



OUR BIG DAY OUT!



What an amazing time our whole-school had on Monday as we embraced the freezing temperatures and enjoyed a wintery wander around Chester Zoo. Creating unforgettable learning experiences is what we are all about at Flo Melly and our trip to Chester Zoo proved to be yet another 'memory maker'. A huge thank you to our staff team who made the day possible and to the Chester Zoo rangers for being so helpful - answering questions from our pupils and acting as private guides for classes and groups!



Santa and the Magical Flo Melly Grotto!

Earlier this week we 'stepped into Christmas' and welcomed the big man himself for 'Story Time with Santa'. The children have been entertained and enthralled by the festive magic that Father Christmas brought to our school. Everyone got the chance to tell Santa what they'd like for Christmas and they each received a little Christmas treat. As Buddy the elf says, "the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is to sing out loud for all to hear". It has certainly been ringing out in style at Flo Melly this week. A special shout to Miss Batt who led the amazing event and the rest of the team who made the magical experience happen.



JOB OPPORTUNITY ALERT! We are looking for a temporary lunchtime supervisor! More details can be here: [Lunchtime Assistant Job Advert.](#)

Mrs Cotter's Weekly Book Recommendation...

Mrs Cotter, our Writing Lead, has recommended '[The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson and Victoria Sandoy](#)'. This delightful picture book, full of melodic rhymes and cheery illustrations, was shared with our children by the pink elves who visited us a couple of weeks ago. It is perfect for any children who love poetry and it is the perfect gift to brighten the holiday season. From a tiny seed inside a cone, to a towering tree in the forest, follow the journey of a special pine turned into a shining Christmas tree. Through wooded roads and across deep seas, the tree makes a long trip to London's Trafalgar Square. There it stands, spreading joy to all the cheery shoppers and Christmas carollers that pass it. But it won't stay forever; next year, a new tree will experience the same magical journey.



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IMPORTANT DATES!

20/12/22
Christmas Party Day (non-school uniform)

21/12/22
Children finish for Christmas at 1:30pm (non-school uniform)

04/01/23
Children return to school after the holidays

For more important dates, please visit the 'parent zone' of our school website!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 5 (94.1%)

Year 4 (93.9%)

Reception (93.5%)

Year 6 (92.6%)

Year 1 (91.6%)

Year 2 (89.2%)

Year 3 (86.8%)

Nursery (84.6%)

91.2%
Whole-School attendance this week!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 16th December 2022

Winter HAF programme - The Winter HAF programme starts on Friday 23rd December and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the winter break including specific provision available for children with SEND. There's a great range of activities taking place across the city including music tuition, puppet making, circus workshops, football, podcasting, dance, Christmas parties and grottos, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, trips out, mindfulness and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends. To find out where your nearest scheme is please click on this link - <https://merseyplay.com/haf-holiday-activities-and-food-fund/> or visit www.Merseyplay.com and click on the HAF link. If you require any further information, please contact Mr Baillie, who can help and advise.

PE timetable for after Christmas - please see the updated PE timetable below, illustrating when each class has PE (across the year). Next half-term (after the children return from the Christmas break) is 'Spring 1'. If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

	Spring 1		Spring 2		Summer 1		Summer 2	
	PE Day	After-School Club	PE Day	After-School Club	PE Day	After-School Club	PE Day	After-School Club
Monday	Year 6	Year 6	Year 3	Year 3	Year 1	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	Year 2	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)
Tuesday	Reception and Year 3	Year 3	Reception, Year 2 and Year 4	Year 4	Reception and Year 6	Year 6	Reception, Year 4 and Year 5	Year 4
Wednesday	Year 5	Year 5	Year 6	-	Year 2	-	Year 1	-
Thursday	Year 1 and Year 2	-	Year 5	Year 5	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 3	Year 3	Year 3
Friday	Nursery and Year 4	Year 4	Nursery and Year 1	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	Nursery and Year 5	Year 5	Nursery and Year 6	Year 6
No Club		KS1 (Years 1 and 2)		Year 6		Year 4		Year 5

Important Dates - As we approach the last few days of term, please check out these important dates and add them to your diaries:

Date	Event
Monday 19th December	Non-school uniform day for staff and pupils.
Tuesday 20th December	Christmas Party Day (non-school uniform for staff and pupils). Details have been posted on individual class Class Dojo pages.
Wednesday 21st December	Non-school uniform for staff and pupils. Whole-school end of term assembly. Children finish for Christmas at 1:30pm.
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school after the Christmas holidays.

This is the last weekly newsletter before we break up for Christmas. From everyone at Florence Melly Community Primary School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Take care and stay safe.