



Primary School

Clearwell C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

29th November 2017

Thank you for your support and donations towards the Christmas Bazaar, it is approaching rapidly. We have been really impressed with how many raffle tickets have been sold. If you have any spares please can you return them as soon as possible as we have people waiting to buy them. Thank you



The chocolate from the first round of donations

Arrears on Breakfast Club and School Dinners

Please check your parent pay account to make sure that it is in credit. A lot of Mrs Frith's time is taken up chasing payment which I am sure have been accidentally missed.



If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals (or have difficulty meeting payments) then please speak to Mrs Frith or Mrs James who can help you out with either applying for Free School Meals or working out a payment plan.

Menu Choices

We are very lucky to have our own cook in school but we do need to remember that Mrs Thomas' menu is controlled by her employers, Caterlink. Please can you ensure that you have gone through the menu, which is on our website, with your child, to ensure they like what is on offer.

Help with Music Lessons



There is a new bursary scheme available to any pupil with a household income of £27 000 or less. It will provide a maximum of £200

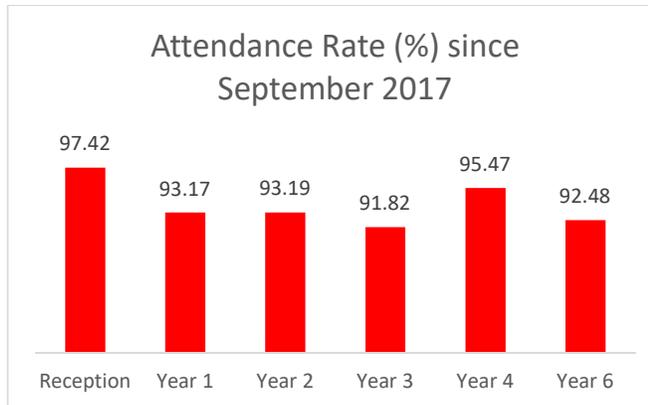
per pupil per term. This will provide a free instrument and lessons up to a maximum of £100 per term plus free access to music centres, travel costs (if live more than the qualifying distance) and exam costs.

We have to apply on behalf of the child so please contact us if it is something you are interested in for your child.

- ❖ Schools can apply for as many bursaries as they want - there is currently £18,000 which has to be spent by year end
- ❖ If a child is entitled to Free School Meals, they automatically qualify for free instruments. This, also applies to looked after children

Attendance and Punctuality

We have been talking to the children a lot about the importance of being in school 100% of the time at the right time (8:45 am). Below is a graph which shows attendance, per year group, since September.



There have been a number of unauthorised holidays included in this data. I know of schools who have been given a lower OFSTED rating because of their low attendance rates, we need to keep ours as high as possible hence our target of 100%. We are aiming high as we want the best for our children. The week before last we had two houses with 100% attendance which was excellent.



Congratulations to the following children who have had 100% attendance since September: Lily- Rose Hughes, Cameron Prior, Jenson Taylor, Olly Taylor, Imogen Brotherton, Kaiden Taylor, Asha Wheeler, Summer Squire, Owen Creed, Ryan Easterbrook-Copeland, Skye Squire and Brooke Allen. If they continue this until the end of term they will go into

a draw to win a family ticket for Cinderford Cinema. We will do this again at Easter, with the attendance in the Spring and Summer terms. I appreciate that you can't help it if you are ill but we do want to encourage children to be in school as much as possible, hence these rewards.



Christmas Festivities this weekend

Friday 1st December, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. is our Bazaar. There are lots of wonderful stalls to visit and raffle prizes to be won. Tickets can be purchased on the day for our chocolate hampers. We look forward to seeing you all there to help raise as much money for our school as possible. All monies go into school friends who have helped to purchase iPads and laptops for school already this year.

Saturday 2nd December is the Coleford Light Switch on and Lantern Parade. The event starts at 12:00 and the Lantern Parade at



5:00 p.m. We will meet at the Fire Station at 4:30 p.m. to be put into place and then parade as a school. The children will all bring their lanterns home on Friday. They will have an LED night light in there already but feel free to add more to them. We would like the lanterns returned to school to use them for our own nativity play.

2nd and 3rd December - Crib Festival at All Saints Church, Newland. There is a Nativity display, created by the children from our school along with many others made by groups from around the parish. There will be craft stalls for your Christmas shopping all day on Saturday 2nd. Then there is a Crib Celebration Service at 3pm on Sunday 3rd. Everyone is welcome to attend.