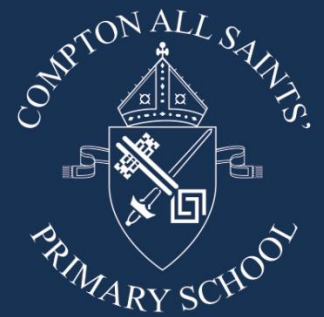


Compton All Saints' C of E Primary School

Newsletter



06/12/24

Dear Parents

What a busy few weeks we have had! We hope you have enjoyed some of the festivities and build up to Christmas with the Christmas Wreath Making and Christmas Fayre. I also hope you managed to visit Santa's Grotto at our Christmas Fayre. A big thank you to the CSA and all helpers/ donations on making this a success.

This time of year is always busy, we have had dress up days, class trips, sporting events and there is still plenty to come over the next two weeks. Please check the **key date** reminders for what is still to come.

In particular, can you please ensure the following dates regarding the **Nativity** are firmly in your diary.

Dress Rehearsal – Tuesday 17th December at 1:30pm, followed by refreshments in the school hall courtesy of the CSA

Service – Wednesday 18th December at 1:30pm, followed by refreshments in the school hall courtesy of the CSA

Following a number of **attendance** related concerns, on the second page of this newsletter you will find a number of attendance reminders. I have also attached the updated attendance rules and our attendance policy for your information.

This week I have also sent you some information regarding **on-line safety**. We are offering a parent information evening on Tuesday 7th January at 7pm. Please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/HfpGRiMfPE>.

I also attached an important update about **ROBLOX**, which included a very interesting article by the guardian about the risks of grooming online. Please see this here: <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2024/nov/18/roblox-to-hand-parents-more-control-over-their-childrens-activity>

Thank you and have a lovely weekend!

Mr D Ware
Headteacher

Key Dates

Open Mornings for Reception 2025 – 10th December

Foxes Class - Trip to Winchester Museums – Thursday 12th December

Key Stage 2 – Christmas Craft Workshops –

Thursday 12th December – Owl class

Friday 13th December – Foxes class

Key Stage 1 – Theatre Trip – Friday

13th December

Nativity – Dress Rehearsal

followed by refreshments in school

hall - 17th December @1:30pm.

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day –

20th December

End of Term – 20th December,

school closes at 3:30pm.

First Day of Spring Term -Monday

6th January 2025 –

Open Morning for Reception 2025

- Tuesday 7th January

Church Services

Nativity – 18th December

@1:30pm followed by refreshments in the school Hall.

Collective Worship:

It is the time of year we begin to look at advent and the celebration that leads us to Christmas. Please take time to consider what Christmas means to you. What is important about Christmas and why do you celebrate it?

Attendance

I would like to reiterate our attendance expectations following a few concerning patterns of behaviour. However, I will start by saying that, overall, I am proud that attendance at Compton for the majority of children is exceptional. Our average pupil attendance is 97.4%. This puts us well above the average of 94.9%, and in the top 1% of primary schools.

However, there are a few things I would like to raise as concerns.

- 1) No child should be left unattended on the playground before 8.45am. If you or your child arrive before this time, they should be booked into breakfast club, or wait with their parent. There are no staff on the playground before 8.45am and this presents a significant safeguarding concern.
- 2) Our doors open at 8.45am. Teachers plan early morning activities for children during this time. The time between 8.45am and 9.00am is there for children to come in, select their lunch choices, put their bags away and settle into school with a learning activity. Children that arrive at 9am or just after, do not get the time to settle into school in the same way. They will feel rushed and we notice they are often anxious or unsettled at the start of the first lesson. They may have missed the early learning task, the register or still be hanging their coats up as a lesson is beginning. Lessons start at 9.05am.
- 3) I aim to close the gate at 9am. If arriving after 9am, you need to go through the school office to ensure your child is marked in the register. If for some reason I have not yet locked the gate and you come through to the playground, unless your child makes it into their classroom by 9am they will still be marked as late. If they are not in the classroom by 9.05am this will also go down as an unauthorised absence. Please do not assume that just because you did not need to sign in the office that you are not late. Please also do not assume that because you were on the playground by 9am that this counts as on time – your child needs to be in class and able to answer the register before 9am.
- 4) Requests – all leave of absence must be completed on a form and submitted to the school office for me to approve. This includes medical appointments. Please do not be offended if I ask the office for a medical confirmation of appointments going forward. As per our policy, I will not approve ANY requests for holiday in term time. The policy states that requests for absence must be **exceptional**, defined as rare, significant and **unavoidable**. I am afraid to say that holidays for leisure or visiting family do not meet these criteria, even if this is the only time you can take this holiday. There is new government guidance around attendance published in August 2024. I have attached a summary of these new rules for your convenience and it sets out the new fining procedure. I always appreciate honesty. Please do not ask your **child to lie** about why they are off, it is unfair on the child and puts everyone in an awkward position. Be honest and communicate with us.
- 5) Sickness – children are sick or unwell from time to time. However, having a cold or just being tired are not reasons to be off school. Please use the following guidance to help you deciding whether your child should attend or not: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you to all who do their best to meet these expectations. Even though our attendance overall is good. Over 320 sessions have been missed this academic year alone. Every session your child misses will mean they have learning to catch up on.

Celebration Assembly

Ladybirds:

29.11.24

Robin T

Hedgehogs:

29.11.24

Audrey D

Robert D-T

Foxes:

29.11.24

Finn S

Oliver H

Owls:

29.11.24

Mia C

Harrison L

Here is our cross country team! They all did an amazing job and made me very proud. It was a wet and muddy course. Lots of children fell over and they all looked a lot muddier by the end. Well done to all children involved.



Our Year 5/6 boys took part in the next round of the cup competition against Ropley Primary. It was a very close game which could have gone either way. We had to end it early as it was getting dark with the game still at 0-0. Sadly, we ended up going out on penalties...

Prayer: Dear God, As we prepare for Christmas, we thank You for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. Help us to remember the true meaning of this season. Fill our hearts with love and kindness, and guide us to share joy with everyone we meet. Amen

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