

Dear parents, guardians and families,

Lovely to see our pupils back at school today looking smart and happy! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Christmas break. The pupils are looking forward to having another great term with **PERSEVERANCE** as our Academy Value this half term. We thought you would like to see some of the things we enjoyed in the run up to Christmas.

Best wishes,
Miss Cotchin—Headteacher



Father Christmas came to visit our Reception to Year 4 children on Friday 15th December. He sat in his grotto where the children went to visit him. All pupils received gifts from him. Great fun was had by all - Ho Ho Ho!

The Arbours School Choir

A huge WELL DONE to our wonderful choir, conducted by Miss Cordiner—what amazing voices!

On the 4th December they sang at the Weston Favell Centre and on the 12th December they sang at St Matthews Church. During the last week of school they have performed with Reception's Nativity concerts and on the final school day had a wonderful performance, with a clarinet group and music group to the whole school and parents.

Arbours Christmas Tree

Thank you to a group of Year 4 students for decorating our lovely Christmas tree. Staff, children and visitors all commented how beautiful it looked.



Uniform Sales

The supplier is:
The School Wear Shop, 40-42 Abington Square
Northampton. NN1 4AA . Tel. 01604 635828

<https://theschoolwearshop.net>

Ties can also be purchased.



Reception Class Nativity

Well done the Reception pupils who performed an amazing version of Born in a Barn! The pupils were fabulous and the play was a big hit. The choir supported the beautiful singing and it was lovely to see the Reception Class supported so well. Thank you to the Reception Staff team for working so hard to make it so great.

Road Safety

Remember if you are parking **you must not block a pathway— a double buggy should be able to get through. If you are blocking the path the police may be called on 101.** If you see anyone who is parking dangerously or blocking a pathway you can report the registration number to 101. Please also be thoughtful to our neighbours when parking by not parking across the driveways.



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Free book from David Ross

As you know the David Ross Foundation generously gave every pupil a **free book** as a Christmas present for **all** of our pupils. I hope you enjoyed the book and the holiday homework task. This will be discussed this week and winners announced shortly!

I'm an Arbours Going for Green Pupil!

I am thrilled to let you know that 46 of our pupils received their Arbours Going for Green bands 1st half term in recognition of their excellence in all areas of effort, uniform, homework, behaviour, punctuality and attendance! Well done!

Hazard Alley Trip—Year 4,5,6

The office has sent out a second parentmail on 28th Dec regarding Hazard Alley and you will have received reminders up until 30th Dec. We have only had only about 5 parents from each year group respond to the second Parentmail. **Please ensure you respond so you child can attend this very important trip where pupils learn how to keep themselves safe which is fundamentally important. Find out more;**
<http://www.safetycentre.co.uk>

Events coming up...

4th Jan—Singing Schools Choral class singing starts yr 3 –6

8th Jan—Parental meeting on Reading 9am

9th Jan— Come and Read in classes starts at 9am— 9.10am (come and read with your child in class)

18th Jan—Waste Education Bus Yr 3



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PERSEVERANCE is our Academy Value this half term. This means to 'try your best' and 'carry on even when it's hard'.

Achieving 100% attendance

The attendance award with Nick from Gallone's was a great success.

Pupils who achieved 100% attendance received a wonderful treat on the last day of term. They had a visit from Nick who works for the local ice-cream maker Gallone's. He shared with them the history of the family run business and how the family moved from Italy to Northampton and would sell ice-cream to the local people via 'penny licks'. Residents would pay 1p for a small scoop of ice-cream that they licked off of a metal egg cup shaped scoop. The same scoop was used all day without being washed! The children got to try and guess the flavours of different ice-cream- thankfully from spoons, not a penny lick cone. Finally they got to choose their favourite flavour and enjoy a pot with their friends.

In addition to this all of the names were entered into a prize draw. **The lucky winner was Samuel Ocran who won a new bike!** Congratulations to all of the children who have shown great commitment to their attendance.



After school clubs

These start back **Monday 8th January 2018**. Don't forget to contact Premier Sports for the clubs on offer.

