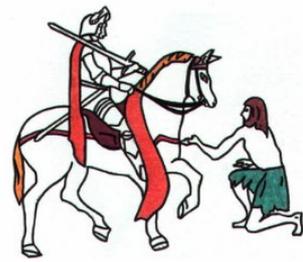




Newsletter

8th December 2022



Whinless Down Academy Christmas Carol Concert

Please come and join us for the Year 5/6
Whinless Down Choir for festive songs and
performances at
St Peter and St Paul's (Charlton) Church

12th December 2022
6pm - 7pm



Reminder...

Class Christmas Parties
are Thursday 15th
December.
Party clothes are optional
and contributions
towards party food can be
paid via the School
Gateway App.

How can I help my child with special educational needs cope over Christmas?

Christmas can be a tricky time for children with SEND. Here are some top tips that may help:

- 1) Talk about what's planned—recording this visually or on a calendar can help;
- 2) Involve children in decisions or give choices where possible to allow children to feel a sense of control at a time when their routine is disrupted;
- 3) Plan for visitors and talk about the possibility of unexpected visitors;
- 4) Prepare children for gifts and surprises. If your child struggles with surprises, cellophane wrapping can help;
- 5) Talk to friends and family to explain that your child may struggle being the centre of attention and that their responses to gifts might not be what they expect.

...being in school, on time, every day,
ready to learn.



5 MINUTES LOST

10 MINUTES LOST

15 MINUTES LOST

20 MINUTES LOST

25 MINUTES LOST

Poor punctuality - less chance of success

Very poor punctuality - serious impact on education and reduced life chances.

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?



Who are our attendance superstars this week?

Congratulations to **Walmer Class** with 98.7% attendance!



Please try to be on time!

Please remember that the school gates open at 08:30 and close at 08:45. Your child will be marked late after this time and persistent lateness could result in a penalty notice or fine.



Dates for your diary:

Monday 12th December: Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert

Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 15th December: Classroom Christmas Parties

Friday 16th December: Last day of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd January: Start of Term 3

Monday 16th January: Primary School applications close at midnight

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