



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 8 December 2023



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

This term, we have seen an increase in illness at school, which has had a heavy impact on children's attendance. It has been well publicised that the common cold has been more severe this winter. Unfortunately this has also meant that our staff members have been affected too and on occasion, your child may have had a supply teacher in class instead of their usual teacher. Please rest assured that your child is still being taught and supported well in school.

On Wednesday, we will have our annual Christmas lunch where pupils and staff will enjoy a full plate of festive food. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers for the occasion!

KEY DATES

12th December - 9.15am
Reception and Year 1 concert for parents*



12th December - 12.15-5.00pm
Athletics tournament

13th December - 9.10am
Nursery Christmas singalong for parents*
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

14th December - 3.25pm
Christmas Fair

20th December - 1.30pm
Last day of term - **EARLY CLOSURE**

*2 attendees per household, no tickets needed

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Please can we remind parents and carers that our school strives to be a nut free school. We have children in the school with severe nut allergies and contact with nuts could result in a severe allergic reaction. This could potentially be life threatening. Items found in lunch boxes which contain nuts will be confiscated and disposed of. Thank you for observing our nut free policy and working with us to keep our children safe.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b 4 December:

Reception: 84.98%
Year 1: 94.22%
Year 2: 78.89%
Year 3: 91.46%
Year 4: 92.65%
Year 5: 84.87%
Year 6: 92.11%

We can see the impact of illness and non-attendance due to unauthorised holidays. The school's target is 95% attendance.

MATHS ACTIVITY DAY

Some pupils in Year 5 and 6 were lucky to attend a Maths Day led by one of the UK's leading maths specialists, Pete Hall. The children had the opportunity to really stretch their thinking and solve complicated mathematical problems. They persevered when trying to make various shapes out of tangrams and discovered the beauty of magic squares. The children explained their thinking clearly and worked well as a team.

