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A very warm welcome back to everyone. We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed some well-deserved time to relax and recharge. The children have settled back into school wonderfully, and it has been fantastic to see them returning with such enthusiasm and excitement for the weeks ahead.

We have lots to look forward to this half-term, with plenty of exciting learning opportunities, special experiences and festive fun along the way.

With Christmas just around the corner, preparations are beginning for our KS1 Christmas performance. The children are sure to enjoy getting involved, learning their parts and building up to what is always a very special occasion. We look forward to sharing this with you and welcoming families into school to celebrate their efforts.

As we approach the end of term, there will also be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the Christmas spirit, with festive activities, celebrations and our much-anticipated Christmas parties!

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us make school such a positive and happy place for the children. We are excited for all that this half-term has in store and look forward to making lots of lovely memories together before the Christmas holidays!

Warm wishes,

Mr Matthews and all the staff at Ashleigh

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HALLOWEEN DISCO AND PUMPKIN CARVING

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in our Halloween Disco and Pumpkin Carving Competition!



We were so impressed by the creativity shown in the pumpkin entries and the fantastic, imaginative and wonderfully spooky costumes. It was brilliant to see so many children getting involved and having fun!

We are delighted to announce that the disco raised just over **£500**, which is an amazing amount! A massive thank you to everyone who supported the event and helped make it such a success.

All money raised will go towards our school fundraising efforts. We'll be sharing more details about what we are raising funds for very soon, so watch this space!

Thank you again for your fantastic support.

The winners of the pumpkin carving were:

Rabbits – Lily R
Bears – Eva B
Hedgehogs – Eden W
Peacocks – Ralph B
Frogs – Grace L
Bees – Tyler J
Dolphins – Noah O
Giraffes – James C

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CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER



To support this wonderful charity, we will be having a 'wear something spotty or yellow' non-uniform day with a £1 (or more!) contribution. If it's a P.E. day, children can do it wearing their spotty clothes!

PARENTS EVENING – WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

We are pleased to invite you to our Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 25th November**, from **3.35pm to 7.30pm**.

This is a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, look at the work they have been completing and speak with their teacher about how they are progressing.

We hope as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us and take this opportunity to discuss their child's learning and development.

Appointment bookings will open on School Spider on Friday 6th November at 12 noon.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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SELECTION BOX BINGO & FESTIVE FRIDAY – FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER

Selection Box Bingo is back again!

Tickets are currently on sale. Bingo will start at 6.00pm and tickets are £3.00 for an adult, which includes bingo tickets, and £1.00 per child without bingo tickets. Hot Dogs, Hot Chocolate and Mince pies also available to pre order. Further information is on the letter you received earlier this week.

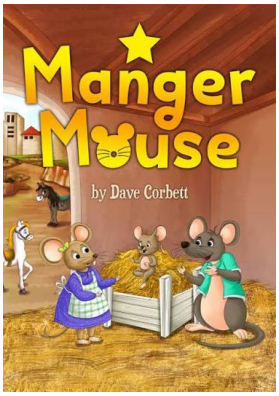


Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks but please remember this is a family event and to drink responsibly. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis. There will also be a raffle on the night.

Friday 27th November will also be non-uniform / wear a Christmas jumper day and we ask if children can bring a selection box to school to support this fundraising event.

KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION –

The infant children will be performing their Christmas production of 'Manger Mouse' on the below dates and times: -



There will be performances on **Monday 7th December at 6pm and Tuesday 8th December at 2.30pm and 6pm.**
Each performance will last approximately 30 minutes.

Admission is by ticket only and the cost of a ticket is £2.00 each and this also enters you into a free raffle. Unfortunately, **we will have to limit tickets to 2 per child for the evening (either 2 on the same night or split over both nights) and 1 per child for the afternoon show.** A letter about this event will be sent home next week.

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Year 5 Turton Tower Trip	Tuesday 10th November	
Reception Class Blackpool Illumination Trip 1	Tuesday 10th November	PM
Book Bus Visit – Whole School	Thursday 12th November	
Children in Need	Friday 13th November	
Reception Class Blackpool Illumination Trip 2	Monday 16th November	PM
Reception Class Blackpool Illumination Trip 3	Wednesday 18th November	PM
Year 1 Darwen Library Visit	Friday 20th November	PM
Parents Evening	Wednesday 25th November	3.35-7.30pm
Selection Box Bingo Ticket Event - Non Uniform Day	Friday 27th November	6pm
KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Monday 7th December	
KS1 Production of 'Manger Mouse' Ticket Event	Monday 7th December	6pm
KS1 Production of 'Manger Mouse' Ticket Event	Tuesday 8th December	2pm
KS1 Production of 'Manger Mouse' Ticket Event	Tuesday 8th December	6pm
Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day – Whole school	Thursday 10th December	
Dress Down & Donate Day (Raffle prize donations)	Friday 11th December	
KS1 Christmas Party afternoon	Monday 14th December	
KS2 Christmas Party afternoon	Tuesday 15th December	
KS1 Film afternoon	Wednesday 16th December	
KS2 Film afternoon	Thursday 17th December	
KS2 Carol Concert – Ticket event	Friday 18th December	9am
School closes	Friday 18th December	1pm
School Reopens	Monday 4th January	8.45am

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