

Weekly Parents Bulletin



Autumn Week 3 News

A Special Visitor

This morning, we had a visit from a very special guest...Rocker Bear arrived at school!



Rocker Bear was the entry, in our Design a Friend For Pudsey competition, by George Wildman. He is fresh from supporting ACDC at the Apollo and managed to squeeze in a visit to Birdwell Primary School to meet George! What a great addition to Pudsey's team. Well done, George.



Attendance (Target 97%)

Attendance continues to be a challenge this week. It has been great to see improvements in 3 of our classes who have beaten our 97% target! This is the first time in 3 weeks we have had any classes do this. Our attendance Monopoly prize dice were getting dusty! So it is great to be giving our prizes again!

Reception	98.1%
Year 1	87.2%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	88.3%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	98.1%
Total	90.1%

After School Clubs

Mon	Forest School	Mrs Barrett
	Mindfulness	Mrs Millington
	Young Voices	Mrs Rees
Tue	Sports Club	Shawny
	Graphics Club	Mr Swallow
Thu	Dance	Shawny
	Yoga	Mrs Moody

Similarly, it was lovely to see *** receive their 'Cosy Night In' prize for winning the 100% attendance raffle this week! A chocolatey treat and a new teddy are a great way to start the weekend!



There is of course the more serious side to attendance. Our attendance target is set to ensure that pupils are receiving the education they deserve and significant gaps in attendance are a real barrier to that. One of our most significant barriers to attendance is that caused by term-time holidays. As we know, school must report any family holidays of 5 days or more for issue of a PN2 notice. Where an unauthorised holiday is taken adjoining reported illness, the period of illness is likely to be recorded as 'Reason to Believe' that the absence may not be illness related but part of the holiday. In such cases, supporting evidence will be required (such as flight details) for submitting to Barnsley Authority, in line with our attendance procedures.

A Warm Welcome

Our Year 1 and 2 children attended the Places of Worship visit to Wakefield Cathedral, followed by Jamia Masjid Safia mosque. The visit was a lovely experience and both places of worship went out of their way to welcome our school, share their special place of worship and provide fun activities for the children. In the Cathedral, the children found out about special journeys and completed different tasks that told the story of the nativity (such as finding knitted sheep hidden around the main hall!) In the mosque, we were treated to a call to prayer by the Imam and the children were mesmerised by the sound of this...you could hear a pin drop in the hall following the call. It was especially entertaining for the adults accompanying the trip as the Iman was dressed in hi-viz work gear, stell toe boots and a hard hat as he was helping with construction of the new mosque next door!

We were proud of the children's behaviour and respect for these special places and were blown away by the welcoming way in which our pupil's questions were dealt with!



Lunch Menu

Autumn / Winter Term (Week 3)

All our kitchens operation under a Nut-free environment



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mac and cheese (V)	BBQ Meat feast pizza	Chicken fillet with Yorkshire pudding with roast potatoes	Crispy chicken burger with diced potatoes	Fish fingers with chips or salmon fingers
Campfire chili and rice (V)	Classic Cheese and tomato pizza (V)	Seasonal vegetable parcel with roast potatoes (V)	Onepot cheese burger pasta and a crusty roll (V)	Crunchy Quorn dippers and chips (V)
Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE) or coleslaw (V)	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese (V), beans (VE), coleslaw (V) or tuna mayonnaise
Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables (VE)	Served with a choice of seasonal vegetables or salad (VE)	Served with a choice of Peas or beans (VE)
Chefs choice of home bake (V)	Jam sponge and custard (V)	Fruit Jelly (V) or Yoghurt (V)	Raspberry buns (V)	Fruity Friday (VE) or Yoghurt (V)

Please be aware that we are unable to guarantee a completely food allergen-free environment, as foods containing allergens are used in our kitchens

Weeks Commencing:
24th Nov / 15th Dec / 05th Jan /
26th Jan / 09th Mar

Available daily: Unlimited vegetables (VE)
Unlimited fresh water. Selection of fruit (VE).
Bread basket (V).



Parent Forum

Thankyou to the volunteers who have stepped up as parent forum representatives so far. We are pleased to welcome:

Year 6: ?

Year 5: Sarah Sheridan

Year 4: ?

Year 3: Amy Briscoe

Year 2: Shawny Leigh Capewell

Year 1: Danielle Dale

Reception: Rachel Dronfield



What's a Parent Representative?

It is a parent, in each class, who volunteers to relay questions from the class community to the school and who reminds parents in the class of upcoming dates. To make it manageable, we will meet, as a group, every half term to raise issues and also celebrate what's working well. As you can see, we could still use more volunteers, please let me know if you would be willing to represent your child's class.

Should any parent wish to volunteer for Year 4 or Year 6, then please let me know at your earliest convenience