



Newsletter



December 2023

Christmas

We are starting to get well and truly into the Christmas spirit now and you will see from the dates below that we have lots planned for the weeks ahead. Last weekend was a hugely successful Christmas fair that was busier than ever. We had lots of great stalls, games and competitions and even had a visit from Father Christmas himself. There was a brilliant atmosphere and a fantastic amount raised, that will go towards enhancing the children's learning experience at school. A huge thank you to all of FOBHHS for their hard work in organising such a brilliant event.



Sport

In November, two of our talented athletes took part in the National cross country race at Sefton Park, with teams travelling from as far afield as Scotland and Jersey. Both did incredibly well, with one finishing in the top ten. An excellent all round team performance meant that both the Wirral boys' and girls' teams were the overall winners of the competition. Amazing!!!!!!

This term, year 5 were lucky to have a coach travel from Sale Sharks rugby team to teach them some rugby skills. Hopefully, some children found a love for the sport and will be keen to help us defend our tag rugby championship later in the year.



December Dates

- 7th December – 1.30pm – Brass and ukulele concert
- 13th December – 9.30am – Guitar, choir and drums concert
- 14th December – 6.00pm – Choir singing at Hilbre
- 15th December – Year 4 Greek Day
- 20th December – Christmas dinner in school
- 21st December – 9.45am – Y3/4 Nativity at St Michael & All Angels (times approximate)
- 21st December – 1.30pm – Y5/6 carols at St Michael & All Angels (times approximate)
- 22nd December – 9.30am – Keyboard and woodwind concert
- 22nd December – 2.00pm – Rock Steady concert
- 22nd December – 3.15pm - School closes for Christmas
- 8th January – School closed for INSET
- 9th January – School opens



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Attendance

Attendance at school is incredibly important for all children, especially after large periods of closure in the past few years. Each month, I will share our whole school attendance in our newsletter. Our target is 96%

Whole School Attendance for November 2023

92.86%

190 DAYS 100%	183 DAYS 96%	179 DAYS 94%	175 DAYS 92%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%
				
Very best chance of success	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Harder to make progress	Persistent Absentee (your child misses a lot)

This is our lowest for some time and a long way from our target. We have also noticed an increase in the number of children arriving at school late. If a child arrives at school after the register closes, they are missing out on at least 25 minutes learning each day. If a child arrives at school after 9.30am, they are classed as an unauthorised attendance for that session.

Dogs

Please remember that we don't allow any dogs on the playground. We have a number of children with allergies in school and have had to remove dog mess from the playground on a few occasions.

Community Litter Pickers

Our school council have purchased a community litter picking set, with everything you need to keep our local area litter free. This set will be available from the school office, if anyone would like to borrow it for an evening or for the weekend. Just come to the office, sign it out on the clip board and take it away. We would love to see any photographs of your families taking part.

