

Good Afternoon from Miss Marwood

I would like to start by saying a huge thankyou to all parents, staff and children who supported our school Winter Fair. A special mention to Miss Haigh who volunteered her own time to organise and coordinate the event. We managed to raise around **£600** - members of the School Council are busy talking with pupils to decide on what they think the money should be spent on. Some ideas from the pupils so far include, some new playground equipment, some more after school clubs or more recycling bins around school. If you have any other ideas please feel free to share them with school. I will let you know in our next newsletter what decisions the School Council have made.

Well done to pupils in Hockney House who have won the house competition this half term with 2195 points. Their reward afternoon will be next Thursday and will be an indoor snowball fight – lots of fun to be had.

We are also taking part in our second Priestley Academy Trust Sports Competition on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. 12 pupils from year 5 and 6 have been selected to compete in an athletics tournament against the other schools in the Priestley Trust. Good Luck to all who are competing.

Please take time to look at the calendars and diary dates at the end of the newsletter for the events we have in school on the last week. These include performances for Year 1- Year 5 and parents are very welcome to attend.

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the parent survey, the winner of the Amazon voucher is **Inayah Maroof** from class 5W. Please collect the voucher from the office on Monday.

A reminder that school finishes on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.15pm** and we return to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**. For those pupils in the school choir please remember that your are going to Sheffield to perform in Young Voices on the first day back.

Have a lovely holiday, enjoy spending time with your family and we wish members of our school community who are celebrating Christmas an enjoyable and festive time.



## Packed Lunches

Please remember that we are a **nut, melon and pineapple free** school. This means that children are not able to bring these foods into school in their packed lunches. This includes **Nutella** which has hazelnuts as an ingredient.

A reminder also that packed lunches from home need to help children maintain a healthy diet.

If you are sending grapes in as part of a packed lunch please remember to **cut them in half** so they are not a choking hazard.

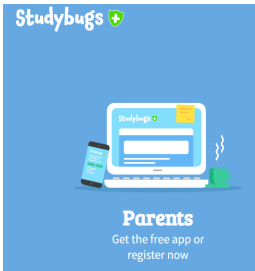
# Diary Dates

December	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear. <b>Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance 2pm</b> - Parents of pupils in Year 1 and 2 are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school pantomime- The Three Musketeers <b>Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – charity fundraiser for Save the Children . Children can wear a Christmas jumper or non uniform and bring a donation into school</b> Priestley Academy Trust Sports Competition Boys and Girls Under 11s Athletics
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuck Shop- cereal bars and snacks available to buy. <b>9.30 Year 3, 4 and 5 Musical Performance</b> – Parents with pupils in these year groups are welcome to attend
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	House Rewards afternoon for the winning house
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>Class Parties</b> – Come to school in your party clothes Special visitor in school for Reception and Nursery <b>School Closes at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>8.45am School re-opens to all pupils</b> <b>School Choir to Young Voices</b>

# Attendance



If you haven't done already please download the StudyBugs App



This is an easier way for you to report your child's absence from school.

A reminder that it is parents' responsibility to contact school by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. This can be done via the Studybugs App or by phone and must be done for every day they are absent. If you do not contact school to report a child's absence this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in penalty notices being issued by Bradford Council Education, Attendance and Safeguarding Team.

A reminder - if you are considering taking a period of extend leave you must book a meeting with a member of the leadership team before booking any tickets. We want to help explain the impact that extended leave has on your child's education and make sure you are fully aware of council process involving fines of up-to £2,500 and in some case prosecution.

<b>This term's attendance</b>			
We are trying really hard to be <b>above 96%</b> for this year for the whole school, well done to classes 3G, 4B, 6S & 6A for reaching this target so far this term.			
Nursery		AM — 86% PM – 89%	
RS	90%	RG	86%
1L	88%	1P	78%
2M	90%	2S	80%
3G	98%	3C	86%
4S	89%	4B	98%
5W	90%	5H	93%
6A	98%	6S	96%

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