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### Attendance & Lateness

Our whole school target this year is **97%**. Attendance will continue to be a focus as it is still below government expectations and poor attendance has a detrimental effect on children's learning.

Attendance at the end of Term 1:

Reception – **94.5%**

Year 1 – **94.3%**

Year 2 – **94.7%**

Year 3 – **92.3%**

Year 4 – **96.3%**

Year 5 – **96.1%**

Year 6 – **94.6%**

Whole School – **94.6%**



Please make sure you ring the school if your child is ill. If we don't hear from you your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised.

### Money Raised for Charity

We would like to say a big thank you for the money raised recently for charity. Our last non-uniform day raised over £73 for Children in Need and £73 for Diabetes UK.

One of our families is involved with the charity Together for Short Lives and is part of the Hobbycraft Christmas adverts. The charity supports families with children who are expected to have short lives. This year our school Christmas tree has been decorated by the children with handmade stars in support of the charity. At the upcoming Christmas performances we will be collecting for the charity. Your donations will make a big difference to children with short lives.



*Living and Learning Together*

### Christmas Plays



This year's Christmas performances are in the last week of term. Families are welcome to attend although we ask if younger children get restless please take them out to the reception area to not disturb the performance.

**17<sup>th</sup>** – KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas performance

2pm at Christ the Servant church

**18<sup>th</sup>** – KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas performance 2pm at school

**19<sup>th</sup>** – Nursery Christmas Performance 9.30am

**20<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Christmas Performance 2pm

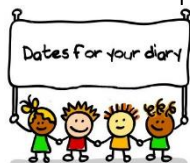
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## Dates for the Term

### December

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 trip to Bristol University
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 class assembly 9am
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Learning Lunch
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Learning exhibitions (Y1, 2, 3, 4 & 6) 2.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> – KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas performance 2pm at Christ the Servant church
- 18<sup>th</sup> – KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas performance 2pm at school
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Christmas Performance 9.30am
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas Performance 2pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas dinner
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Break up



### January

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Term starts
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime in school

Please note, class assemblies and learning exhibitions are not suitable for younger children to attend.

## Term Dates & INSET Day 2018/19

- **Term 2** Monday 5 November to Friday 21 December 2018
- **Term 3** Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019
- **Term 4** Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April 2019
- **Term 5** Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019  
*closed on 6 May 2019 for the Early May Bank Holiday*
- **Term 6** Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July 2019

### INSET DAYS

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019**

2018  
2019

## Free School Meal & Pupil Premium

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on the Bristol City Council's website.

<https://efsm.bristol.gov.uk>

If you are eligible for free school meals you will receive them until March 2023.

The school gets additional pupil premium funding for pupils who currently are entitled to free school meals or have been in the last 6 years.

If you need any help applying please contact the office.



Are you entitled?

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## Staff Changes

We would like to say a big thank you and good luck to Mrs Moody, who leaves Woodlands at the end of this term. She has worked at Waycroft and Woodlands for over 20 years and we wish her well for the future.

We also welcome back Miss Morgan from maternity leave. From January she will be working with Miss Vien in Year2. It is lovely to have her back.



## Christmas Dinner & Post Box

From next Monday there will be the Christmas post box in the hall next to the Christmas tree. Children can post their Christmas cards here and they will be delivered by the children. In order for them to be delivered the cards must have the child's name and year group written clearly on the front.

Christmas Dinner is in on the last day of term. The children will be eating together whether they are having a school dinner or packed lunch. The children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper rather than their school jumper on that day.



## Reception Applications

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2019. This needs to be done through the Bristol City Council admissions website or by clicking the link below. The deadline for application is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

School  
Admissions  
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Thank you to the parents who attended parents evening and completed the parent questionnaire. The results are attached to the newsletter.

We have a busy few weeks ahead and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas performances.

*Mrs Morris & the Woodlands Team*

