



# Weeton Monthly News

Weeton St Michaels Church of England School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our December and Christmas monthly newsletter. Firstly I'd like to thank you all for your continued support this term. The school continues to go from strength to strength.

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AFTERNOON

It was lovely to see so many families coming into school to engage in the Christmas Activity Afternoon on Friday. I feel that the relationships between school and families is such an important one, and are really strong here at Weeton. We will have more opportunities to celebrate together in the Spring Term.

## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

I have had such positive feedback from the community regarding our recent Nativity in St Michael's Church. The pupils were just wonderful, and from start to finish I could see all families brimming with pride at their children no matter what part they played, all as equally important as the other. A very special thanks to staff for putting the show on, and Mrs Rillie in particular who put the show together.

## ATTENDANCE

At Weeton we recognise the importance of good school attendance and punctuality, and together with good behaviour make it a central part of our school's vision, values, ethos and day to day life. Our school day begins at 8.45am with the register closing at 9.10am. If your child is late and unable to enter school with the rest of their class, they must be accompanied to the main entrance to be signed in at the school office. If your child is too ill to attend school please ensure that you contact the school office (ideally by 9.00am) to provide the reason for absence. As we have mentioned before, this can be actioned by telephoning 01253 836280, sending a text message via Arbor, or by emailing [bursar@weeton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@weeton-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk). If you feel that your child is a little under the weather (without contagious symptoms), and could manage to be at school, we ask that they are brought in to school as we can monitor how they get on for you and will contact you if we feel they need to be at home. Likewise if a child is in need of prescribed medicine 4 x day we can administer this for you. Children in need of medicine 3 x day should have theirs administered before school, at pick up once they arrive home and then at home prior to their bed time. **Our target attendance is 96%**, but pupils should strive to achieve **100% attendance** if they can. **If your child's attendance drops below 96%** we will begin to monitor this more closely and you will receive a letter and an invite to discuss your child's attendance. The Department for Education has determined that a pupil is considered persistently absent when their attendance falls below 90%. Over the school year, a child with a 90% attendance rate would mean that they would have missed four weeks of school, or almost 100 hours of learning. Mrs Miller is unable to authorise any term time leave for pupils, unless the reason stipulated on the term time leave application form is deemed to be an exceptional circumstance in accordance with DfE guidelines. If your absence is classed as unauthorised and is five days or over, a penalty notice would be applied by the Local Education Authority.

## UNIFORM

Polite reminder that the children should be in school uniform everyday inline with the schools uniform policy. We appreciate that from time to time things happen and we ask that parents inform us of any issues.

## REMAINING DATES

| DATE                 | EVENT  |
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| MON 18TH DECEMBER    | OAK PARTY DAY OWN CLOTHES  |
| TUE 19TH DECEMBER    | ACORN PARTY DAY OWN CLOTHES  |
| WED 20TH DECEMBER    | CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY - WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER - ALL OTHER UNIFORM AS NORMAL |
| WED 20TH DECEMBER    | FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT   |
| THUR 21ST DECEMBER   | CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE ALL WELCOME 9.15AM                          |
| THUR 21ST DECEMBER   | SAPLINGS PARTY DAY OWN CLOTHES   |
| FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER | ALL CHILDREN MAY WEAR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND FULL NON-UNIFORM ACROSS SCHOOL   |
| FRIDAY 22ND DEC      | FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS 2PM ONWARDS   |
| MONDAY 8TH JANUARY   | SCHOOL OPENS FOR THE SPRING TERM   |

So, if I do not get further chance, I would like to thank everyone, my staff, children, families and all school partners, for continuing to make Weeton St Michaels a wonderful place to be. We will continue with our school improvement work in January and continue to make our school grow and be recognized for the positive changes we have made. Have a peaceful and safe Christmas and new year. 2024 offers everyone hope and for us all in the Weeton family another prosperous year to come.

Mrs Miller

