

# NEWSLETTER

ASPIRE - ACHIEVE - THRIVE - ENJOY

12<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Families

It was so wonderful to see everyone dressed in their Christmas outfits today! The children had lots of fun taking part in the Santa Dash and we have been blown away by the donations received so far – thank you so so much. I do appreciate there have been a lot of things this term where we have asked for money or physical donations and we very nearly didn't go ahead with this event because I was taking that into consideration along with the fact we received the information about it at short notice, but I am so glad we did. The children loved it! Thank you to Mr Jenkins for organizing it. We will provide you with how much we have raised next week.

The Year 1 Christmas performance was another very special moment this week – thank you to the Year 1 team for all of the effort that went into this – I especially loved the dance moves and the Christmas jokes this year! Also a special thank you to Jo from our PTA for helping staff with the festive face painting.

It has also been a very busy week for Miss Creed taking 2LD to sing at the care home, Year 5 to the panto as part of their musical theatre unit of work and taking Year 3 to St Andrews church to sing carols. She has included a round-up of these later on in the newsletter.

Next week we look forward to the EYFS Nativity and the instrumental concerts for those children who pay for music lessons. And this weekend sees our choir singing at the Great Linford Christmas Fayre. The fayre is running from 12:00 – 4:00pm with the choir singing at 2:30pm. Please do go and support them if you are able to – this is advertised later in the newsletter too.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dixon



## Your weekly reminder that we are a nut free school

Thank you for your continued support with this matter ensuring our children who have this life-threatening allergy stay safe.



Our attendance so far this year is **95.2%** Attendance this week was 2LD with **99%**

Well done to, our highest attending class again this week with % attendance!

We have had an increase in illness which is understandable at this time of year, however our absence for illness is higher than the rate nationally in primary schools at the moment. If you weren't aware, we do have a school supply of calpol and are able to administer this with your permission. Here is also a link to the NHS guidance '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' which you may find useful as we know it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school.

### **Diary dates**

Dates were given out for the year in the first newsletter. Going forwards, I will include dates here for the current term as a reminder. **Any new dates which were not shared previously will appear in red.**

Date	Time	Children return to school
15 <sup>th</sup> December	1:00 – 2:00pm	<b>2PK singing Christmas carols at Fulwell Court retirement homes</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	2:15pm	<b>Rock Steady Concert to parents in the hall</b> <i>For children that attend lessons</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	4:00 – 5:00pm	<b>Christmas Instrumental Concert</b> <i>For children that have individual music lessons</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00pm	<b>EYFS (Caterpillars) Christmas Nativity</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00pm	<b>EYFS (Caterpillars) Christmas Nativity</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>Final Year 4 swimming lesson</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> December		<b>Last day of term</b>
Christmas holidays		
6 <sup>th</sup> January		<b>Children return to school</b>

#### **Cost of living support**

The MK Council cost of living page may be useful to any families who are struggling with the cost of living at the moment:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits/cost-living-support>

#### **Rainbows Family Centre**

Our local family centre is Rainbow, located in Bradville. They can provide support to families in many areas. You can get in touch with them or we can refer you and the centre will then get in touch with you. Please speak to Miss Newton or Mrs Dixon if you have any questions about what support is available. They have an active facebook page also



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# RAINBOW FAMILY CENTRE

Period Poverty

Sexual Health  
Support

Offered alongside our usual calendar  
Family Support  
Early Help  
Support with Parenting, Breastfeeding, Two Year  
Funding, Healthy Start Vitamins, Child Development  
and Speech and Language

Support with  
Isolation and  
Loneliness

Support with  
Housing,  
Finances,  
Forms,  
Benefits and  
Employability

Access to  
Foodbank, Baby  
Basics, MK  
Storehouse,  
Hygiene Bank  
and the Local  
Welfare Provision  
Washing Machine  
Hire is available

Adult Learning  
CLMK Courses  
Well-Being  
Group

Referrals to other  
agencies- MKACTION, ICASH, Talking  
Therapies ARC,  
Healthy  
Relationships and  
Citizens Advice.

## St Mark's free meal boxes

Did you know we are a collection point for St Mark's meal boxes? St Mark's Meals provides complete meal kits that create a delicious meal for the whole family. Everything needed for dinner is in the box, including a recipe card with straightforward instructions and games and puzzles for kids to play. There are options for EVERYONE, vegetarian, gluten free or those that only have access to a kettle. If you are struggling financially and finding it difficult to feed your family, please get in touch with Julie and she can give you some of the meal boxes to help.





### This week's Aspire winners



Caterpillars	Jasper		
1TP	Daisy	1RC	Alexandru
2PK	Kavya	2LD	Oliver
3MY	Finlee	3JC	Robin
4AJ	Amelie	4MH	Aya
5SS	Airen	5GF	Alex
6LG (Miss Green)	Frank	6AS	Nayara
6LG (Mr Jenkins)		Miss Guy	Robin – KS1 Griff – KS2

### Aspire winners

Mrs Dixon caught up on Aspire celebrations today! Everyone enjoyed their cake and biscuits and listening to music.









### Music at Great Linford

#### Y5 Milton Keynes Theatre Trip

Year five enjoyed their trip to watch the Theatre to watch 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' as part of their unit of work on musical theatre. They had been learning about all the different aspects of theatre, the different jobs and roles that are required to put on a 'show'. All of the children enjoyed the performance!



#### Y2LD Care Home Singing Trip

Year two went to 'Fulwell Court Care Home to sing a repertoire of Christmas Songs they have been learning alongside their music lessons. They have been learning all about musical storytelling this term. Both the children and residents enjoyed singing together.



### **Year 3 Carol Concert at St. Andrews Church**

The children in year three put on an amazing performance at the Church. They learnt a repertoire of traditional Carols and modern Christmas songs alongside a retelling of 'The Christmas Story'. The children have been learning about 'Ballads' and songs that tell a story. All the children were incredibly proud of their performance - well done!





EVERYONE WELCOME  
**FESTIVE FAYRE**

Crafts, Music, Food,  
Stalls and Festive Fun

**FREE GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD**

**FREE EVENT**

# festive fayre

COMMUNITY HUB

In partnership with  
Great Locality  
Proud Community  
Great Linford Parish Council

Sat 13 Dec 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Great Linford Local Centre MK14 5HA

## **Great Linford Festive Fayre**

Families can look forward to cookie decorating, festive activities, and of course, a special visit from Santa, who'll have a free gift for every child! Plus, every visitor can enjoy a free hot chocolate to keep cosy while soaking up the Christmas cheer.

This is a perfect chance to come together with neighbours and friends to celebrate the season and support your local community. 2-pm at the

**Singing and Music at the Festive Fayre - 2:30pm - Great Linford Local Centre - Parish Council**

Come and join in the singing at the Festive Fayre this weekend, led by some of our KS1 Choir and Year 2 children. There will also be a few instrumental performances. Hope to see you there!

Miss Creed.

**Year 1 Christmas Performance**





### **Sport at GLPS**

We had an amazing time this Friday taking part in the School Games Santa Dash Fun Run! The children looked amazing in their festive outfits from jumpers to dresses to antlers. Each year group had the chance to walk, skip or run as many laps of the course as they could in their time slot. From the competitive runners to the sociable walkers to the children (and adults!) dancing their way around to the Christmas music, we loved the enthusiasm and good spirits shown by all the children.

Thank you to all the families who sponsored their children. If your child has raised sponsorship money but didn't bring it in this week, they can still return their fundraising next week by handing it in to the class teacher or to the front office. A big thank you to Mr Jenkins, Miss Guy and the Year 6 sports leaders who helped count laps, hand out the certificates and announce the results in assembly.

The winning house was **Blue House with 681 laps** of the Santa Dash course. In second place was **Yellow House with 607 laps** and third was **Green House with 585 laps**. Each lap is a point earned for their house so well done to all the runners. In total, the school completed 506 kilometres which is the equivalent of roughly 12 full marathons! We hope you enjoy a selection of the photos from the day...













### Assembly Focus

This week our whole school assembly focussed on Hanukkah. Lynda and Sheila from MK SACRE (The Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) came and told the children the story behind Hanukkah and sang two songs about it in Hebrew and English.



**Christmas dinner!**





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