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December 2023

Dear Parents

What a wonderful December we have had. The Festive family meal on December 6th was an amazing community event! Thanks to everyone who came along to the Festive Family Dinner. A huge thanks to Mr Looker and Mrs Kinsley for organising the event and for ALL the staff who went above and beyond to make this event so special. Huge thanks to the choir for singing, to Nourish for cooking a delicious meal and for Santa for visiting us too!

This was followed the Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December... where all children could have a Christmas meal with a cracker eating alongside their teachers.

Year 1 and 2 delighted us and you with their performance of 'The Angel who nearly missed it all'.

Children in Reception did their first ever primary school performance of 'We are going on a santa hunt' to the school and parents too.

Friday 18th December saw how hard Year 3, 4 and 5 have been learning carols for their service at St Mark's church and Year 6 performed their last primary school christmas event by taking on the narration of the christmas story.

Thank you for all your support for SNAPS recently either by buying a raffle ticket (congratulations to the winners - see class dojo), a doughnut, cup of hot chocolate or an entry into the 'Guess the Elf' competition. Well done to Finnian for winning the Elf with the correct name of Bella.

We were able to donate £89.19 to Crisis to support 3 homeless people this christmas thanks to donations at the end of each nativity.

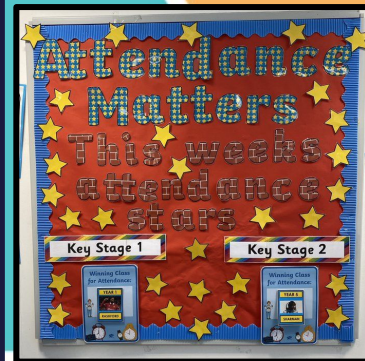
Thank you to all families for a wonderful Autumn term. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday, a happy new year and look forward to seeing everyone back to school for the start of spring term on Monday 8th January 2024.



### Attendance

- RN - 97.9%**
- RS - 97.1%**
- 1K - 92.3%**
- 1R - 95.3%**
- 2W - 95.4%**
- 2K - 92.3%**
- 3M - 92.3%**
- 3W - 94.9%**
- 4S - 94.3%**
- 4Y - 93.8%**
- 5E - 93.7%**
- 5S - 91.1%**
- 6S - 95.2%**
- 6B - 91%**

Well done to **RN and RS**



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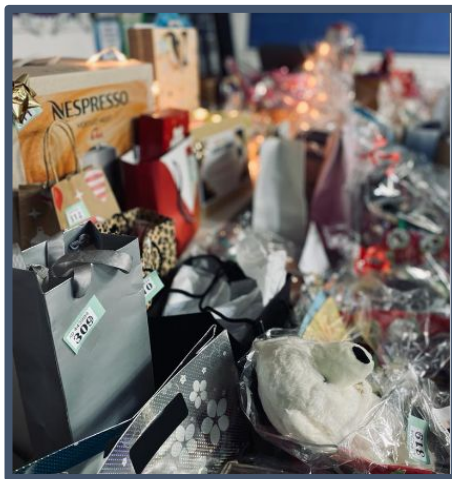
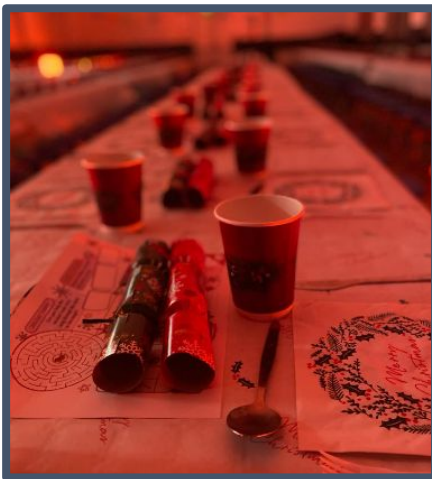
Attendance of under 90% is classed as persistent absence – whatever the reason – and will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.

Holidays during term time are not authorised and you could be issued with a penalty.

# FESTIVE FAMILY DINNER 2023



<https://insidecroydon.com/2023/12/17/pioneer-primary-schools-host-families-christmas-dinner-for-500/>



We are going on a santa hunt



Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 carol service



The Angel who nearly missed it all

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