

Misson Primary School

You already have your wings, we will help you fly



Dear Parents & Cares

I would like to give you a quick update on the inspection that took place this week, to let you know about our school closure procedure, in the case of bad weather, give you some news about Mrs Reynolds and to remind you of the events that are happening in December.

School Inspection

I am very proud of the children for their good conduct and hard work that impressed the inspectors this week. The staff and governors have also been amazing answering all the inspector questions to let them know what wonderful things take place day to day in our school.

I would also like to say a huge thank you, to all our parents who answered the online questionnaire, and/or spoke to the inspectors on the playground. We had an overwhelmingly positive response, which you can see on the OFSTED web page. The inspectors also shared with the school leadership team and governors, anonymised comments from the survey. These were not only overwhelmingly positive, but many of you had written with great care and considerable length to explain what you like about the school and what it means to you and your children.

I am pleased with how the inspection went, and look forward to sharing the report with you in 3 to 4 weeks' time, when OFSTED publish it.

School Closure Procedure

I am sure you have seen that weather forecasts are saying that we may get some snow in the next couple of weeks, so I thought it would be good time to remind you what will happen if the school has to close because of snow.

We always try and keep the school open if possible, but if the weather conditions make it too dangerous for staff and pupils to get to school we may take the decision to close the school for the safety of those traveling by car. We will also have to close if we lose heating, power or water.

In the event of a closure, we will notify you by text message as soon as the decision is made.

Announcements will also be made on Radio Nottingham, and on their website

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-nottinghamshire-15656021>. Please also check the letters page of the school website <https://www.missonprimary.co.uk/information/letters-sent-home> for further information. Teachers will send out home learning via Dojo.

Mrs Reynolds

Mrs Reynolds, our SENCO, has recently gained a promotion to be an advisory teacher for special educational needs with Doncaster council. This sadly means she will be leaving us at the end of December. During her 5 years with us, she has worked tirelessly to support children with additional needs, and we will really miss her. The recruitment process for her replacement is already under way, and I will keep you updated.

In the interim, I will temporarily take the role of SENCO, supported by other members of our staff. I will be able to access support from a very experienced SENCO from a local school, who has also previously worked as a Headteacher. I am sure you will all want to join us in wishing Mrs Reynolds well with her new job.

Christmas Jumper Day

This will take place on **Friday 8th December**. We encourage everyone, staff and pupils alike to wear a Christmas jumper. We will be accepting **voluntary donations for Save the Children**, who work to support children facing hardships in the UK and around the world.

Nativity Play

Parents and carers of children in Pre School and Reception are welcome to attend our first nativity play in many years on **Thursday 14th December at 9.am**. I am looking forward to seeing the talents of the youngest children in our school.

Christmas Dinner

A reminder that School **Christmas dinner** will be on **Wednesday 13th December**. If your child does not normally have school dinners and would like a Christmas dinner, please see the separate letter on the website, complete the slip, and return it to the school office. The cost of the meal will be £2.55 and you can pay through ParentPay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or 2 and has 'Universal Free School Meals' they do not need to pay for their lunch.

Christmas dinner will be Roast Turkey, sausage, stuffing, carrots, sprouts, and roast potatoes, with ice cream for dessert.

Church Service

The children and staff will be attending a Christmas service in church on **Tuesday 19th December**, where they will get to perform Christmas carols, and learn more about the Christmas story.

Carol Singing

I hope you are looking forward to our **carol singing on 19th December**, as much as we are. If the weather is good, we will be **singing outside around the tree**. Song sheets will be available for parents, and we hope you will join in with the singing.

Please **drop your children off in the hall no earlier than 5.45**, where the teachers will organise them into the correct positions for singing before bringing them outside. We aim to **start the singing promptly at 6pm** and it should **last around 40-45 minutes**.

Last Day of Term 22nd December

This is a **non-uniform day**. Children can bring in **toys and games** if they want, but no electronic games and gadgets please.

Parents are welcome in for the last **special mentions assembly** of 2023 at 9am.

School will **finish at 3.15pm** as usual, and there will **be no afterschool club**.

School will reopen on Thursday 4th January

I think that is all for now.

Best wishes

John Birch