



Unity Community Primary

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of term is almost upon us and so I wanted to make you aware of a number of things.

Key Dates

Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a Christmas jumper to school Wednesday 20th December and donate £1 to our Syria appeal. You don't need to buy a Christmas jumper, you could simply add some tinsel or baubles to your school jumper.

Nativity Concert – Come and join us in the school hall from 9am on Wednesday 20th for a drink and a mince pie before the children perform the Nativity from 9.30am

UNICEF Bake for Syria – Straight after our Nativity concert we will be holding a cake sale to raise money to support the children of Syria. As a UNICEF Rights Respecting School we know that the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) states:

- Article 38: All children have the right to protection in times of war
- Article 22: All children have the right to special protection and help if they are a refugee

We have recipe cards in school of food you may like to bake and donate or if you are pushed for time, we will happily accept shop bought cakes to sell on our stall!

Christmas dinner – the school dinner on Wednesday 20th will be a special Christmas dinner. If your child usually has a packed lunch and you would like them to have a school dinner on the 20th, please see the office. For children in Y3 and Y4, a dinner is £2.20 unless you qualify for a free school meal.

End of term assembly – On Thursday 21st at 9.10am in the school hall we will have a celebration assembly where each member of staff will award one child 'Star of the Term', we will also reward the 100% attendance children.

End of term – Please remember we finish at **1.15pm on Friday 22nd December** and all children are expected back in school by 8.55am on **Monday 8th January 2018**.

Attendance and Punctuality

I am really pleased that this term, the whole school attendance is at 96% which puts Unity slightly above national average (95.4%) and our school target of 95%. It is really important that children come to school every day and so we can never authorise time to visit families abroad during term time. If you do take your child out of school, you are likely to be fined by the Local Authority and risk your child being taken off roll and losing their place at Unity.

Being on time is also very important, you can drop your child off at school from 8.45am but they must be on the playground by 8.55am. A breakfast club is available to provide childcare from 8am if you require it, please see the office if you would like your child to attend.

Parent survey

We really value what parents think at Unity and are always trying to improve what we do. Please complete the parent survey that is attached to this letter and return to your child's teacher or to the school office. We will also have surveys available to complete at the events next week. The schools' inspection service- Ofsted, will inspect Unity for the first time at some point in this academic year. Inspectors will want to know parents views of the school and so we would encourage you to give your view of Unity on the Parent View website: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> . Once on the page, you need to click 'Give your views now' and register with an email address before finding Unity Community Primary and giving your views.

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)



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The pupil premium grant is additional funding that the government provide to support children who are 'disadvantaged'. The school will receive additional funding for each child that is eligible for Free School Meals. Even if your child receives universal infant free school meals (all pupils in Reception, Y1 & Y2) they can still receive this extra funding.

PPG provides additional funding of up to **£1,320** that school can use for additional support and resources for each child that is eligible.

Children will receive this additional funding if their parent/carer receives any of the below benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) as long as a) It doesn't include an amount for childcare and b) NOT ALSO RECEIVING WORKING TAX CREDIT
- Household income is no more than £16,190 a year
- A Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment for four weeks after stopping work, or reducing working hours to under 16 hours a week
- Universal Credit.

If you think you may be eligible for the pupil premium grant please apply online:

www.manchester.gov.uk search 'Free School Meals'

www.salford.gov.uk search 'Free School Meals'

You can also pick up an application form from the main school office.

Reception class 2018 applications

The deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2018 is Monday 15th January 2018. If you have a child who was born between 1.09.2013 and 31.08.2014 you must apply online for a Reception place at www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions and click 'apply for a place'. We are hoping to have two Reception classes at Unity in September 2018 so please make Unity your first choice!

Severe weather

It has been extremely cold recently and heavy snowfall was predicted but didn't materialise! In the unlikely event of school being inaccessible or sufficient staff cannot make it to school due to the severe weather a decision could be made to close the school. We will always inform parents/carers of an enforced closure via text message (please make sure the office always has the correct number for you) and it will be put up on the school website www.unitycommunityprimary.com

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Finally I would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support and commitment to Unity Community Primary. I am constantly amazed by the progress the children at Unity make and the staff have all worked so hard to make Unity the welcoming, friendly place that it is.

I would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy 2018!

Mrs J Lee, Headteacher