

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?**

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Autumn 1 2023 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

**Friday Letter 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

**Odd Socks Day**

This year’s theme was all about spreading kindness and celebrating difference and of course to commemorate this, wearing odd socks. We talked about speaking out for our friends when things get tricky or if they need someone to be their voice. The children were amazing at identifying when this is appropriate and could give examples when a friend has shown kindness and helped, or if they have had to step in to help a friend.

*‘I helped my friend when she thought she didn’t have anyone to play with – she joined in with my game and was happy again!’*

*‘Sometimes when I am playing out, people say unkind things! I try and do the right thing and tell an adult or get my friends to come away, so their feelings don’t get hurt.’*

**KINDNESS**  
is a gift  
everyone can  
afford to give.

This shows a level of empathy that I am very proud of, and I know you all will be too!

Remember to be kind to others and always be kind to yourself!



**Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts. We did get a mixture of cash and MyEd payments, so we will let you know how much we raised next week! Thank you very much everyone – you all looked SPOTacular and Pudseyfied!

**Attendance – The League and attendance update**

**0 points if attendance is below 96%**

**1 point awarded for weekly attendance figures between 96% - 97.5%**

**2 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 97.6% - 98.9%**

**3 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 99% - 100%**

A much better week. Well done Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 for getting points. Year 3 have snuck into the lead and are currently on track to win; however, Year 1 are only 1 point behind. There are only 3 weeks until the attendance party, so if you want your class to win, be in school and on time every day!

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	85.91% +
Reception	4	96.36% +
Year 1	7	98.57% +
Year 2	3	96.9% +
Year 3	8	99.2% +
Year 4	1	91.06% -
Year 5	1	92.5% -
Year 6	4	93.85% +





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Have a super weekend everyone!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren  
 Head Teacher

**Dates for the Diary – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.**

**Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent.**

**PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)**

**All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.**

**<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>**

Autumn Term 2023 – 7 week half term	
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Swedish Teacher's Visit
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Book Fayre in The Hall 3:15 – 4:30pm <b>Letter issued 16.11.23</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	In school Book Fayre (during the day) <b>As above</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 5/6 Athletics Final <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 16.11.23</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Trip - Safety Works <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 09.11.23</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Parent/Carer phone calls. <b>You can sign up for a chat with your child/children's class teacher from next week and further details of this will follow. This is a catch-up chat and <u>not compulsory</u>; therefore, if you feel you don't need any updates or have other commitments, please don't worry.</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning <b>9 – 10am in the hall</b>
	Christmas Dinner Day <b>Letter issued 17.11.23</b>
	Nursery Theatre Trip <b>C</b> <b>Letter issued 17.11.23</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day <b>Letter issued 16.11.23</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre PM <b>More details to follow</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity (in school) AM
	Nursery Christmas Sing Along PM
	Attendance League Party
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity (in school) PM
	Reception Panto Trip <b>C</b> <b>Letter sent 25.10.23</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service (St Mary's Church) PM
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party





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<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Staff INSET – <b>Children not in school</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Return to school after Christmas



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Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts  
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