



EBOR GARDENS
Primary Academy

WEEKLY NEWS

A message from Mrs Wathen & Mr Spink.....

Happy Friday and happy holidays!

Today we break up for the Christmas holidays, which also signals the arrival of the end of this calendar year. When we next return to school it will be 2023... Where has that time gone? This week we have had an exciting week of school performances, singing, Christmas meals, Christmas jumpers and lots of fun and festivities. (See the last page of this newsletter for some pictures.)

When return in the new year on **Wednesday 4th January 2023** as Monday is a Bank Holiday and the Tuesday is a staff training day. Make sure you take time to recharge your batteries so that everyone is ready to 'hit the ground running' when we return in the new year—we need to keep our spirits high as it is usually a cold and dark term.

On behalf of all the staff at Ebor Gardens Primary Academy, have a lovely Christmas to those who will be celebrating and a lovely break to those who will not. Also, enjoy new year celebrations if that's what you do too! We look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 4th January** at the usual time.



Attendance Matters

Whole school attendance is **85.9%** this week.

Remember we are aiming for **96%** or above.

Our Biscuit Bears will be back in classrooms after the Christmas break!

N— 75%	Rec 1— 82%	Rec 2— 78%	1HM— 89%	1FA— 83%	2HW— 97%	2NI— 95%	3NB—92%
3JH— 81%	4LB— 84%	4RM— 88%	5HW— 92%	5GA— 76%	6NP— 83%	6CH—94%	😊



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News and Events this half term.....

Dates for your diary—Spring Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2023—INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January 2023— School reopens for Spring Term

Thursday 5th January 2023—Young Voices Concert

Thursday 12th January 2023—School Photographs

Thursday 9th February 2023— School closes for half term



Group A streptococcus: tonsillitis, scarlet fever and impetigo

As is typical for this time of year, we currently have a few cases of the above illnesses in our children, across especially our younger year groups. Understandably, if you are following the news at the moment, many parents are concerned about their child's health where serious illness and even death are being attributed to Group A streptococcus (Strep A). Group A streptococcus (GAS), is a common bacteria which causes a number of infections common in children – including tonsillitis, scarlet fever and impetigo. As we all know, children typically get well from these infections within days of falling ill, but in rare cases the infection can become more serious. **We obviously want to ensure everyone is safe and well, so are asking parents to follow the guidance below:**

If your child is unwell with symptoms associated with Strep A (high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands) please keep them at home until they are well

Seek medical advice from your GP, in case your child needs antibiotics to recover

Tell us if your child has been confirmed as a Group A streptococcus infection, so that we can report any rise in cases to the Local Health Protection Team.



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