



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

After a well-deserved half term break, there is a huge buzz in the school as we approach Christmas. The staff and children alike are eagerly anticipating the next few weeks, which promise to be busy, action-packed, and filled with exciting opportunities for both learning and enjoyment.

We're having a huge focus on keeping safe, in particular the road safety campaign around our school, so keep your eye out for everything that's going on.

I'm particularly looking forward to welcoming parents to our school for our Reception open morning, where our School Ambassadors will be taking a LEAD role in presenting to parents and running guided tours of the school. Our choir will also be performing and this event promises to be a wonderful opportunity to share the vibrant, community-focused spirit of our school.

As always, Fulfen embraces the festivities at this time of the year – please do take the time to read about all the events coming up so you don't miss out!



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Stars of the week!

Olivia Atherton, John Young, Albert Dalloway, Heavanna Hayes, Amelia Harris, Mia Watts, George Lyndon, Freddie Floyd, Ruby Clift, Lainey McDaid, River Street, All of year 1, Maisie Ansell, Avery King, Maddison Taylor, Elana Woodhouse, Sam Mok, Mia Maskell, Freddie Meakin, Emily Watton, Sophia Davis,

Ayvie Butterworth, Oliver McGeown, Henry Roberts, Siena Milligan, Bodhi Dingle, Harriet Cooper, Phoebe Bourne, Eve Hancox, Jaxon Munday, Oliver Ward, William Breen,, Maya Iosipescu, Euan Blower, Lucas Koller, Abigail Todino, Lucas Koller, Edward Shortman, Jaxon Wright, Niall Jones, Leo Ritchie,

Zachary Edwards, Niall Jones, Theo Roberts, Miah Williams, Emiliee Hall-Williams, Oscar James , Elliot Gibson Collins, Lenny Geens, Oliver Jarvis, Tilly Lightfoot, Harrison Delamont, Nolan Lloyd, Skyler Cockayne, Florence Allcutt, Maisie Copper, Arthur Corfield, Jasper Mansell, Isla Kelly, Sophia O'Mara

Love of Learning...

- dream big, have a thirst for learning and achieve your ambitions...

Encouraging...

- to be supportive of yourself and others and value everyone's ideas...

Adaptable...

- being versatile, creative and being prepared to take risks...

Determination...

- being resilient when the going gets tough...

Are you following us on Facebook yet?

Our Facebook page is brimming with photos and news of what's going on in school each day. If you haven't already, please take the time to follow our [page](#) so you can see what we're getting up to and catch a glimpse of your child in action! You can also share this with other members of the family so they can follow our successes.

You can also see our latest Facebook feed at the bottom of the home page of our website and, if you want more information about our exciting Enrichment opportunities, look at our [Enrichment page](#) in the parents' section of our website.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Be Bright Be Seen

Fitting in with our Road Safety theme at the moment, Max, the School Travel Advisor from Staffordshire County Council, came into school to talk to the children about the Be Bright Be Seen campaign during a special assembly.

Now the clocks have gone back, the dark mornings mean that it's so important for children to take steps to make themselves visible to road users so they are safe on their journey to school.

Be Bright Be Seen

- When the Clocks go back nights get longer and days get shorter
- In Winter Months the light fades before the school day ends
- Children Walking, Scooting & Cycling to School need to be seen
- Streetlights are not always bright enough to light all areas
- Fluorescent and Reflective Clothing and Accessories can help



Year 5 visit Fire Station

Our Year 5 classes went to the fire station for their annual safety day and learnt more about road and rail safety as well as how to be safe by the canals. During the day, they also learnt about keeping bank card details safe and fire safety in the home.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 3's Stone Age Day Adventure!

Our Year 3 pupils took a journey back to the Stone Age, right here at school! They toasted marshmallows over a forest fire, channelled their inner artists with cave paintings, and even crafted a delicious Stonehenge from biscuits. It was a day of hands-on history, bringing the Stone Age to life!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Step into Saxon Times: Y4's visit to Tamworth Castle

Year 4 had a great day enhancing their Anglo Saxon history topic. They enjoyed pretending to be Anglo Saxon soldiers and also being archaeologists!

There were lots of opportunities to dress up, which really enhanced their experiences. Being able to see the Staffordshire Hoard was amazing! A fabulous day was had by all.



Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – thank you

We had a very successful uniform sales during the week of our Parents' Evenings – hopefully we've helped some families who needed uniform and thanks to some very generous donations, we managed to make a grand total of **£132**, which will go straight back into providing some of the wonderful experiences for our pupils.



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Focus on ART: Bringing History to Life!

At Fulfen, we believe in helping our pupils connect with the past, even when frequent museum visits aren't possible. Our art lessons bridge this gap by linking directly with history, enabling children to explore world history through creative expression.

This term, we have explored 40,000-year-old artefacts from the Stone Age through to the archaeological treasures dug up from the Vikings - the Lewis Chessmen.

Exploring these objects and images from history gives the children a fascinating insight into the past and allows them to develop a deeper historical understanding. They may question how objects were made, how people problem solved and lived and how societies developed, particularly those where there is little written evidence from those times; for example, the Stone Age artists as our first graphic communicators offer us stories of how they hunted. The carving skills of Anglo Saxons and the Vikings give us clues about mythology and faith.

Through these art sessions, children learn to ask questions like, "How did people create these objects?" or "What does this say about their lives and beliefs?"

They develop respect for the past and hopefully feel a responsibility to help take care of how the world develops. They see beauty in the little details of life that often get overlooked. Art gives them an opportunity to pay attention to detail.

As children observe, draw, and sculpt, they gain a sense of connection to the past, helping them understand the present and think about their role in the future. By nurturing respect for history and attention to detail, we hope to inspire Fulfen pupils to wonder, question, and form their own ideas confidently.

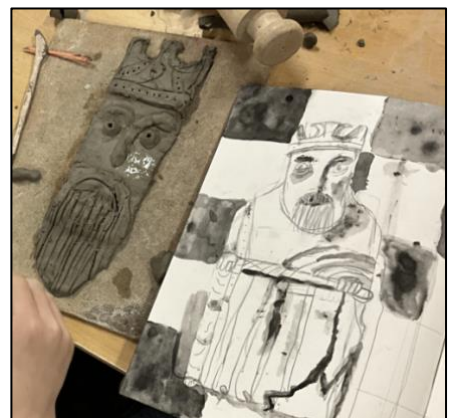
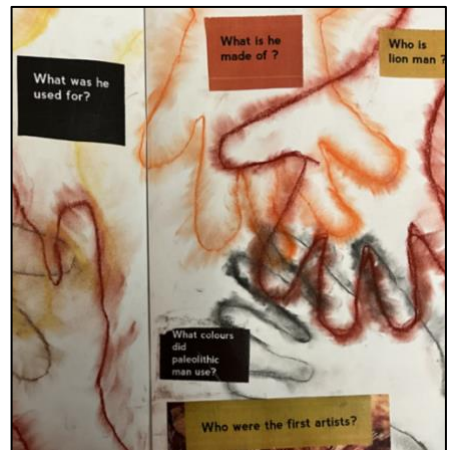
Watching your children light up when they make a connection between art and something else, they've been interested in and watching them lose their inhibitions as they paint, draw, and sculpt with clay or wire to create their outcomes is always exciting for us to see. This is how Art and History come together to build greater understanding of the world we live in.

Look at the next page for some photographs of our children deepening their understanding of the past through art.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Focus on ART: Bringing History to Life!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Odd Socks Day!

On Tuesday 12th November, we joined schools across the country in celebrating Odd Socks Day, proudly wearing mismatched socks to spread an important message: it's okay to be different!

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week, highlighting that our differences make us unique and special. Throughout the week, pupils have taken part in discussions and activities that reinforce the message of kindness, acceptance, and respect for all. Odd Socks Day is a fun way to remind us all that we don't have to match to belong – we're united in our diversity!



Honouring Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th, Fulfen joined the nation in observing Remembrance Day, teaching pupils the importance of remembering those who have sacrificed for peace. Many children wore their Scout, Brownie, Guide or Cubs uniforms to school and staff and pupils held a minute's silence to reflect and show respect. Here are a few photos of our Remembrance display created by children from across the school.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Scoot to School / Walk to School Week

What a fabulous response! A fantastic 207 children took part in our Scoot/Walk to School week, showing incredible enthusiasm! We want to thank all the parents and children for their support. Every child who had their passport stamped received a prize.

A survey was sent to parents for feedback and suggestions and, as a result, we will run the event again next April, inviting Pre-School too. Here are what our parents think:

"Getting fresh air and exercise makes for a good start to the day!"

"Nice that children were encouraged to use different methods of travel rather than just walking."

"Less stressful journey than trying to drive through the traffic and park."

"We could see more friends on the walk to school."

I got more quality time with my children"



Year 1 Go Wild with the Animal Lady!

Year 1 had a wonderful morning with the Animal Lady on Wednesday. They met a cockroach, a bearded dragon, a honey bear, a guinea pig, a frog and a Kookaburra. They have learnt many facts including a honey bear smells like chocolate and a frog can lose it leg and grow it back in the water!

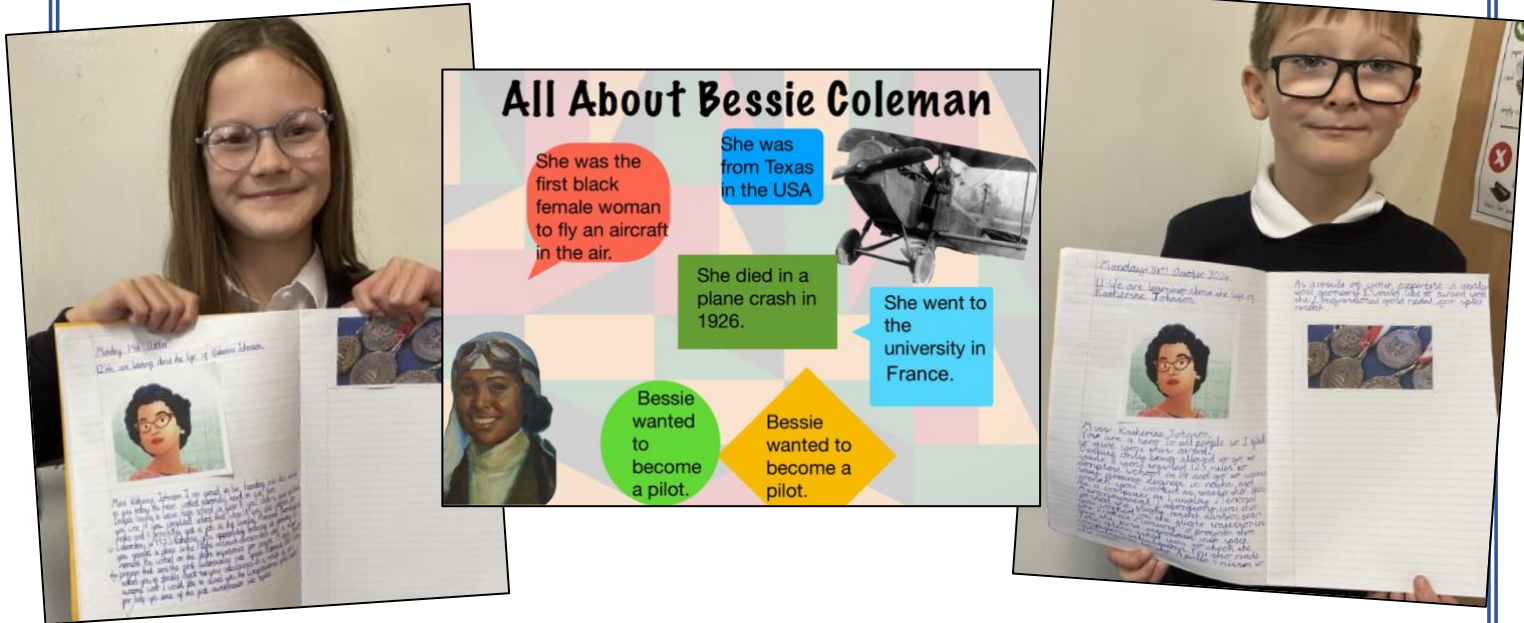


Celebrations - what we've been up to

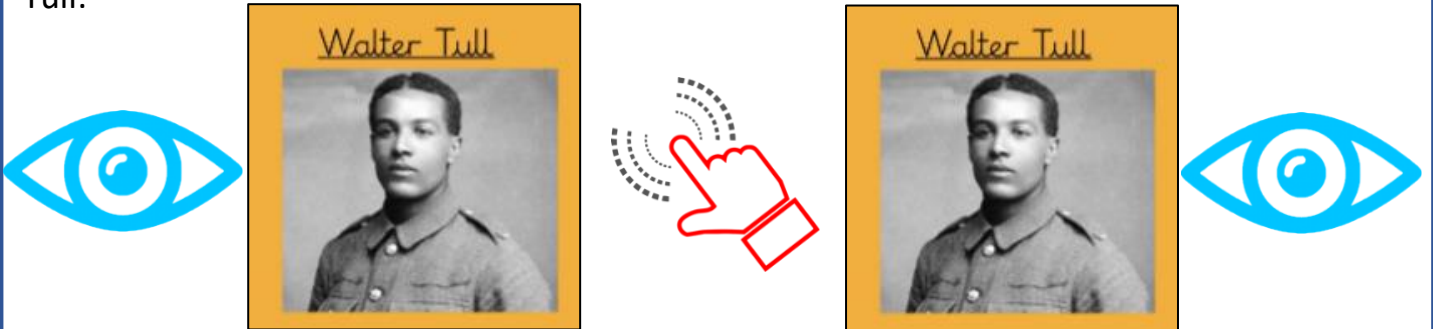
Black History Week!

In October we celebrated Black History Week at school. The children learned about a range of people from Bessie Coleman to Katherine Johnson to Walter Tull. These people often had to overcome huge barriers to success because of the colour of their skin. They are an inspiration! if you would like to find out about some more black history heroes then look [here](#).

Here are some examples of our work:



And if you click on these images, you can watch some of the videos created about Walter Tull:



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and to those who joined us in buying and eating them a few weeks ago. We raised a huge £536.79!

Well done everyone!



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Celebrations - what we've been up to



Key Stage 2 had SO MUCH FUN creating their Rocktopus Songs last month!

Click on the video below for a glimpse of the fun:



Each year group created their own rock song about one of our LEAD values.

Click to listen!

Y3
Love of Learning



Y4
Determination



Y5
Encouraging



Y6
Adaptable

Celebrations - what we've been up to

Feel Good Friday

This year our Feel Good Friday sessions will be linked to diversity, developing new skills and mental health.

Our first Feel Good Friday of the year was a tremendous success! Our Year 6 pupils had the wonderful opportunity to visit Chase Terrace Academy. They engaged in a variety of activities centred around mental health and had valuable discussions with current Year 7 students about the transition from primary to secondary school. We would like to thank Chase Terrace Academy for their warm welcome and support for our Year 6 children.

In addition to this, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic yoga session led by Luke from Mindfit Movement. We are especially grateful to him for generously offering his expertise free of charge to bolster our ongoing focus on mental health. This initiative not only helps to cultivate relaxation and mindfulness but also instils the importance of physical well-being in our pupils. Here they are in action:



Further to this, our Year 3 classes had the privilege of working with Action for Children, who facilitated discussions on understanding mental health and practical strategies for managing it effectively.

The focus of the day was to encourage our entire school community to recognise and appreciate our feelings while fostering an environment supportive of mental well-being.

As we move forward, we will continue to emphasise the significance of mental health awareness and build a culture of inclusivity and understanding within our school. Our next Feel Good Friday will be held on 13th December and we will be focusing on new skills.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Our Road Safety Campaign



Our Road Safety Week will be running from **Monday 18th to Friday 22nd November**. During this week, our Travel Ambassadors, pictured below, will be leading a roadside campaign to ask parents to think twice about parking either illegally or inconsiderately. Staffordshire County Council and our local Police Community Support Officers will be supporting our cause.

During this week there will be lots of activity around our school, our Active Travel Ambassadors along with Staffs County Council, Staffordshire Police and Reinforcement Officers will be highlighting the issues we have outside our school.



In the meantime, please support us and report any parking issues on this link:
<https://shorturl.at/OdHxU>

Giving Back: Fulfen's Charity Focus

Our Year 6 LEAD ambassadors have decided that, this academic year, we will be supporting one national charity and two local charities.

National charity - **Children in Need**

Local charities - **St Giles Hospice and Magnolia Cafe (Dementia Cafe)**

We are celebrating Children in Need on **Friday 15th November**. Pupils can come to school in non-uniform, choosing to wear Pyjamas or a Onesie if they wish! Please either bring a £1 donation on the day or you can donate via ParentPay.

Our biggest fundraising this year will be for our school. We have exciting plans to raise enough money for a new school grounds project. **WATCH THIS SPACE!**



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Useful Information & what's coming up

Christmas Performances

We're really looking forward to inviting parents into school to see our Christmas shows! The children are auditioning and practising already! Here are some details for you:

Pre-School will be holding their "Mingle & Jingle" in their classrooms on **Friday 13th December** at **9:30am** with refreshments available in the hall.

Our **Reception** classes are doing a Christmas Forest School 'sing-a-long' on **Thursday 12th December** (*please note: only 2 adults per child allowed to attend*)

R1-1.30-2.15pm R2- 2.30-3.15pm

Key Stage 1 will be performing their nativity "A King is Born" where the story of the very first Christmas comes to life with Mum narrating and a very bossy Caesar! Performances are on:

Monday 16th December – 9:30am Tuesday 17th December – 2:15pm

Years 3, 4 and 5 will be performing "Straw and Order" where Judge Grumps conducts a trial in the middle of Bethlehem! With lots of catchy tunes, this twist on the nativity is a must-see. *Tickets will be required for the Y3/4/5 performances. You will be able to order tickets via a link on Friday 29th November – there is a limit of 2 tickets per household per performance which will be held on:*

Weds 18th December - 9:30am Weds 18th December - 2:15pm

And, last, but not least, **Year 6** will be performing a Christmas Carol concert at Christ Church, which will be full of singing and readings.

Thursday 19th December – 6:30pm at the church

Christmas Raffle!

Our Christmas Raffle tickets will be available for purchase starting **18th November**, with the draw taking place on **13th December**. Tickets can only be bought through ParentPay. No physical tickets will be issued; instead, names will be entered into a digital system for the draw.

Our school LEAD ambassadors are working hard behind the scenes to organise our Christmas raffle. They are looking for donations from local businesses to add to our prize collection. If you can support our year 6 children in their quest to raise money for our school, please get in touch: Email office@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk or ask to speak to Mrs N Fierro-Hammond.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Christmas Card Orders Re-opening

In October, your child brought home their Christmas Card Design. These orders are being sent out to families this week. If you missed out, the 'late window' for orders opens from **15th November – 25th November**, where you can still make an order and receive the goods before we break up.

These make great gifts for family and friends and there are so many options other than Christmas Cards! Gifts include: teddies, mugs, baubles, tea towels, wrapping paper, cushions, coasters, tote bags, keyrings as well as the cards and tags. If you want to make a late order, you can do so by following the instructions on the card that was sent home. If you've lost the details, you can search for the design code here:

<https://myfundraisinghub.com/ForgotCodes>



Notice from the NHS

Vision Screening/Eye Tests ARE NOT provided within schools in Staffordshire.



We strongly recommend that all children have regular eye tests at an Optician once a year. NHS Eye tests for all children are free at any Opticians.

It is important that even children with apparently normal vision should be tested as children can often compensate very well for some eye problems which need to be identified and treated early to avoid lifelong visual loss.

The Eye test checks that your child's vision is developing normally. It is performed at this age so that any reduced vision or difference in vision between each eye can be picked up before the visual system is fully developed and any treatment can be started.

If your child hasn't had a recent sight test, please arrange with your local opticians for your child to have a FREE NHS Eye Test.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Reception Open Day



FULFEN PRIMARY SCHOOL RECEPTION



OPEN DAY



**TUESDAY 19TH
NOVEMBER 2024
9:30AM - 11:00AM**

Don't miss this year's school registration to open the door to the best educational opportunities for your child.

Refreshments in the school hall, accompanied by our school choir performing a selection of songs. Early Years presentation, followed by meet our headteacher and Early Years staff. Tour of the school by our School Ambassadors.



REGISTER NOW

If you are interested in attending, please follow the link to complete the Microsoft form <https://forms.office.com/e/qVTd6XDcuA>

www.fulfen.staffs.sch.uk

office@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk

01543 226070

Flu Vaccinations in School

On Friday 22nd November, the Flu Vaccination team is visiting Fulfen.

If you haven't already, **please complete the online consent form** (*please only submit 1 form for each child*) using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list:

Fulfen Primary School – 22 Nov 2024 – Flu

Your school code is: **SS124209-24**

Consent forms must be submitted by *10am on Thursday 21st November 2024*



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Useful Information & what's coming up

Year 2 Panto – 3rd December

Year 2 are preparing for their panto visit
– Oh yes they are!



PANTO TIME!

On **3rd December**, they're going to see Dick Whittington and the PiRat of the Caribbean in Rugeley. Please ensure that the £12 contribution is paid by 27th November on ParentPay to enable this trip to go ahead.

Rudolph Run



On **Thursday 5th December**, we're holding our Rudolph Run to raise funds for St Giles Hospice, a charity close to our hearts. Children will be running 1 mile, which is 13 laps of our playground!

If you wish to donate, please visit our Just Giving page for this event: [Rudolph Run Just Giving Page](#)



Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day will be on **Wednesday 11th December**. Christmas Dinners can be booked via ParentPay in the normal way.

We ask for a £1 donation for Christmas Jumper day, with all money going to Burntwood Rotary, who are in with Santa.



School Discos!

They're on **Wednesday 11th December**:

Y1 and Y2 5:00-5:45

Y3 and Y4 6:15-7:00

Y5 and Y6 7:15-8:00



Tickets cost £3 including a drink and can be ordered on ParentPay from Monday 25th November.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Help school funds while your shopping!

With Christmas shopping coming up, did you know that you can support our school from the comfort of your own home **at no cost to yourself** while you're doing your shopping? There are thousands of online brands (including Morrisons, Screwfix, Just Eat, Etsy, Shein and many more) that will make a small 'thank you' donation to our school EVERY time you shop online and use **easyfundraising**.

This is FREE, EASY and QUICK and we ask for you to take 2 minutes to register as every little really does help – especially in the run up to Christmas with all the Christmas shopping!

All you need to do is:

- 1) Download the easyfundraising app: [for apple](#) or [for android](#).
- 2) Search for the cause: Fulfen Primary School
- 3) Set up your profile
- 4) "Enable Donation Reminder" so that you don't miss the opportunity to donate.



Then, every time you go on a website that participates, you'll get an automatic pop-up for you to confirm a donation with no extra effort from yourself other than a tap of a button.

So far, we have raised £498.61, which is brilliant! We'll check in again after Christmas to see how high we can push this total!

Please share this with family and friends too.

Chase Terrace Christmas Market

Chase Terrace are holding a Christmas Market on **Thursday 12th December** between 5pm and 7pm.

They would love to see as many of the local community there as possible. It is set to be a fantastic festive event and your support to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust would be greatly appreciated. It might be particularly useful for Year 6 children to visit if they're thinking of heading to CTA next year.



LETS GET A PUMP TRACK IN BURNTWOOD!



CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT?

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

**WANT TO HELP DO SOMETHING POSITIVE FOR YOUR
COMMUNITY?**

PASSIONATE ABOUT BIKES & CYCLING?

THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH BY EMAIL!

PUMPTRACKBURNTWOOD@EMAIL.COM

Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th November – Children in Need - £1 donation please

Friday 15th November – Christmas Card “late orders window” opens

Monday 18th November – Christmas Raffle Tickets on sale on ParentPay

Monday 18th November – Road Safety Week

Tuesday 19th November – Reception Open Day

Thursday 21st November – Y5 Trip – Wolseley Nature Reserve

Thursday 21st November – Multisport event at EDA

Friday 22nd November – Flu Vaccination Team in school

Monday 25th November – Dance Days French Workshop – Y5/6

Tuesday 3rd December – Year 2 Panto Trip

Thursday 5th December – Rudolph Run

Wednesday 11th December – EYFS Santa Visit

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 11th December – School Discos

Thursday 12th December – Reception Forest Singing (R1@1:30pm; R2@2:30pm)

Friday 13th December – Pre-School Xmas Stay ‘n’ Play for parents 9:30 am

Friday 13th December – Christmas Raffle Draw

Monday 16th December – KS1 production am

Tuesday 17th December – KS1 production pm

Wednesday 18th December – Y3/4/5 productions 9:30am and 2:15pm

Thursday 19th December – Y6 Carol Service at the Church 6:30pm

Friday 20th December – Reception Polar Express Christmas Party – wear PJs

