



GILBERT COLVIN NEWSLETTER



Headteacher: Ms Liz Cohen | 15 December 2023

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

It was lovely to see so many parents for the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Christmas performances this week. We hope you enjoyed it as much as our children did; they are always so proud to perform in front of their loved ones so we will find more opportunities for this to happen in the new year.

On a sad note, our Year 1 teacher, Mr Saal, has decided that it is time to leave the classroom and explore pastures new. We would like to say thank you to Mr Saal for his hard work over the years and wish him all the best for the future. We are working hard to find a wonderful replacement to work in 1S for the rest of the school year.

KEY DATES



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

4th/5th January 2024
INSET Days for GC staff - no children

8th January 2024
First day of school for all children

CHRISTMAS FAIR

I would like to say a huge thank you to our newly reformed PA who organised a very successful Christmas Fair. Lots of hard work happened behind the scenes and we will keep you updated on how much was raised for the school.

This year, funds raised by the PA will go towards:

- class library equipment
- age appropriate reading books
- reading sheds (EYFS/playground)

Our pupils love reading books and the school is focusing on developing a culture of 'reading for pleasure'. We will give more details next term about amounts that we are hoping to raise.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance w/b 11 December:

Reception: 89.09%

Year 1: 85.04%

Year 2: 77.84%

Year 3: 85.96%

Year 4: 82.73%

Year 5: 79.69%

Year 6: 89.04%

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