

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Christmas Discos



The children had a great time at their Christmas Discos, this week. They danced and sang the night away. It was lovely to see them enjoying themselves and altogether again, after not being able to for what feels like a very long time. Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA members for organising these events and to parents, carers, and staff volunteers, who gave up their own time to support.

## Christmas Dinners

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunches, this week. Thank you so much to our wonderful cooks for delivering such a tasty spread. Also thank you to our Midday Assistants for ensuring that both days ran smoothly and finally to staff members, who gave up their lunch breaks to serve the children their lunches.



## St John's Christmas Service



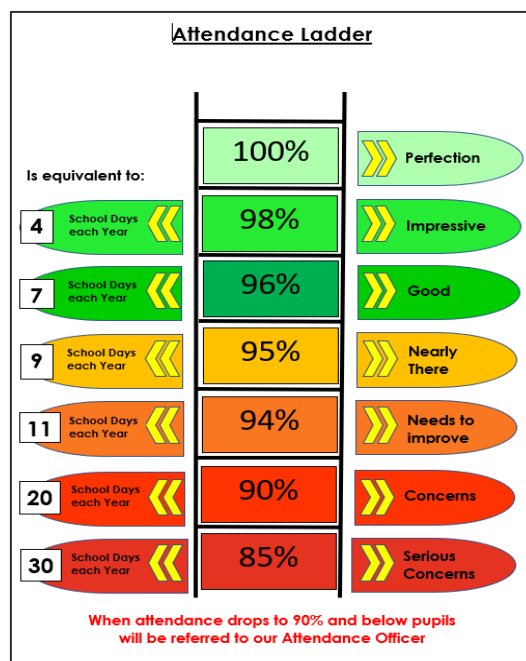
It was a crisp walk to St John's Church, this morning for our KS2 Christmas service. The children sang the carols beautifully and read clearly and confidently. Thank you to all of the parents and carers, who walked with us and joined us for the service. Also thank you to St John's for welcoming us today.

## Attendance Update

**Our average attendance this week is 93.5%,** which means we still need to improve.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% you should expect to receive a letter to alert you to this, and when we feel it is necessary home visits will be arranged. If your child's attendance falls below **96%**, we require evidence to authorise any further absence. You can check your child's current attendance using the My Child at School App.

Lateness does also affect your child's attendance. Our school gates open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**, in the morning.



## Cann Hall Christmas Food Bank

We are so happy that our school community made good use of our Christmas Food Bank this week. There are still a few items left and we have had a few more donations so we will place these out on Monday. We hope the items go some way to making Christmas a little easier, this year. There are a few items left still.

## Christmas Jumper Day and Carols on the Playground

Final plans for Christmas jumper day can be found at the bottom of this letter, along with information about how the PTA will be selling refreshments during our carols on the Playground.

## PTA Paperchains

Paperchain winners, from each class, will be chosen on the last day of term.



## Parent Feedback

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our parent survey. We had lots of positive feedback and wanted to share some of this with you.

All the families, who completed the form, said that their child enjoys coming to school and that we know the children well, and support the development of morals and positive attitudes the children. You said your children feel safe in school and they know where to go if they have a problem. Parents and carers feel welcomed, when they come into school and have a good relationship with their child's teacher, which enables them to work with the school to support their child with their education. You agreed that the school offers an engaging curriculum, with a wide range of learning experiences. You also feel that the communication (newsletters, web site, messages, Twitter etc) from school to home is good, and finally you would all recommend this school to other parents.

Thank you also for some of your individual comments about how we can further improve. We will be sitting down as a team and addressing these, in the new year.

## Goodbyes

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Aslin, next week, as she moves on to pastures new. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for the school and our children, over the past few years. Even though she has only been with us for a short time, she has become a valued member of our school team and so will be much missed. I know you will join us in wishing her lots of luck in her new school.

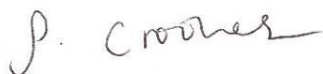
We will also be saying a 'goodbye for now' to Miss Ansell, our student teacher in class 5D. We wish her luck for the next stage in her training and look forward to welcoming her back for her final teaching block, in the summer term.

## Upcoming dates for your diary:

19.12.22 Y1 and Y2 Christmas Nativity Carol Concert (Y1 9.15am and Y2 10.30am)  
19.12.22 EYFS Christmas Songs and Hot Chocolate (2.30pm)  
20.12.22 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties  
20.12.22 Whole School Christmas Songs to the parents on the playground at 2pm  
21.12.22 to 4.1.23 Christmas Holidays  
5.1.2023 First day of term

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Crookes



# Christmas jumper day

The Friends of Cann Hall PTA  
Tuesday 20th December 2022



Come to school in  
your favourite Christmas  
jumper/Christmas clothes

£1 donation

50% of the money raised will go to Save The Children and 50% to  
Friends of Cann Hall School.

The government are actually doubling all donations - When you  
donate to Christmas Jumper Day before 1st March, the UK  
government will match your donation - that means double the  
funds, double the fun!



Friends Of Cann Hall PTA

Christmas carols on the  
playground Tuesday 20th

December gates open 1.45

Join us while you listen to the children sing

We will be selling:

Tea/coffee/ hot chocolate

a small selection of sweets/treats

CASH ONLY

All proceeds will go to Friends of Cann Hall PTA

