



## A Few Words from Mr Hancox



As a school we are very proud of the effort our children are making with their School Uniforms and P.E. kits – please ensure all children are wearing the correct uniform (particularly SCHOOL SHOES)!

We are planning a whole school trip to the pantomime in January, if you are interested in helping, please contact the school office who will help to sort out your DBS.

After a number of very competitive UNO games with our very well-deserved Privilege Winners, Mr Hancox has won his first game, something he is very proud of.

21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 1/2 Forest Friday
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 3/4 Parent Lunch
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation Programme
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3/4 Forest Friday – Year 1/2 Parent Lunch
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Forest Friday - Reception Parent lunch
2 <sup>nd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Residential – Laches Wood
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Chocolate/Alcohol non uniform day (for Christmas Fair).
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Clear out (bring in something for Christmas fair)
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Assembly (Parents)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Rock Steady Concert
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Interhouse Sports Competition (In PE lessons – Parents invited)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-uniform – Christmas Clothes Day - Party menu lunch

### Parking and Speeding

**1 in 5 cars in the morning rush hour is taking children to school.**

- Keep your speed down
- Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle
- Leave the middle of the road free, for other road users
- Ensure your child enters/leaves the car onto the path
- Check for pedestrians/cyclists before opening a car door
- Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians
- Take care when reversing

#### **Please Keep Clear...**

- Zig Zags and School Entrances
- Dropped Kerbs
- Resident's Driveways
- Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction



### What is happening in the next 2 weeks!

#### **Monday 18th November**

Archery Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Well-being Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm

#### **Tuesday 19th November**

KS1 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music

#### **Wednesday 20th November**

Gymnastics/Dance club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Rock it Music/ Woodwind tuition

#### **Thursday 21st November**

Year 1/2 Forest Friday

#### **Friday 22nd November**

Year 3/4 Parent Lunch  
Achievement Assembly  
Individual School Photographs

#### **Monday 25th November**

Archery Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Well-being Club – 3.20pm – 4.20pm

#### **Tuesday 26th November**

KS1 Sports Club – Multi skills 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Progressive Sports / Rock Steady music

#### **Wednesday 27th November**

Gymnastics/Dance club (KS1/2) – 3.20pm – 4.20pm  
Rock it Music/ Woodwind tuition  
Flu Immunisation Program

#### **Friday 29th November**

Year 3/4 Forest Friday  
Year 1/2 Parent Lunch  
Achievement Assembly

# Attendance



Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

Reception – 89%

Year 1/ 2 - 94.8%

Year 3/4 – 95.2%

**Year 5/ 6 – 100%**

Well done to Year 5/6!

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Reception – 85.5%

Year 1/2 - 96.1%

Year 3/4 – 90.3%

**Year 5/6 – 99%**

# House Points



**The Lions**  
Value: Perseverance  
En Français: "lion"



**The Scorpions**  
Value: Responsibility  
En Français: "scorpio"



**The Sharks**  
Value: Respect  
En Français: "requin"



**The Crocodiles**  
Value: Trust  
En Français: "crocodile"

Total this week!	<b>98</b>	86	94	65
Total this half term!	193	168	<b>195</b>	120
Total this year, so far!	897	<b>976</b>	798	720

## Value Champions – ‘Raheem Respect’



### **1<sup>st</sup> November**

Reception – Lola T  
Year 1/2 – Ronnie T  
Year 3/4 – Frankie C  
Year 5/6 – Lenny B

### **8<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 1/2 – Daniel O’G  
Year 3/4 – Isla G  
Year 5/6 – Isabella S

### **15<sup>th</sup> November**

Reception – Lucas H  
Year 1/2 – Carson JH  
Year 3/4 – Charlotte E  
Year 5/6 – Brodie H

## SEND updates



### National Challenges for Special Educational Needs and Impact on Schools

You may have recently been made aware of the news reports highlighting the challenges of the Special Educational Needs provision in England. The National Audit Office (NAO), which is the government’s spending watchdog, recently published a report which argued that many view the special needs education in England as broken and that a whole system of reform is needed. This links to a significant rise of children registered in England with special educational needs (SEN).

Some of the key challenges that parents and schools are facing are related to accessing professional help and support; delays in waiting for specialist assessments and Educational Health and Care Plans (EHCP’s) and the lack of Special Educational Provision.

In all schools across the Fierte Multi-Academy Trust teachers are working hard to support the special educational needs of children against these challenging circumstances. We understand that for many parents it can be incredibly frustrating having to wait for support for your child especially from outside agencies. We are committed to continuing to work in partnership with parents in seeking to support all children and hope that parents can be aware of the limitations that schools are facing which are outside our control.

For further information on this please either contact your SENDCO at your school or contact the Trust Inclusion Leader at [inclusionleader@fierte.org](mailto:inclusionleader@fierte.org)

## **Newsletter 5 – 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**

Fierte Multi-Academy Trust

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## Label Children's Clothing

Please remember to label all school uniform, water bottles, bags, P.E. kits etc. as we've had a number of children already since returning to school in September, who have lost items because they haven't been named, it is very difficult to return them if they are not named. There is a lost property box by the front office – please come and have a look! We also have FREE SPARE UNIFORM (please ask in the Office).



## Essential Additional Funding for Children - Pupil Premium Application

Children in Key Stage One are entitled to free meals under the 'Universal Free School Meals' initiative. However, are you aware that if you apply for the pupil premium grant you also receive supermarket vouchers during the school holiday?

To check eligibility and apply for 'pupil premium' free school meals (KS1/KS2), go online to: [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

If you already qualify you DO NOT need to apply again.

## Brilliant Brushers Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme

The Healthy Smile Team have contacted our school to invite the nursery and reception class to get involved in an exciting new scheme to help keep our children's teeth healthy. Brilliant Brushers is a daily supervised toothbrushing scheme for children aged 3-5 years. Staff will receive up to date training on how to deliver the scheme and resources, toothbrushes etc., will be supplied to us free of charge. All children taking part will receive a toothbrushing pack to use at home alongside the supervised toothbrushing scheme. Your child can only take part in the scheme if you complete and return the consent form in the Information and Consent leaflet that will be sent home with your child. If you would like to discuss the scheme further, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.



A toolkit to help staff in early years and school settings implement a supervised toothbrushing scheme



Shropshire Community Health  
NHS Trust

## How do we prevent tooth decay?

Public Health England

Healthmatters Preventing tooth decay

### Top 3 interventions for preventing tooth decay

1



Reduce the consumption of foods and drinks that contain sugars

2



Brush teeth twice daily with fluoride toothpaste (1350-1500ppm), last thing at night and at least on one other occasion. After brushing, spit don't rinse

3



Take your child to the dentist when the first tooth erupts, at about 6 months and then on a regular basis

Under 3s should use a smear of toothpaste



3 to 6 year olds should use a pea sized amount



Parents/carers should brush or supervise tooth brushing until their child is at least 7

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# CHRISTMAS



Chocolate  
Tombola

Toy  
Tombola

Face  
Painting

Raffle

Christmas  
Crafts

Alcohol  
Tombola

# FAIR

**Thursday**  
**12th December 2024**  
**3.30pm – 5pm**

**at Bolehall Swifts Social Club,  
Rene Road, Amington. B77 3NW**

**Meet Santa in his grotto and receive a present!**

**PLUS - Turkey/stuffing Rolls · Christmas Cakes · Book Lucky Dip**