

# COURTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 3

15.12.23

What a wonderful week we have had at Courtwood. This week, we enjoyed our EYFS and KS1 Christmas performances. Spectacular performances were delivered by our youngest children who narrated and sang with passion, energy and enthusiasm. Thank you to all the children and staff who put so much effort into making the plays so brilliant for all of us to enjoy, I am now very much in the Christmas spirit and looking forward to next week!

### Attendance

National Expectation for whole school attendance is currently **95.2%**. Our Educational Welfare Officer, Sarah Philpot is in school every Friday morning and is available to support families if and where needed.

Whole School	94.2%	Year 3	94.5%
Reception	95%	Year 4	95.5%
Year 1	94%	Year 5	93.2%
Year 2	95.2%	Year 6	92%

### PTFA Winter Fair

A massive **THANK YOU** to the PTFA and parents who helped in the preparations, set up, running of the stalls and the clear up at the end of the fair. The day was well attended and a huge success. Important money was raised for the school and will go towards enriching the curriculum and the set up of our new Music Room. Look out for future events that will be run across the school year and if you would like to get involved, all help will be gratefully received—Thankyou!

### Universal Free School Meals

Through the Universal Free School Meals programme more than 10 million free lunches have been provided to primary school pupils in state-funded schools since September. Even though your child is receiving their free school meal, it is important to complete the registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding at school [Free School Meal Eligibility Checker](#)



### Safe & Healthy Online Habits

To help teach your child be safe online and to teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that our children can become more digitally resilient. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when they are exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate the online world.



### Zones of Regulation — Green Zone - Click on the [link](#)

In the **Green Zone** we have more neutral feelings, energy, and levels of alertness. This Zone works well when your goal is to learn, listen or process information. We may feel calm, content, happy, or focused in the Green Zone.

### EYFS — Ready Steady Elves!

Reception performed the first Christmas play of the week. Children have had fun learning the songs and actions to all the songs in their Christmas play. A story of how Santa overslept and the chaos that subsequently followed! Children performed with excitement and smiles to an audience of proud parents and carers— well done children, you were superstars!



### Year 1 & 2 — Baubles

Our Year 1 and 2 children were fantastic in their Christmas performances, telling the story of the Nativity with a Courtwood twist! Who knew Mr Barfield would take such a prominent role in the story of Christmas! The children performed brilliantly, singing and acting with confidence and enthusiasm. I am sure like me, you were very proud of them!



### Carol Singing

Twenty-eight children from a Year 4, 5 and 6 went to St. John's Community Centre to sing carols to the Selsdon Community Group on Tuesday. They represented the school and its values brilliantly. All of the children showed a great deal of resilience and sang beautifully and joyously, despite a last minute technical failure meaning that they had to sing without music. The entire hall gave them an enormous applause and thoroughly appreciated their afternoon entertainment—well done children!



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme returns for the Christmas 2023 school holidays. Croydon Council is working in partnership with over 40 local organisations to provide **FREE** holiday activities and food for children who are in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals. **Parents/carers will be issued with 4 FREE credits to use this Christmas. This means you can book up to 4 spaces for your child(ren).** If eligible, you will have received an email from **HolidayActivities** ([hello@holidayactivities.com](mailto:hello@holidayactivities.com)).

### General Reminders

- **No After School Clubs are running next week (except Cooking Club on Monday due to a catch-up session)**
- **Pupils finish at 2pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**
- **Pupils need to have a water bottle and warm coat with them every day at school.**

### Important Dates

- **Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 1 & 2 Christingle**
- **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Whole School Christmas Lunch**
- **Thurs 21st Dec – KS2 Talent Show**
- **Thurs 21st Dec – Christmas Parties**
- **Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – KS2 Carol Concert (1 seat per family)**
- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 – Pupils return for Spring Term**