



11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 \* AUTUMN TERM \* ISSUE 13

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Snow and Ice

What a tough few days! I am sure that, like me, you've been excited by the snow but also quite glad to see the end of it. School closure is one of the hardest decisions a headteacher has to make. We made the decision about closure as early as we could on Sunday to enable you to make alternative arrangements for child care. The challenge for us to have opened on Monday was the unknown, as with us not being in school Sunday it made it impossible to assess the site accurately and get the site safe for use. Monday enabled me to assess the site and the forecast. It also gave Mr Scullion time to prepare the site ready for Tuesday. We did have a couple of parents question our decision on opening, but the vast majority of parents thanked and praised our efforts for opening. One of the reasons for doing everything in our power to open is to try and enable our working parents to get to work themselves, as well as educating our pupils. Thanks so much for the support and the lovely comments some sent in. A huge thank-you to our staff who travelled in (some from outside of Coventry) and helped organise a safe day in school. I must also congratulate our pupils - their behaviour was stunning yesterday. After a snow talk in assembly the children managed to enjoy the snow at playtimes with lots of staff supervising and all children really did follow every rule to allow it to be safe.

### Pudsey

Pudsey came into school this morning to thank the children for their donations to the Children In Need appeal. Pudsey joined in with some lessons too!

### Next week

The final week of term is fast approaching. Reception and Nursery are going to be entertaining us with their singing and acting. On Wednesday, it will be Nursery's final day before the break. Thursday will see the last day for YR-Y6. On this day children are permitted to wear Christmas jumpers - this ties in nicely with school Christmas dinner and bring a toy/game to school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson  
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

### WEEKLY FOCUS

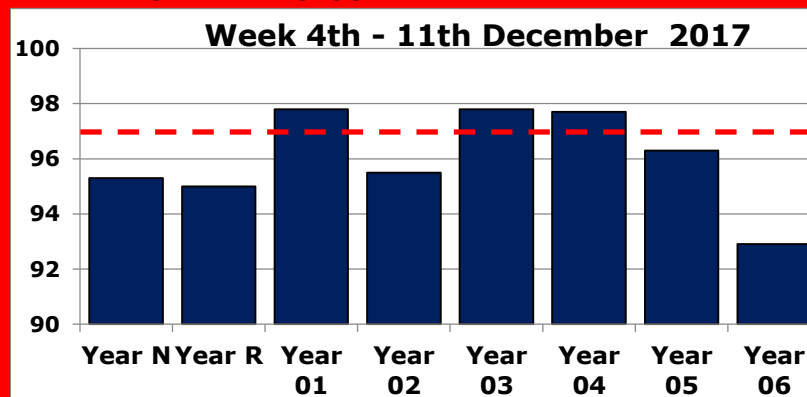
**Assembly Focus: Children in Need – Phase  
Christianity – Faith and Belief**

**Musical Inspiration: O Holy Night – Bach Choir & Royal  
Philharmonic Orchestra**

**Language Word of the week: to say hello in Romanian say Bună  
(boo-nah).**

**Talk Topic: Snow and Ice!**

### ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



### SPORTS NEWS

This is the last week of clubs for this term and the rota for the Spring Term will be out shortly. What a term it has been for clubs again at St. Christopher. Over 20 clubs per week have been delivered for 12 weeks. Over 4800 places have been taken up by children keen to experience a wide range of extra-curricular activities. This fantastic variety of after school and lunchtime clubs is due to the fantastic support of the staff and parents offering their time, free of charge, to support our children. Mr. Coyle said that we cannot thank them enough for their support through the term. He particularly paid tribute to Mr Connor and Mrs West, two parents who have been very supportive over the last few years. The Spring Term will again see in excess of 20 clubs per week offered to our children.

Last week our Netball Team played their first league game of the year winning 2-1 in a very tight contest with Moseley Primary. The match was played in bitterly cold, near dark conditions but our team coped with it well and showed great resilience coming from behind to win. The Netball Team have a cup match at home to Ernesford Grange next week and we wish them well with that. Our Boys Cross Country squad have been training really hard up at Allesley Park with Mr. Coyle and Mr Tarn in readiness for the cross-country races which take place this Saturday at Bablake Fields, weather permitting. Finally, two teams will be heading to Mosesley Primary School on Thursday for a Basketball and Hockey game. Many of these children will be representing the school for the very first time and we wish them well.

## INTERNET SAFETY

A new app had been launched as a national initiative, to support parents in keeping their children safe whilst using their smartphones. 'Our Pact' can be downloaded to a young person's phone and will block inappropriate websites and, once it has been downloaded, it cannot be uninstalled by the young person. See <http://ourpact.com/> for more details. If you have any concerns around the safety of your son/daughter please do not hesitate to contact our Safeguarding Leader Mr Jones.



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON**  
Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 – 3.30 pm  
St Christopher's Church Hall, Winsford Avenue, Coventry  
It's Free!

## Pupil of the Week Awards



### Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Kian - 1C: working hard in his maths lessons and regularly reaching the extension tasks. Well done!

Robson - 1W: fantastic sentence ordering with Miss Short. Keep working hard Robson.

Megan - 2A: remembering lots of information about the Great Fire of London and producing an excellent piece of work.

Leighton - 2K: fantastic effort and perseverance in his maths lessons. Keep up the great work Leighton!

Logan - 3B: always trying to make the right choices in lessons and around school, and for excellent effort to improve his maths work.

Olivia - 3T: always working to the best of her ability and always producing thoughtful homework

Eva - 4N: her excellent effort and focus when working independently in Spy Time.

Finley - 4T: his positive attitude and hard work in all lessons this week.

Bobby - 5P: his skills when filming animation. Bobby was keen to share his skills too.

Melissa - 5G: for wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm during our visit to the space centre!

Phoebe - 6H: always working hard to achieve her very best, even when work is challenging. Keep it up Phoebe!

Jonathan 6L: for showing a wonderful attitude to learning in all that he does. He is a pleasure to teach!

**Well done to all of the above pupils**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change):

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July/Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Nasal Flu Vaccinations R,1,2,3,4 – forms sent out

Nursery Sing-a-long 10.45 am

Reception Christmas Performance – 2.30 pm

Reception Christmas Performance – 5.30 pm

Nursery closed to pupils - letter sent out

**Christmas Meal/Christmas Jumper/Toy or Game Day**

Year 6 Young Voices - further details to follow

Mid-Year Reports to go home YR-Y6

Drop in re: Mid-Year Reports

World Book Day

Sports Relief Day

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

KS2 SATs week

Skern Lodge Parents Meeting

Reception/Year 6 Photos

Moving on Day/Year 6 Ball

Year 6 Performance tbc

Reports sent home