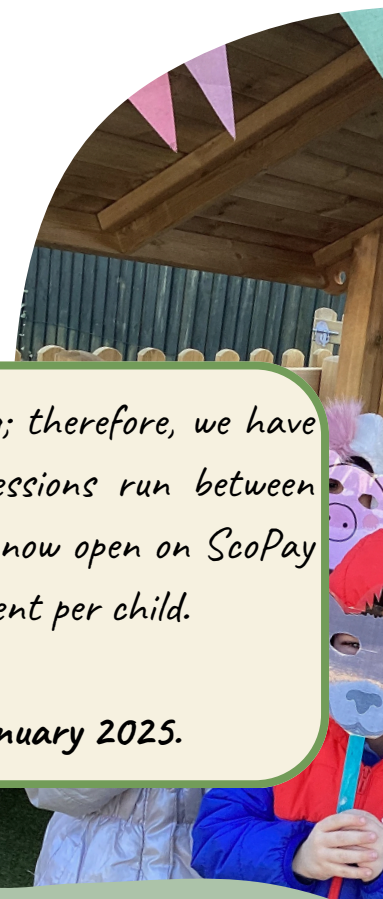
I am delighted to announce that we are almost ready to launch our beautiful new website over the next few weeks. Our new website design is part of our strategy to improve communication and engagement between home and school, so I hope you find it useful, informative, and engaging.



Mr Southall's Class - Rescheduling

Mr Southall was on Paternity Leave during our recent parents' evening; therefore, we have rescheduled this to take place on **Wednesday 18th December**. Sessions run between **11:30am - 12:20pm** and then **1:30pm - 5:50pm**. The booking system is now open on ScoPay and will close on 17th December at 10am. Please only book one appointment per child.

Mr Southall's rescheduled class assembly will now be on **Thursday 9th January 2025**.



Christmas Events



Please see the flyer sent home via email this week (or the school website calendar) for details of all the events happening over the next three weeks in school.

Christmas Parties

On your child's party day, they may come to school in their party clothes. Please make sure children are wearing sensible shoes and that clothes are warm enough for outdoor play.

Christmas Carol Singalong

We would like to invite parents to our playground Christmas carol sing-along (see dates on the Christmas events flyer or the school calendar for your child's class). Be sure to bring your best singing voice and plenty of Christmas Cheer!

Secret Santa

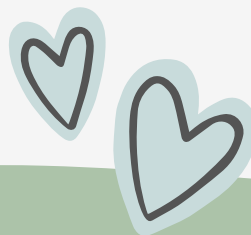
We will be hosting a *Secret Santa Shop* in school on Wednesday 18th December where children can buy a gift for someone special. They will then be able to wrap their gift and bring it home to put under the tree. All gifts cost £2, and children should bring their money in on the day. If you can donate any Christmas wrapping paper or tags, please bring into the school office.


















Christmas Tree Festival

Last weekend, the Christmas Tree Festival took place at St Paul's. Did anyone spot the Hurst Green book-themed Christmas tree on display? Thank you to the children who helped make the decorations!
















Have a wonderful weekend!
Miss Wilson



Class Attendance - Week Beginning 25.11.24

 Apple - 99%	 Cedar - 93.55%	 Hawthorn - 96%	 Pine - 96.77%
 Apricot - 94%	 Cherry - 94.14%	 Hazel - 96%	 Poplar - 89.33%
 Beech - 91.03%	 Elder - 90.67%	 Larch - 90.97%	
 Birch - 87.67%	 Elm - 97.19%	 Lime - 97.59%	

Class Attendance - Week Beginning 02.12.24

 Apple - 96.67%	 Cedar - 96.45%	 Hawthorn - 92.33%	 Pine - 97.10%
 Apricot - 89.67%	 Cherry - 93.79%	 Hazel - 95.67%	 Poplar - 89%
 Beech - 89.66%	 Elder - 86.67%	 Larch - 92.88%	
 Birch - 94.67%	 Elm - 63.44%	 Lime - 93.79%	

Jupiter

214

WELL DONE

Neptune

162

Saturn

124

Mercury

154

Mentions - Week One 25.11.24

Apricot - Elvis
 Apple - Jaxon
 Beech - The whole class!
 Birch - The whole class!
 Cedar - Keegan
 Cherry - Jack
 Elder - Peter
 Elm - Chloe
 Hawthorn - Vinnie
 Hazel - Olivia
 Larch - Oscar & Sam
 Lime - Robin & Tigerlily
 Pine - Abdullah
 Poplar - Jake

Mentions - Week Two 02.12.24

Apricot - Riya
 Apple - Grace
 Beech - Adam
 Birch - Elijah
 Cedar - The whole class!
 Cherry - The whole class!
 Elder - Hayan
 Elm - Jake
 Hawthorn - Felix
 Hazel - Amelia
 Larch - Archie
 Lime - George
 Pine - Sammy
 Poplar - George