



# NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 10th January 2024



## Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the 'Spring Term' and may I say a huge 'Happy New Year' and all the best for 2024. I hope that your Christmas was full of love and laughter as well as rest and relaxation. We're hoping for some good weather over the next five weeks of this short half term as we know how much the outside benefits us all. There are a few dates for your diaries on this newsletter - so please make a note of them.

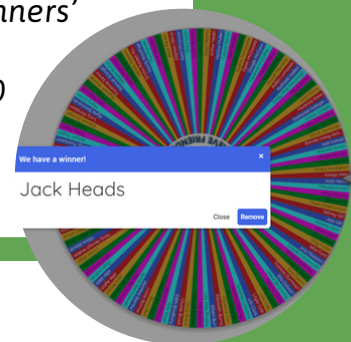
Enjoy the rest of the news!  
Mrs Barker

### Applying for a school place...

The deadline for applying for a reception place for September or a Year 3 place for September is next week. We know that there are families who haven't applied yet. If you fall into this category, you need to log on to the Kirklees admissions site at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-primary-school-place.aspx> before the 15th of January to apply for a place.

### 12 days of Christmas Attendance

We were so proud of all the children for their great efforts in attendance before Christmas - especially with so many winter bugs around. In Proud assembly on the last day, all the children with 100% attendance in the 12 days were added to a 'winners' wheel. The winner was Jack Heads and he received a £50 voucher for Smyths Toys! Well done, Jack!



### Strictly Pennine

The year 2 dance lessons start this week on Friday during school time. Parents wishing to see the show will be able to buy tickets directly from school in a new system where we buy tickets in bulk and sell to parents - it allows ticket allocation to be fairer than it has been in the past. Year 2 children will be performing on Tuesday 27th February at 5pm. All children will learn the dance in PE time and children who wish to be in the show have already expressed an interest. The numbers this year are lower than we have had in the past, so if your child feels like they would like to perform in the show (especially after their first dance rehearsal on Friday), then please let the office know immediately - we need to have confirmed numbers to the Sports Partnership ASAP.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February. Every year, Children's Mental Health Week sees hundreds of schools, children, parents and carers taking part. On Friday 9th February, we will celebrate what makes us unique by holding an Express Yourself fundraiser whereby children can dress to express - anything that makes them feel comfortable - whether that be loud and crazy or casual. We'll ask for £1 donation to help with mental health work in school.

## Staff Training

On Monday, staff took part in our second year of training from English guru, Philip Webb. Along with the rest of the Together Learning Trust primaries, teachers had an inspiring afternoon about teaching non-fiction texts to children. Over the next two terms both Year 1 and Year 2 will also have mini workshops to further enhance their knowledge and skills in teaching writing.

## Library Books

Before the holidays, we collected as many library books in as possible in order to audit the library and ensure stock is available to everyone. We still have several outstanding library books, which we would like to see either returned or replaced, thank you!

Here are a few pictures from our Christmas Carol Concert with Meltham Band, which took place on Wednesday 20th December,



## Dates for your diary

- Monday 8th January - INSET day - school closed to children
- Tuesday 9th January - Return to school
- w/c Monday 15th January - reception screening
- Wednesday 7th February - Open House
- Friday 9th February - Dress to Express

## Keep in touch

For more news, check out our website and social media.



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## Tissue Plea!

Thank you for your tissue donations - there's still time to donate a box of tissues to us, we'd really appreciate it!