



Sunningwell Primary School

Newsletter – November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children and staff are getting excited about the forthcoming Christmas celebrations. Information about costumes for the Nativity will be sent out by teachers shortly. Please see the dates for your diary below.

Dates for your Diary

We will be sending out more details on events nearer the time;

- Wednesday 6th December Christmas School Lunch
- Friday 8th December Friends of Sunningwell School Christmas Market
Children's Christmas Disco (please see posters around the school for more details).
- Thursday 14th December Nativity and Carols at St Leonards' Church
2.00pm and 5.00pm
No ASC clubs on this day
- Tuesday 19th December Christmas Party
- Wednesday 20th December End of term Christmas Service at St Leonards Church
1.30pm

Attendance

Thank you to all who have made the effort to ensure their children are in school at 8.40am, the start of the day. The attendance of children at our school has always been exceptional. Since September, however, when the government made it compulsory for schools to extend the day. We have had a high number of children who are arriving late to school, after the register has been taken and lessons have begun.

Please do ensure that your child is in school by 8.40am.

Our daily registers are monitored online by Oxfordshire County Council and Department of Education. They will become involved if they are concerned about a child missing parts of the school day on a regular basis.

Drop and Go

We do have staff who are on the gate each morning so that parents can drop their children off to school safely. This helps alleviate parking problems on the lane which in turn means that children can arrive in school on time. We are going to trial having staff member being on the gate from 8.20am from Monday 27th November. This will enable parents to drop off from that time. The gates to the playground will be locked at 8.40am.

If your child is in Class 2 and above, please do encourage your child to come into school independently.

After School Clubs – Nativity

Our plan is not to have any After School Clubs on the day of the Nativity, 14th December. If this causes a problem for you, please do contact the school office by 1st December.

If you have already booked places on Arbor, please cancel your bookings online. Breakfast Club will still take place on this day.

Governors

We were delighted with the response for a parent governor. Carlos Kanyua has become our newest governor, and we look forward to welcoming him to our governing body. Mrs Dell has also stepped up (again) to fill the staff governor post. Many thanks to her.

Mud

It is that time of year where being in a rural location and having a lovely school field, mud abounds.

If possible, please do provide a pair of wellies for your child at school.