

Dear families,

We have had an incredible fortnight at APSOL! I would like to thank all our families for your kind donations for the various initiatives over these two weeks.

I would also like to thank all the families that have been supporting with the preparations for the **Winter Fair**. Apsol is a non-denominational state school, valuing and respecting all religions, cultures and ethnicities in line with British Values (mutual respect and tolerance, individual liberty, democracy, rule of law). By holding a Winter Fair, we are enabling all faiths and cultures to be represented at this event, as there are various religious and non-religious celebrations that take place in Winter asides from Christmas.



**Attendance and punctuality:** We have seen a small improvement in punctuality in the mornings. Please continue to try your best to be at school with your child on time as this makes a huge difference to your child's learning and emotional wellbeing.

**School photographs:** Every year group has had their photographs taken. These will be provided to the parents digitally next week and all proceeds will be to the school fund. At APSOL we are very fortunate to have a parent, to whom we are very grateful, who does our school photography and helps us raise funds directly to the school. Next week, you will be able to make your payment on Pay 360, once the payments have been received, your photos will be sent via email.



**EYs outdoor classroom:**

This week, we had a canopy installed in the Early Years classroom to maximise the use of this space, ensuring that children can access outdoor learning every day in all weathers. Thank you to everyone for your patience!

**Morning drop offs and Pick-ups from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November:**

Breakfast club 7:30-8:45	School office
8:45-9am	School office – YR, Y1, Y2
Pick-up at 4pm	School office – YR, Y1, Y2
Pick up from After school club after 4pm	EYFS gate – open gate manually, ring doorbell at grey door. A member of the team will check identity and open the door when your child is ready.
Pick up from enrichment clubs at 5pm (capoeira, yoga, Stem engineering)	The club leaders will escort the groups to the EYFS gate. Please wait on the outside of the gate. The doorbell is <u>only</u> to be used by parents who have children in After School Club.

## Code of conduct for all members of the APSoL community: Staff, children, parents, visitors

At APSoL, we have high expectations for all our staff and children to conduct themselves in a certain way upholding school values and ethos at all times. Staff have these expectations shared through a Staff Code of Conduct and children have their expectations shared through the Behaviour Policy which includes the Calm school code. Consequently, we also have high expectations on how parents and visitors to the school conduct themselves. Attached with this newsletter, is a Parent/Visitor code of conduct to ensure that everyone has clarity on these expectations. We want all our staff, children and families, to be happy, feel safe and be treated with respect whilst at the School and need everyone to co-operate.

### Donations and Charity work at APSoL: Thank you for your generosity!

Children in Need: £127 raised, certificate in the school office

Winter jackets appeal: Chestertons have collected all the jackets.

School fund – International fair: £803 raised (this will go towards Autumn term learning resources spending)

### Coming up:

<b>Reception – Celebrations</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> November: Class trip to a local church – How Christians celebrate Christmas
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### Key dates coming up in December:

<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Winter concert for parents at 3pm Tickets will be available on Pay 360 /eventbrite
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9:30 Nativity Performance for Reception families 3:00 Nativity Performance for Year 1 families (Nativity will be performed by Reception & Year 1) Tickets will be available on Pay 360/eventbrite
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas lunch at APSoL Children can wear Christmas/ Winter jumpers Donation for Save the Children Charity Winter disco for all children at 4pm – Tickets will be on sale soon.
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Breakfast club as usual. <b>School finishes at 1:30pm.</b> No after school club.

\*Events are updated regularly on our school website homepage.

### Attendance monitoring:

Our whole school attendance is **91.5%** this week which continues to be very low in relation to our expectations – this figure is also affected by persistent lateness by a small number of children. Please support the school to achieve our target of 96%. We need all families to commit to this. We understand that during winter there are several viruses that are more prone to this season, however, we are very concerned about persistent absentees and persistent lateness(all year-round). Implications of arriving late have already been shared with families. Please note that the school has a duty to report concerns. **Where your child arrives late after registers are closed they will get an absent mark for the morning period (government requirement).** This term, you will be receiving a termly attendance report for your child. Your child's overall attendance will be low if they have arrived regularly late after registers are closed as their morning attendance will be considered as an absence. Parents will be given a set of actions which they will need to show improvement on during the following term. Where there is no notable improvement, the school will have to take further action and involve external agencies.

Thank you to all the parents for your continued support!

Marta Correia

Principal