# SCHOOL NEWS

## Mission Christmas | Attendance Treat! | Anti-bullying Week



Last week the children were very busy involving themselves in Anti-bullying Week. We followed the theme of 'One Kind Word' which brought about some very thought provoking activities and tasks.



Reception followed their own mantra of: 'Kind Hearts, Kind Hands, Kind Voices' and made a class heart with pictures and messages. Y5 used one of our drama conventions, 'Conscience Alley'; children form an alley and someone walks between the two lines. On this occasion, the alley was used to say something kind to Chloe - look at the smile on her face!



Y4 took on the 7-Day Kindness challenge and thought of their own Kind Words.







Our partners, City in the Community, from Manchester City Football Club, delivered Antibullying workshops to some of our classes during the week.

### Year 4 Football



Some of our Y4 children took part in a tournament organised by MUFC at the Cliff, their academy training ground in Salford. They won two, drew one and lost three. They showed plenty of resilience to come back after losing their first games. Their behaviour was impeccable and they showed good all round sportsmanship!





The Mission Christmas box is waiting and ready for your donation if you would like to make one. Just a reminder that presents should be <u>new</u> and <u>unwrapped</u>. This is to ensure the gifts are given to the most fitting age groups. See below for ideas:

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#### 0-3 YEARS

Teddies, Musical Toys, My First Toys, Rattles, Books, Play Mats

#### **3-5 YEARS**

Cars, Dolls, Jigsaws, Dress Up Items, Playdoh, Colouring Books and Pencils

#### **5-7 YEARS**

Lego, Art and Craft Sets, Skipping Ropes Make Your Own Photo Frame, Snow Globe, Jewellery Set, Action Figures, Board Games

#### **7-9 YEARS**

Footballs, Board Games, Remote Control Toys, Stationery Sets

#### **9-12 YEARS**

Board Games, Make Up Sets, Nail Varnish

## **12-18 YEARS**

Toiletries, Electrical items (Straighteners, Mini-speakers), Aftershave and Perfumes, Jewellery, Puzzles, Make-up, Books, Lunch Boxes, Duvet Sets

# Reminders!!

- Please keep following our one way system into school. We have noticed some parents cutting in the Nursery gate instead of walking round. The system is in place for the health and safety of everyone and we ask that it is respected by all.
- Staff car park: once again, I need to remind everyone not to park or drop off in the car park. It quickly gets congested and we have had cars damaged as well as unable to get out. We have 60 staff coming and going; this Local Authority car park is reserved for school use only.

# **Attendance Reward!!**

The government have made it very clear to us that attendance at school should be back to normal. We would like to encourage our families to have the best possible attendance they can. We appreciate that there may be a a couple of days your child will need to be off school, if suffering from vomiting and diarrhoea for example. However, we expect attendance to be at the very least above 96%, and ideally, 98% and above. This term, we will be issuing an exciting prize for attendance. Our highest attending class will firstly be identified and then we will hold a draw for any of those class members with 98% and above attendance. The winner will receive a voucher worth around £40, giving two people entrance to the Treetop Nets, either in Manchester or Windermere. We will carry out the draw in 3 weeks - so there is still time to improve your percentage!





## **Christmas Tennis Camp**



Our tennis coach will be holding a tennis camp at Poynton Sports Club on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd December. Children can be dropped

from 8.30am and picked up by 4pm. For further information, click <u>here</u>.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff