



# 'INSPIRE, RESPECT, SUCCEED'

NEWSLETTER  
DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2023

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## Upcoming Dates:

### **Next Term:**

- **School opens for Spring term (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January)**

## A Christmas Message

It's been a really busy four days in school. We've had parties, pantos, a magician, Christmas jumper day and to end the term we came together as a whole school for a Christmas carol service. It really was a lovely way to end the term.

As ever, the children have given their all this term and we are really proud of all the progress they have made.

We say a fond farewell to Mrs O'Leary and wish her all the very best in her new school. She has taught many, many pupils over the years here and given them a fantastic start to their education. She will be sorely missed but we know our loss is someone else's gain.

Miss Parker also has her last day today before she begins her maternity leave. We are all very excited for her and will eagerly anticipate her news.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you all on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024!

## Attendance Certificates

Over 200 of our pupils (212 to be exact!) received a certificate this week for achieving our school attendance target of at least 97% in the Autumn term. Well done to them all and thank you for your continued support in improving our school attendance (which currently stands at 95%).

## School Dinners 4<sup>th</sup> January

School dinner on the first day back will be cheesy pasta and vegetables rather than a roast dinner (as meat is delivered on Monday).

## Christmas Performances

We are so proud of the children in EYFS, KS1 and the Rock Steady bands for their performances this December. What fantastic costumes, singing and teamwork! Thank you so much for your support – your attendance means so much to the children. Thank you to ALL our fantastic staff who made all these shows run so well.



## Choir Visit to Local Care Homes

Our fabulous choir visited The Orchard Care Home and Beaumont House this week to sing the songs they have been learning. They did us proud once again and the feedback we got from the residents was heartfelt. Some of the songs really tugged at the heart strings – tears were shed! The choir also gave us a marvellous performance during an



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assembly this week, the whole school enjoyed it immensely. Thank you to Miss Dornan, Mrs Newton and Mr. Allsop for giving up their lunchtimes to sing with the choir this term.



## Christmas Trips

As you know, school funds the vast majority of your child's Christmas trip. This reflects our school vision and values of giving all children a wide array of cultural experiences during their time here. However, we are extremely grateful for your contributions which means we can continue to book a vast range of experiences for the children across school. Here are a selection of photos from the experiences:



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## DAaRT Graduates

Our Year 5s are now officially DAaRT graduates! Over this term they have completed the Life Skills program and explored a wide range of life lessons. It was lovely to see so many families come along and thank you for your attendance.






## Mathletics Competition

Our Mathletics Advent Competition was an incredible success across school. Our children played on Mathletics for over an incredible 766 hours(!) with 204,909 correct answers on Live Mathletics alone. Children who earned over 1000 points received a certificate with some winning from the prize draw. Year 4 were our most improved year group and will receive a prize on the first Friday back.



Thank you to Mr. Sellers for organising the competition and giving up his lunchtimes. It was a joy to see the children so enthused about their Mathletics learning.

 <b>204 909</b> Live Maths points	TOTAL SIGN INS <b>2258</b>
 <b>491 430</b> Activity points	TOTAL TIME <b>766h 32min</b>
 <b>93 190</b> Skill Quests points	Other activities <b>716h 27min</b>
	Skill Quests <b>50h 4min</b>

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## NSPCC Childline

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CHILDREN'S VOICES ARE SO EASILY MISSED, BUT WE LISTEN

**Join our**

**Childline**

**volunteers**

**like Susan, volunteer Childline counsellor**

Our Nottingham base needs more volunteers. Could you spare four hours each week and be here for children when they need us most? Visit [nspcc.org.uk/childlinevolunteer](https://nspcc.org.uk/childlinevolunteer)

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Would you like to support Childline; a helpline for children and young people up to the age of 19. It predominately relies on the goodwill of volunteers to answer calls, 121 online chats and emails from young people all over the UK on a range of issues. In 2022-2023 the service delivered nearly 200,000 counselling sessions which is on average 16,300 a month. With the cost-of-living crisis, mental health issues rising, online safety problems amongst many other adversities, more children are needing somewhere safe to seek support and to be heard.

Have you got what it takes to be a Childline volunteer?

- 4.5 hours a week (daytime, evening or weekends)
- Passion and enthusiasm to listen and support young people
- No previous experience required – full training provided
- The ability to get to the Nottingham base which is near Nottingham city centre (Travel expenses reimbursed)
- A desire to make friends and become part of a friendly, supportive community

If so, here is a link to learn more about the volunteer counsellor role and other opportunities: [Volunteering for NSPCC and Childline | NSPCC](#)

## Christmas Services

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St Michael's Church Linby with St James' Church Papplewick 2023

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Interactive Christmas family service with crafts St Michael's Church, Linby
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Family Carol Service with Choir St Michael's Church, Linby
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm	Traditional Carol Service with Choir St James' Church, Papplewick
Christmas Eve 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4pm	Crib service (come dressed as a nativity character) St Michael's Church, Linby
Christmas Eve 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion St James' Church, Papplewick
Christmas Day	10am	Family Christmas Service St Michael's Church, Linby (Communion is available after the service)

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## Attendance

School Attendance Target	96%
Attendance this term	95%
Class(es) with the highest attendance	10'L

## Supporting Learning At Home

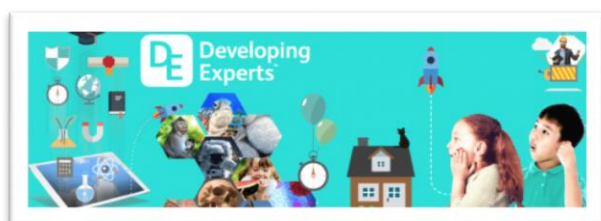
There are several ways you can help your child with learning at home. Log onto any of the following sites we have subscribed to or pick up a book from The Reading Olympiad. If you have any questions about log in details, or wish for work to be set for your child, please contact your class teacher.

## Mathematics



The Reading Olympiad

## Science



## Music



## Whole Curriculum

