

PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



NEWSLETTER 14th December 2012

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

It has been a busy fortnight. Last week we had a well-attended parents' information evening where your children's levels were clarified. You can find the questionnaire results of those that attended on page 2. Once the questionnaires from parents evening have been collated they will be put on the school website. OFSTED's visit on Thursday and Friday was a good opportunity for the school to reflect on its current practice. We will share the final report as soon as it is made official in January. The children responded well to our visitors and made them feel welcome.

Thank you for attending parents' evening on Tuesday. It is so important to know how your child has been doing this term and to know what they need to do next to make progress. I received positive feedback about the report cards, which we will repeat at the end of the Spring Term. In the meantime, please continue to talk to the class teachers about your child's work and attitude. If you haven't had a chance to discuss your child's report card I urge you to make an appointment as soon as possible.

We entered the Christmas spirit with a number of outstanding performances by your children including the individual instrument recitals, KS1 nativity, Years 3 and 4 string concert and Children's Centre carol singing. Please find the remaining Christmas events listed on page 2.

I have really enjoyed my first term as Headteacher at Prince of Wales. I am getting to know the children and families and have started to address the areas that we need to improve on to ensure that all children receive a high quality education. All staff and Governors are committed to achieve this in partnership with you.

I wish all families, friends, Governors and staff a Merry Christmas and every success for 2013.



Jan M Bless Headteacher

School Values

School Target: 95%

Overall attendance since September: 94.76%

The past two weeks we focussed on *determination* and *excellence*. We used Usain Bolt as an example of someone who has learnt from his setbacks. Year 2S was especially delighted when an envelope arrived containing Usain's autographs. We continue to be impressed with the numbers of athletes who are responding to the children's letters. Mo Farah today sent signed photos with a personal letter answering questions to children. We hope all the children will be helped by their new report cards to remember why they come to school and what is expected from them to excel in their learning. Please remind them about their curriculum targets. For some children it is vital that they come to school every day, as absence is affecting their progress. Similarly, some children's behaviour stops them from fully accessing the curriculum. We feel new year resolutions coming up.

Attendance w/c 10 th December								
	2R 94.66% 2S **95.00%**	<u>KS2</u> 3D 94.66% 3F 94.66%	4A 90.00% 4K 92.75%	5F 91.37% 5G 93.57%				
1N 88.00%	23 93.00%	3W 88.27%	4U 92.66%	6B 98.00% 6H **98.66%**				
	Attendance: 93.28% An in		4U 92.66%					

Well done to 2S & 6H for best attendance this week.



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Parent's Questionnaire – Autumn 2012

(results limited to attendees of Parents' Information evening Tuesday 4th December)

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		Strongly agree	agree	disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know			
1.	My child is happy at this school	17	2	1					
2.	My child feels safe at this school	13	17						
3.	My child makes good progress at this school	15	15	1					
4.	My child is well looked after at this school	10	20			1			
5.	My child is taught well at this school	11	18			2			
6.	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	8	18	1	1	3			
7.	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	10	14	1		6			
8.	This school deals effectively with bullying	10	8	2	1	12			
9.	This school is well led and managed	11 Now it is	12	1	0	7			
10	. This school responds well to any concern I raise	8	16	3	0	3			
11.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	7	17	7	0	1			
12	. I would recommend this school to another parent	13	14	1	0	3			



School Christmas dates

Christmas parties throughout the week

- 17.12 Christmas Play 7pm
- 18.12 Christmas dinners
- 19.12 certificates assemblies
- 20.12 Carol's around the Tree
- 19.12 Last day for Nursery children
- 20.12 School closes at 1.30pm

Dates

- 21.12 04.01.2013 Christmas Break
- 07.01 Staff training (School closed)
- 08.01 Start Spring Term
- 18.02 22.02 Half Term Break
- 29.03 12.04 Easter Break
- 06.05 May Bank Holiday
- 27.05 31.05 Half term Break
- 24.07 Staff training (start Summer Break)

