



Anker Valley Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 15th December

Many thanks to parents for sending in some wonderful donations for our Christmas hamper raffle – the children very much enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers to school!



Christmas Disco

The children had a fantastic time at the Christmas Disco on Wednesday, dancing to lots of Christmas songs with friends; they even invited staff to join in! We loved seeing their amazing party clothes and were glad to see so many children join us for this event.



Attendance

School attendance this term: 96.33%

School attendance this week: 96.23%

Dragonflies (this week): 94.64%

Hérons (this week): 97.59%

Kestrels (this week): 96.23%

Congratulations to our children in Herons for winning our weekly attendance award!

Thank you to all parents who have supported their child to achieve 100% attendance this week.



Attendance is good to excellent.

No/few lessons are being missed. Impact upon learning is minimal.

Class Teacher to celebrate attendance

0 – 8.5 days off during the academic year



Attendance levels are beginning to cause concern.

Risk/high risk of underachievement. Child will struggle to reach their full potential.

Class Teacher to contact parent to discuss absences

9 – 14 days off during the academic year



Attendance levels are causing significant concern.

High/severe risk of underachievement.

Senior Leader to contact family to offer an improvement plan Consider legal action (risk of fine being issued)

14.5 to 19.5 days off during the academic year



Attendance decreased to an unacceptable level – despite intervention and support.

Extreme risk of underachievement.

20+ days off during the academic year

Senior Leader/Trust Wellbeing Lead/EWO Legal action (fine)



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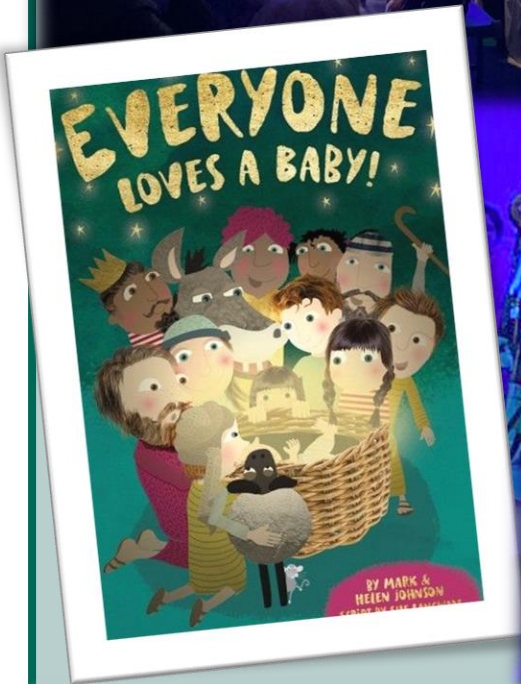
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Everyone Loves A Baby!



We are incredibly proud of all the hard work the children have put into their rehearsals and the amazing job they did during their nativity performances this week. A big thank you to all our parents for providing nativity costumes and for your continued support. Well done everyone!



Wow! You were amazing! You have all worked so hard at learning all the actions and words to go with the carols and the costumes were beautiful. I hope you enjoyed performing as much as I enjoyed watching! I am sure you will be able to teach all those carols to your Mums and Dads and Grandmas and Grandads and sing them gusto over Christmas! Have a wonderful Christmas, all of you. With love, Mrs. Jones.



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Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 19th December** – Reception Trip to West Midland's Safari
Wednesday 20th December – Year 1 & Year 2 Pantomime at Tamworth Assembly Rooms
Thursday 21st December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 22nd December – End of Term Assembly – 9:00am (**Please leave pushchairs outside hall**)
Tuesday 9th January 2024 – Start of Spring term (children return to school)
Wednesday 17th January – Sleep Workshop led by MPFT for Parents 5:00pm
Thursday 1st February – Y2 African Dance and Drumming Workshop (Parents invited to attend at 3:00pm)
Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February – Parent Consultation Evenings
12th February – 16th February – Half term
Friday 23rd February – Chinese Dragon Workshop (All year groups) Parents invited to attend at 3:00pm

Spring Term Assemblies

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| Friday 12th January – Dragonflies Family Assembly | Friday 2nd February – Dragonflies Family Assembly |
| Friday 19th January – Herons Family Assembly | Friday 9th February – Herons Family Assembly |
| Friday 26th January – Kestrels Family Assembly | |

Christmas Dinner Arrangements

If you have confirmed on ParentPay that you will be attending our Family Christmas dinner on Thursday 21st December, you should have now received an email confirming your time slot. We have adjusted our timings slightly this year, to allow for siblings to eat together (including those with siblings in nursery) following feedback from parents last year.

We look forward to you joining us on the 21st.

NB. Due to limited space in the hall, we kindly ask that prams / pushchairs are left either in the meeting room or outside the hall.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas Raffle, where you will have the chance to win some lovely Christmas hampers! Raffle prizes will be drawn during the End of Term Celebration Assembly on Friday 22nd December. To take part in the raffle, please pay £1 per entry on Parent Pay – **you will be able to purchase tickets up until Thursday afternoon.**

Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to the Pantomime – Final Arrangements

On Wednesday 20th December, Herons and Kestrels will be going to watch the panto at the Tamworth Assembly Rooms.

We will be walking from school at approximately 11:00am and taking a packed lunch with us, which the children will eat on arrival. The show starts at 12:30pm and lasts for approximately 1 hour. We will walk back to school and return in time for home time.

Please ensure your child has a coat, hat, a scarf and gloves in school on this day.

Safeguarding – Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

Mrs Natalie Horlor (Head of School) nhorlor@ankervalley.org

Mrs Maria Hamblin (Executive Head teacher and CEO) CEO@fierte.org

Mrs Julia Jones (Safeguarding Lead Governor) office@ankervalley.org

The school Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our school website.



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