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Dear parents and carers,

We have almost made it to the end of term – one week to go. We know that excitement is building in the build-up to Christmas but also that children, and staff, are definitely ready for the holidays. It has been a long and difficult term and has seemed to be more challenging than the last academic year because the restrictions have changed a number of times at national, but also local, level too. We all hope that we make it to the end of the term without any further disruption and that we are all able to enjoy a relaxing and rewarding Christmas with families and friends safely.

Since our flurry of cases in late September and early October, we have been quite fortunate in the number of positive cases we have had in school. However, this week, we have now had two staff members test positive. One of the staff members is non-class based and the other works in the Year 3 class. With this in mind, we would ask again that parents and carers remain vigilant and book PCR tests if children demonstrate any of the three main symptoms and use lateral flow testing where children appear unwell with any other symptoms. It would be wise for parents and carers of children in Year 3 to remain particularly vigilant regarding any symptoms.

Please have a lovely weekend,

Paul Quarry

Headteacher

SCHOOL PANTOMIME

On Friday, pupils and staff enjoyed this year's pantomime, virtually. Classrooms were filled with giggling and booing as we watched Cinderella. Judging by the laughter and shouting coming from classes, a fun time was had by all.

For anyone who missed the pantomime, we are able to share the link to enable you to watch from home also so please contact school if you require this.

YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION CHECK PARENTS AND CARERS MEETING

In June, Year 4 will complete their multiplication tables check. This is a test that has been introduced nationally so every school in the country will be completing this with their Year 4 pupils. In the new year, we will be holding a meeting to explain the check to parents and carers and also demonstrate how Times Tables Rockstars can help your children to practice their multiplication fact knowledge and prepare them for this check. Please look out for the date, which will be confirmed shortly. We will need to see how guidance for schools changes in the new year before confirming whether this will be a virtual meeting or face-to-face.

NURSERY PARTY – Tuesday 14th December 2021

Next week, please note that the Nursery Christmas party is 12:00 until 3:00pm. So that all children can attend, we request that all Nursery children attend the afternoon session on this day. There will be no morning Nursery on Tuesday. Please contact school if this poses a problem. If you access wraparound provision, this will remain in place.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

If you are interested in your child attending afterschool clubs in the Spring Term, please complete the electronic form below. As well as the sports clubs run by Frickley, Year 6 Booster Club will also be starting. As usual, the expectation is that all Year 6 pupils attend this club in order for us to help them prepare for high-school. Details of Year 2 Booster Club will follow shortly:

MONDAYS – Year 3 and 4 Kickboxing Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

TUESDAYS – Year 6 Booster Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

TUESDAYS – Year 1 and 2 Football Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

WEDNESDAYS – Year 5 and 6 Boxing Club – 4:15 pick-up by an adult

Booster Club can accommodate the whole class, however, the sports club places are limited in number so please complete the form as soon as possible if you would like a place at these sports clubs. Please remember, and discuss with your child, that we expect exemplary behaviour by all pupils attending any club.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUN1pOM1ZLMTVBNEU4WEcxQkFQT0dGU1dFTS4u>

These clubs will start in the second week of the Spring term, week beginning 10th January 2022.

VALUES, RULES AND BEHAVIOUR POLICY REVIEW

Please see below for the link to our behaviour survey. We would be grateful if you could complete this to help us gather thoughts and opinions about how we can improve behaviour systems and communication regarding behaviour in school.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KWIBDfrzw0WF-TIBI23JhevMcwC4fldNomIRnPnXvZRUCzdLQVFORkJMTlowWdNVUEc2WEpEUTVCMY4u>

As part of our review on behaviour, which will genuinely consider different approaches to rewards and sanctions and the part that Golden Time plays in this, I would like to suggest forming a parent group (of at least 5 or 6 parents / carers) that we set up alongside myself and Mrs Morgan to meet up (it would have to be virtually initially) to gather parent and carer opinions and suggestions so that we can involve you when planning how we can adapt our behaviour systems, policies and procedures in the future. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please email me directly at Pquarry@ipmat.co.uk

REINDEER RUN AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year, the Reindeer Run will take place on Monday 13th December and the Christmas Jumper day will be on Wednesday 15th December. Children can come wearing their Christmas jumpers for the reindeer run too if they wish although we know that some prefer to be reindeer instead! Sensible shoes are required for the run though please. Donations will be collected on Christmas Jumper day and, as always, are voluntary.

YEAR 1 AND 3 GOLDEN DAYS

On Monday 13th December, Year 1, our Golden Minute champions, will be having their Golden day. They have all collaborated to choose fun activities to complete through the day as part of their own curriculum. As you can imagine at this time of year, there is a strong Christmas theme. Year 1 children voted to come in their own clothes, do some Christmas crafts and watch a Christmas movie, bringing their own treats in to eat whilst they watch. Year 3 will be having their Golden Day on Wednesday 15th December (Christmas Jumper Day).

CALENDARS

This week, children will be able to bring their Calendars home. As always, we will ask for voluntary donations towards the cost of producing the calendar. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we will not be able to offer the opportunity of a gallery sale as we have done in previous years so we would ask that you please send any donations into school with your children. All money raised by calendar purchases, as always, will go directly back into purchasing art resources for school. This year, we will be offering an art-themed prize for the child whose calendar is purchased for the highest voluntary donation.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

School Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 15th December this year. Even if your child does not usually have a school dinner, you can order and pay for one online on the SchoolGrid website.

[SchoolGrid](#)

PE KIT

The PE kit has now arrived in school. Each child from Upper Foundation Stage to Year 6 will receive a PE T-shirt and pair of shorts with the Fitzwilliam logo on. Rather than have your child's name inside, they will be allocated a numbered kit (this will be numbered on the label). As we will collect the kit in at the end of the year and re-issue the kit in September, this will allow us to ensure that we know which kits have been returned. This will be the final year that we can provide a PE kit for everyone unfortunately.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES AND POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Teachers will be sharing videos on Class Dojo on Friday 17th December. Please can you make sure that you do not share these videos on social media platforms. As a school, we have permission from parents and carers to share the videos with you all, but you do not have permission to share them with wider public on social media platforms. We are relying on you to adhere to this request because if videos are shared without permissions, we will need to consider whether this is possible in the future.

Attendance – Autumn 2 – Week 6

Year Group	Attendance (%)
UFS	84.9%
1	93.0%
2	98.4%
3	98.5%
4	93.3%
5	93.6%
6	93.5%
School Average	93.4%

Target = 97%

This week, congratulations go to Year 3 who, yet again, were our attendance champions – but only just!

GOLDEN WORKERS

This week we have **RECOGNISED** pupils who have been **RESILIENT**.

We have actually had lots of resilience shown this week with children trying very hard in assessment week to do their best. Due to the pantomime, these pupils may not have received their certificates yet so will be presented with them in next week's assembly.

Well done to all of our **resilient** pupils!

<i>Golden Assembly - Core Values</i>		
	Respect being respectful being tolerant being kind	
	Resilience being resilient showing perseverance valuing self-worth	
	Responsibility being responsible being honest being reflective	
	Recognition showing appreciation taking pride	
Date:	Autumn 2 - Week 6 - Friday 10 th December 2021	
Year group	Pupil	Reason
1	Willow B	for being resilient during her assessments which are new to her and she tried her very best to complete each question really well, even if some were tricky.
2	Erle	for showing amazing resilience during our assessment week and trying her best even when she's found things difficult.
3	Joseph	for being a hardworking pupil who always tries his best. Joseph works hard to improve in all areas of learning and takes a lot of pride in his achievements. As a result, he has made fantastic progress so far in Year 3.
4	Jace	for being resilient with assessments and trying his best with his Art and DT this week.
5	Billy	for showing great resilience in dealing with different challenges and coping with changes over the last few weeks.
6	Jensen	for rising to the challenge and working hard in his assessments.

DIARY DATES

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DIARY DATES – Autumn 2 – 2021-22

DATE	EVENT
Monday 13th – Friday 17th December	Art Gallery – Calendar Sale on the playground Different classes each day
Monday 13th December	Reindeer Run
Tuesday 14th December	Nursery and UFS Christmas Party
Wednesday 15th December	School Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15th December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 16th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
Friday 17th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Friday 17th December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 4th January	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SPRING TERM

STANDARD ITEMS

Free School Meals Information

PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF PUPILS IN UFS, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 or YEAR 3

You can apply for income-related free school meals on the Wakefield local authority website:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>

You are now able to complete the form online so it really has never been easier:

<https://forms.wakefield.gov.uk/Forms/schools/freeschoolmeals.aspx>

If your child is in UFS, Y1 or Y2, they are eligible for Universal FSM but **you can still apply if you think you are eligible for income-related free school meals**. If your child is in Year 2 and receiving universal free school meals, please remember that this will stop when they move into Year 3 (**if your child has just moved into Year 3, this means that unless you are entitled to FSM, they will no longer received free school meals**), so please ensure you have applied if you think you eligible.

School receives additional funding for the number of pupils in receipt of free school meals and it has never been as important as it is now to try to provide crucial interventions to help pupils catch up – any additional funding will help us to achieve this goal.

MY SCHOOL FUND REMINDER

My School Fund is an exciting initiative that combines the spending power of parents, guardians and carers to help boost our school budget. When families are connected to school, we can earn Card-Linked Rewards on your behalf as well as you pocketing some for yourselves when you spend with participating retailers including Sainsbury's and Argos. You can find out more online at:

<https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/Parent/login>

The more families we can get involved with the scheme, the more our school will earn in Card-Linked Rewards from your combined spend.

Have a great weekend,
Take care and stay safe,

Paul Quarry
Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBING SUPPORT

Wakefield I Can - Online resource for children and young people in Wakefield

<https://wf-i-can.co.uk/>

Hazlehurst Centre – sexual violence and/ or sexual abuse support

<https://www.hazlehurstcentre.org/>

CHILDLINE – Removing Nude Images

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/remove-nude-image-shared-online/>

The Hideout – Domestic Abuse advice and support for children

<http://thehideout.org.uk/>

WDDAS – Domestic Abuse advice and support

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-people-services/domestic-abuse>

Relationship Matters – advice about parental conflict

<https://relationshipmatters.org.uk/>

Talk to Frank – Information about drugs

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

Turning Point – Advice and support for drug and alcohol problems

www.turning-point.co.uk/wakefield

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/services/forensic-child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs/>

Young Minds

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Samaritans

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

The Children's Society

<https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/see-hear-respond>

Barnardo's

[Believe in children | Children's charity | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/)

Winston's Wish

[Winston's Wish - giving hope to grieving children \(winstonswish.org\)](https://www.winstonswish.org/)

Wakefield Families Together

<https://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/>

ONLINE SAFETY

Parent Info – help and advice for families in the digital world

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Thinkuknow – advice and guidance to keep children safe online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

NSPCC – Online Safety

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Lego – Online Safety

<https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/digital-child-safety>

Net Aware (NSPCC) – Guidance about games and apps

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

CEOP - Child exploitation and Online Protection

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

OTHER USEFUL SITES / CONTACTS

Wakefield SEND Local Offer

<https://wakefield.mylocaloffer.org/Home>

STAR – Bereavement Support

<https://starbereavement.org.uk/>

ICON – Coping with crying babies

<https://iconcope.org/>

NHS – 999 for emergencies or 111

POLICE – 999 or 101 for non-emergencies

CHILD LINE – 0800 1111

SCHOOL DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS AND DEPUTIES

Mr Quarry



Mrs Morgan



Mr Downes



Miss Scott

