



Turves Green Primary School Newsletter

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Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of this calendar year. I hope that you have had a good week.

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas here at Turves Green Primary School. It has been lovely to see the children in their festive jumpers, and today we shared a delicious Christmas lunch. Thank you so much to all the kitchen staff and mid-day supervisors who made it so special for the children and staff.

Our Key Stage 1 children have been practising for their Nativity performances next week and we cannot wait for everybody to see it! To enable the performances to run smoothly, we ask that parents and carers only bring the allocated number of adults shown on their tickets. This enables a fair access for all families while maintaining health and safety in school. We wanted to remind you that mobile phones are not permitted to be used in school during the day when children are here and we will ask you to turn off your phone and put it away while attending Christmas events.

Studybugs

Last week, we launched Studybugs, a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absences due to illness. Online reporting will stop parents needing to call through to the school office, which sometimes can take a while due to busy phonelines. It will also ensure Arbor accurately reflects reasons for illness. Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). A link to the Studybugs website can also be found on our school's website, in the useful links section.



Thank you to everybody who has already downloaded this App and who have already used this to report absences. We have over 65 of our families registered currently.

Punctuality Day

This week's punctuality day was Wednesday. Well done to everybody who came into school on time on this day.

Year 4 Tamworth Castle Visit

On Wednesday and Thursday this week our two Year 4 classes went to Tamworth Castle to support their topic about the Anglo-Saxons and castles. During this visit they were able to visit the heights of the castle tower and the depths of the dungeons. They even had the opportunity to act out historic battle drills, replicating the movements and actions of Anglo-Saxon soldiers. The lady of the castle was very impressed with Year 4's Christmas jumpers on Thursday. Both Year 4 classes enjoyed a fabulous, educational and memorable day out. The staff at Tamworth Castle were superb and provided an unforgettable experience for both of our classes and we would like to thank them for being so welcoming and for making our visit so special.



CEOP

Does your child know what the CEOP button does and where to find it on our school website?



Children being safe online is hugely important. It is therefore important that your child knows where the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Team) button is on our school website, as this is one way of helping them to stay safe. Please take some time to show them this and to remind them what it is for. This button allows your child to report any serious e-safety concerns (such as somebody asking them to do things online which are inappropriate) to the CEOP team. This button also contains helpful information for parents about a range of e-safety issues. You may also find the e-safety section of our school website useful also - Please take some time to look at this.



Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

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Composer of the week

John Rutter (1945-present day):

At this time of year especially, church choirs around the country will be preparing for carol services - many will have chosen some classic carols with the modern twist of John Rutter.



He came to know music early on in his life serving as a chorister during his school days. He is an internationally-recognized composer and conductor who has traveled the world appearing with top ensembles. Though known primarily for his choral works, he has also composed music for orchestra and instrumental ensembles, children's opera, and even music for television! After serving as the Director of Music at Clare College in the 1970s, Rutter went on to found a popular chamber choir known as the Cambridge Singers.

Previous composers:

Mozart, Beethoven, Paul Simon, Art Garfunkel, Chopin, Florence Price, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Stevland Hardaway Morris, Toumani Diabaté, Quincy Delight Jones Jr, Isaac Albéniz, Glenn Miller, Piotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky and Johann Sebastian Bach



Have a conversation about the story behind this picture which was shown in our No Outsiders assembly this week and how it links to No Outsiders and British Values:

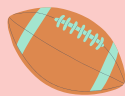


Before and After School Clubs

WB 16th December 2024

Please note all school clubs are on an allocation basis and your child must have received a letter confirming their place to attend.

MONDAY	No afterschool club due to carol singing in the playground. School choir members to be collected at 3:30pm
TUESDAY	No afterschool activity club
WEDNESDAY	No afterschool activity club
THURSDAY	No afterschool activity club
FRIDAY	No afterschool activity club



Upcoming events:

- Monday 16th December - 3:10pm - 3:30pm Christmas Carols in the playground - all welcome**

- Tuesday 17th December - School Parliament Christmas Movie Night (KS1) Arthur Christmas**

- Wednesday 18th December - Nativity 9:15am & 1:45pm (9:15am Adults only)**

- Thursday 19th December - Nativity 9:15am & 1:45pm (1:45pm Adults only)**

- Thursday 19th December - School Parliament Christmas Movie night (KS2) The Grinch**

- Friday 20th December - Christmas Party Day Children can wear their own clothes to school**



Inclusion Corner

'Tis the season for giving

As it is the season for giving, please find below a selection of links for information from outside agencies who support children who have a Special Educational Need and/ or Disability (SEND).

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[BAAPB-Newsletter-October-2024.pdf](#)

[SEND Occupational Therapy Newsletter](#)

[Autism Support Service Directory](#)

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Next weeks PE:

MONDAY	2C, 2W 3B & 3P
TUESDAY	5E, 5W, 6CS & 6CS Swimming
WEDNESDAY	1C, 1SB 4C & 4W
THURSDAY	No PE
FRIDAY	EYFS

EYFS, Years 1 & 2 to leave PE kits in school to change into on PE days
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to wear their PE kits to school on their PE days



Turves Green Superstars!



Hot Chocolate Friday

Well done to all the children who have been nominated.

This week's winners are:

- Year 1 Olivia (1C) & Hayden (1SB)
- Year 2 - Casey (2C) & Daisy (2W)
- Year 3 - Jasmine (3B) & Eunice (3P)
- Year 4 - Mirabella (4C) & Charlie (4W)
- Year 5 - Lincoln (5E) & Emmelia (5W)
- Year 6 - Shadab (6M) & Seth (6CS)

House Points

Armstrong	Earhart	Seacole	Shakespeare
			
1915	 2061	 2059	 3 2050

Care and Compassion Award

- Year 1 - (1C) & (1SB)
- Year 2 - (2C) & (2W)

Resilience and Perseverance Award

- Year 1 - Sesame (1C) & Shay (1SB)
- Year 2 - Kendal (2C) & Ilyad (2W)
- Year 3 - Corey (3B) & Elsie (3P)
- Year 4 - Zainab (4C) & Mubin (4W)
- Year 5 - Alyssa (5E) & Riley (5W)
- Year 6 - Brahim (6M) & Nyarai (6CS)

KS2 Resilience and Perseverance certificates will be awarded next week



Lunch Menu

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Chunks Vegan Sausage	Tomato Pasta Bake Macaroni Cheese Bake	Chicken Fillet with Gravy and Yorkshire Pudding Quorn Roast	Pork Sausage Roll Breaded Fish Starts Cheese and Onion Pasty	Pizza Selection Fish Fillet
Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetable Medley Sweetcorn	Garlic Bread Sweetcorn Peas	Creamed Potatoes Carrots Peas	Herb Diced Potatoes Carrots Sweetcorn	Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans
Ham Doughnut or Cornflake Cake	Chocolate Chunk Cookie	Fresh Fruit Salad	Flapjack or Ice Cream	Ice Cream Tub



Be an attendance HERO Here Everyday Ready Ontime

