

Message from the Head Teacher

Thank you to everybody who has been far more considerate of children's safety and our neighbours when parking near the school. I was particularly pleased that on Friday, when it was raining heavily, most parents continued to prioritise this, ensuring children could leave the school and cross the road safely.

I really appreciate your support with this issue.



Family Tickets
£1.00 on sale from
Thursday 21st November

- Guess the name of the reindeer
- Winter photo booth with Santa
- Games and prizes
- Hotdogs, hot chocolate and refreshments
- Christmas balloons
- Tombola
- Winter crafts
- Drumming/choir singing
- Snowball throwing game



THERE WILL BE A SMALL CHARGE FOR GAMES
AND ACTIVITIES

Our annual Winter Wonderland Event will take place on Tuesday 25th November.

On the day, parents/carers should collect children at 2pm so they can enjoy this family event together.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

AUTUMN TERM

Nursery A: 79%

Nursery B: 76%

RLMc: 76%

RAG: 97%

Year 1 RMc: 92%

Year 1LK: 93%

Year 2GH: 91%

Year 2 TD: 92%

Year 3 LA: 90%

Year 3 CP: 90%

Year 4 NM: 97%

Year 4 BK: 90%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 96%

Well Done to this weeks winners RAG and 4NM with 97% attendance.

School starts at 8.55am

Children can come into school from 8.45am and should be in class by 8.55am.

Nursery opens at 9.00am and closes and 3.10pm.

Sporting Excellence

Last week, both KS1 children and Year 5 and 6 children took part in indoor athletics competitions. KS1 came a very respectable 3rd and Years 5 and 6, although not in the top 3 did incredibly well against some tough competition.



Dates for your diary:

NOVEMBER

18th—Year 1 LFC football competition

19th—Year 4NM Architecture Workshop.

19th—Reading workshop for Reception parents/carers.

19th—Support session for Nursery parents/carers—applying for a school place.

21st—KS2 School Council visiting Liverpool Hope University.

21st—World Nursery Rhyme week stay and learn in Reception.

21st—Year 2 Reading Café in downstairs hall.

22nd—Year 1 Reading Café in downstairs hall.

22nd—Support session for Nursery parents/carers—applying for a school place.

22nd — Animal Magic Mobile Zoo visiting Year 1.

26th—Winter Wonderland Family Event 2pm.

27th— Party bus visiting Nursery.

29th—Y4BK visiting Chester Dewa Experience.

December

2nd —Flu vaccinations

3rd—Y5 visiting Liverpool Museum

3/5th—EYFS Nativity Performance.

12th—Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance.

16th—Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance.

18th—Years 5 and 6 Christmas performance.

19th—School Closes for holidays.

Supporting Language Development



Speaking in your home language

It is very important for children learning English as an Additional Language (EAL) to continue to use their first language at home.

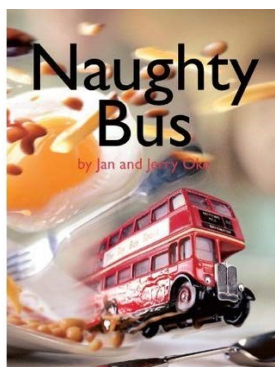
- First languages help families share values, traditions and cultural identities. If children can speak and write in their first language, they can make new friends in their community and keep in touch with family and friends in their own country or region.
- Children who can speak another language can also learn English better because they see when words are similar (or have a similar meaning). They can also use what they know about grammar and pronunciation in their first language to help them with English grammar and pronunciation.
- Speaking more than one language improves thinking skills, memory and brain health


Ways to help your child maintain their first language

- Sing songs, tell stories and share books in your first language
- Tell jokes, learn rhymes and have fun with language
- Watch television programmes or DVDs and talk about what happened
- Talk together at meal times. Use your first language.
- Stay in contact with family and friends by talking together on Skype or writing messages on WhatsApp, Facebook, etc.
- Buy or borrow dual (2) language books from the library for your child to read
- Attend social events in the community



Thank you to Santa, who stopped off on the way from Liverpool Airport to the World Famous Grotto in St John's Shopping Centre. It was fabulous to meet him and his elves.



This week, Nursery children were horrified to find that the Naughty Bus had come in to the Nursery and made a terrible mess! Have a look at the videos on twitter  @SmithdownPrimN to see their reaction. They're now looking forward to this weeks visit from The Party Bus.