

17th December 2021



Nativities - We really thought that we would be able to hold the Nativities and Christmas Performances in person this year. But in view of the rising number of COVID-19 infections and the new variant regrettably we think it was the correct decision. We do hope you enjoyed viewing the recorded sessions.

A very big thank you to all of the school staff who have been involved in planning the individual performances and coordinating the rehearsals. **A huge well done** to each and every one of our children who have worked so hard to make the performances special.

Santa Run - On Thursday 9th December we held our annual Santa Run, with all of our children who complete the circuit getting a celebratory Santa Hat. Lots of fun and laughter along the way. So many Santas!



Thank you & goodbye, we will miss you! - Can we say a huge thank you and goodbye to Yasemin Jeffrey. She has been part of our school family for 12 years, championed pupils with SEND in her role as SENDCO and will be missed by everyone. We wish her every success in her future.



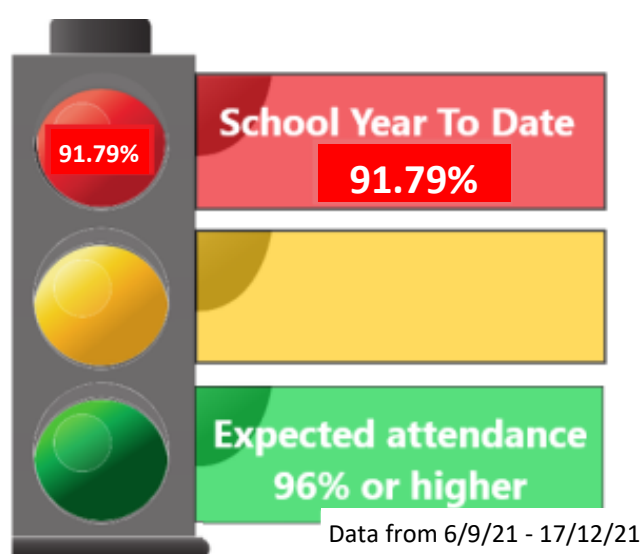
HAF Christmas Programme - Between 20th December and 1st January 2022, Devon County Council has funded over 100 providers to offer activities, events, hot meals and food hampers to eligible children, young people and their families. There are a range of activities on offer including Santa experiences, food hampers, gift e-vouchers for families, boat trips, roller skating, sports schemes, holiday clubs, theatre and cinema tickets, meals out for families. Activities include the provision of a hot meal. Families can book places and find out more about the programme by clicking on this link - [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/holiday-activities-and-food-programme)

Enquires or queries should be directed to the HAF mailbox:

childsc.holidayactivitiesfoodprogramme-mailbox@devon.gov.uk

School Attendance - Ongoing Reporting.

The information below shows that whole school attendance for the dates between 6th September and 17th December 2021 is currently **91.79%**, down 0.51% from 3 weeks ago, which is below the expected attendance rate of **96% or higher**.



Winter Child Flu Vaccinations clinic - is on Friday 7th January, if you have any queries or difficulties relating to the vaccination please call Virgincare direct on 0300 247 0082.

Eye Screening - is on Monday 10th January please call RD&E on 01392 406031 if you require further information.

Defederation with Chestnut Nursery School - With effect from 1st December 2021 Chestnut Nursery defederated from Exeter Children's Federation. We will continue to work closely with Chestnut Nursery and wish them every success for the future.

Absence phone calls - Some parents might be aware that on Wednesday two of our older pupils didn't arrive at school after leaving home to walk to school together. Thankfully, due to the quick action of their parents, police and school procedures they were found safe and well and returned to school. Following this incident would seem a sensible time to remind parents that if your children don't attend school for any reason you need to phone the school first thing in the morning and let us know. If you don't call we will try every way we can to contact you as this is part of our safeguarding procedure and how we ensure children arrive at school safely. If you, or one of the contact names you have given us, are contacted by school staff please be cooperative. Please also so ensure your contact details are up to date, it is your responsibility as a parent to make sure school can contact you should we need to for any reason. Thank you for helping us ensure all children are safe.

COVID-19 - The latest Government guidance for Parents and carers school during COVID-19 can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae>

New electronic devices e-safety - If children are receiving new electronic devices this Christmas please refer to our [Facebook page](#) where there is a link to a Facebook live drop-in for parents on Monday 20th December at 7pm that you may find useful. The @LGfLDigiSafe channel will be talking about staying safe online and offline too - what to worry about and what not, and how to have tricky conversations at home.



Year 3 were very grateful to be invited to St Michael's Church in Heavitree. Father Ben told us all about the advent candles and even played "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" on the church organ! Thank you Father Ben, we really enjoyed our visit!



Key School Dates;

Christmas Break. Monday 20th December to Tuesday 4th January 2022. **School re-opens Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

VirginCare Flu Vaccination Clinic. Friday 7th January 2022.

Eye Screening. Monday 10th January 2022

Half-Term Holiday. Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

School Dinners - We will be on week 1 of the school dinner menu when we return on 5th January. The school calendar and menu can be found on our website www.wynstreamprimary.org.uk

