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The Heads Up

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I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have had a great week. Like everybody, we were certainly surprised by the snowy weather this week and of course, we took full advantage of the opportunity to go outside and enjoy it. It was really lovely to see all of the children, and a lot of the adults, have fun in the snow and it really brought a feel-good factor into our school once again.

In our assembly on Monday, we welcomed Remco van den Heuvel from the Wendover Free Church, and he helped us to continue our thinking around **respect**, our value for this half term. In particular this week, we have thought about our similarities and differences, especially with regards to our interests and our hobbies and how we should continue to celebrate those things that make us unique. I am always impressed with the way in which our children embrace challenging topics and conversations and this week has been no different. Well done everybody!



"What makes people happy is different for everyone."

Paddington Bear

PTA Christmas Raffle Mufti Day – Friday 6th December

This year, we will once again be hosting a Christmas raffle with a variety of prizes available to win. We would also like to run a 'wrap-a-gift' room at the Christmas Disco, where the children can buy presents for their family. On **Friday, 6th December**, your child can come to school in non-uniform in return for an item to go towards the raffle or wrap-a-gift. These items could include: gifts, bottles, books, chocolate, bathroom products..... anything that you think would be a nice treat for someone this Christmas. We also want to have prizes that the **children** could win, therefore we require suitable items for **children** as well.



SAVE THE DATE

PTA Christmas Disco

Thursday 19th December at
6.00pm

More information to follow.

"Fresh Start" Christmas lunch

You will have seen that our caterers, Fresh Start, have organised a Christmas lunch for the children on **Thursday 19th December**.

Orders must be placed before **9am on Thursday 12th December** via your Meal manager account.

Attendance and Punctuality since September:

Bluebells: 95.1%

Year 1: 95.5%

Year 2: 95.6%

Year 3: 96.2%

Year 4: 95.4%

Year 5: 95.7%

Year 6: 94.1%

Whole school: 95.4%

If you have any queries regarding punctuality or attendance, please see Mr Horsfield or Mrs Allen.



Key dates

Wed 4th December – Preschool and Bluebells Christmas play, 10.00am

Fri 6th December—Mufti day for raffle prizes
Tue 10th and Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play, 2.00pm
Thurs 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch

PTA Disco

Fri 20th December – School closes for Christmas break

Tue 7th January—School and Kids Kapers reopens

Mon 27th January—Parent Forum, 6.00pm

Tue 11th, Thurs 13th February—Parent consultations

w/c Mon 17th February—half term

Internet safety – Online money management guide

As more children and young people start to spend money online through gaming and social media platforms there is greater need to help parents and carers equip children with the skills they need to do this smartly and safely.

As money increasingly becomes just numbers on a screen, it can be difficult for children to understand its value and importance. Working with online safety expert, Internet Matters have created a hub to help parents support young people about building good online money management habits. You'll also find guidance on how to help them have a better understanding of how to manage their money online and make more informed decisions. You can access this guide via the link below:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-money-management-guide/>

Betsy

Betsy, our school dog, comes into school every Tuesday and spends time with each class. For any of our new families, at no point will we ever force the children to spend time with Betsy, particularly if they are nervous around dogs. If you or your child are concerned, please do contact us and we will be happy to talk you through the way that we use our school dog and the types of activities that we do with her and the children. Likewise, please do use the following link to see the risk assessment in place for Betsy.

<https://www.halton.bucks.sch.uk/school-dog/>

Aylesbury Town Council's

Christmas

on the

Cobbles

Sunday 24 November

Aylesbury Town Centre

12 noon-5:30pm

**FREE
EVENT**



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