



17th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I'd like to wish all of our community a Merry Christmas!

Before our pupils break up for a well-deserved break, I thought I'd just update you on the latest CMS news.

At the end of October, we were all delighted to have a very successful OFSTED behind us and to be able to get back to our usual business of helping pupils to progress in their learning and become well-rounded Codsall citizens so...

Over the last half term, we have contributed to a local foodbank, our choir performed at the Codsall Village Hall Craft Fair, we built snowmen and igloos, supported Children in Need and held the CMS Bake Off, we took part in remembrance activities at the cenotaph and at the Council Chambers, Year 6 had a portraiture day and a Kensuke's Kingdom week, Year 7 attended hate crime workshops, Year 5 danced the night away at their disco and Year 8 took part in Merry Mathsmas workshops. A group of pupils attended an Energy Summit at the Coventry Building Society Arena and pupils took part in a variety of activities during enrichment week. We've had a full range of clubs and fixtures, with plenty of success from our teams and plenty of other non-sports clubs, including a popular book club. We have also been celebrating Christmas with our Carol Concert, Senior Citizens' Party, entering the Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Dinner/Jumper day and we've had a winner in our MPs Christmas Card competition.

Staffing News

Many of our community will be aware of the financial challenges facing schools at the moment. Our school is no different but we want to keep delivering outstanding support for our pupils, and especially for our pupils with Special Educational Needs. For that reason, in the new year, we are having a few changes in our learning support provision. I have asked Mrs Hilton and Miss Mayer to use their exceptional TA skills to support pupils in the classroom. In order to do that, Mrs Hydon and Mrs Walton will be asked to lead a key stage, rather than a year group. Mrs Hydon will be Head of KS2, Mrs Walton Head of KS3.

Communication

Please be aware that the changes to pastoral support staff may well mean that it takes longer to respond to parent contacts and I ask you to bear in mind that staff will respond within **three working days**. Parents/carers can rest assured that the issues they raise are important to us, but we ask that you are patient and polite when communicating with our colleagues.

Similarly, if you have something you wish to discuss with a member of staff, we also ask that parents/carers contact the school and make an appointment. Please refrain from coming to school without an appointment as it is unlikely that colleagues will be able to speak to you straight away.

Dates for your Diary

As always, we've got an incredibly busy term ahead. Here are some dates for your diary – although we're sure more will be added as we go through the term!

Forthcoming events...

School closes for Christmas break	Thursday 19th December, normal time
Spring Term begins	Monday 6 th January
Fire Station Visit (some Y5 pupils)	Wednesday 8 th January
Year 6 Height and Weight Checks	Tuesday 14 th January
Year 5 National Space Centre Visit	Monday 20 th January
CMAT Debate Event	Tuesday 11 th February
School closes for half term break	Friday 14 th February
School reopens	Monday 24 th February

Some headlines from after spring half term...

Spring Term Interim reports published*	Friday 28 th February
*(Main reports are published in summer term)	
CMAT STEM Day	Thursday 13 th March
Year 7/8 Performing Arts Residential	19 th /20 th March
Parents' Evenings	Monday 17 th March, Tuesday 25 th March w/b Monday 24 th March
Mothers' Day Lunches	Thursday 3 rd April
Easter Fayre	w/b 7 th April
Year 7/8 Sports Tour to Netherlands	Thursday 10 th April
Soloists' Soiree	Friday 11 th April
School closes for Easter break	



A little Help...

A reminder of this information for parents/carers who think they may be eligible for free school meals and the pupil premium.

<https://www.codsallmiddleschool.com/school-meals>

If you would like to check if your child is entitled for Free School Meals or would like to apply for Free School Meals please click on the link below:

[Free School Meals application](#)



Parents who meet the criteria below will be eligible to claim up to £1,480 for their school!

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit (provided that you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and the household income is not more than £16,190)
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal credit, provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 (£616.87 a month)

At a time when budgets are stretched more than ever, you could make a real difference just by scanning the QR code below and completing the short application.

Benefits for your child...

- ✦ Free breakfast items up to the value of £1 every day
- ✦ Subsidised musical instrument lessons
- ✦ £50 subsidy towards one school residential per year
- ✦ A free school lunch every day
- ✦ Discretion – your child will not be identified in any way as being eligible for free school meals and will go through the same processes as every other child at meal times.



Scan QR code

Please remember, if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help! Thank you for all of your support. Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to seeing the pupils return to school in January refreshed and ready to face the spring term with enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely

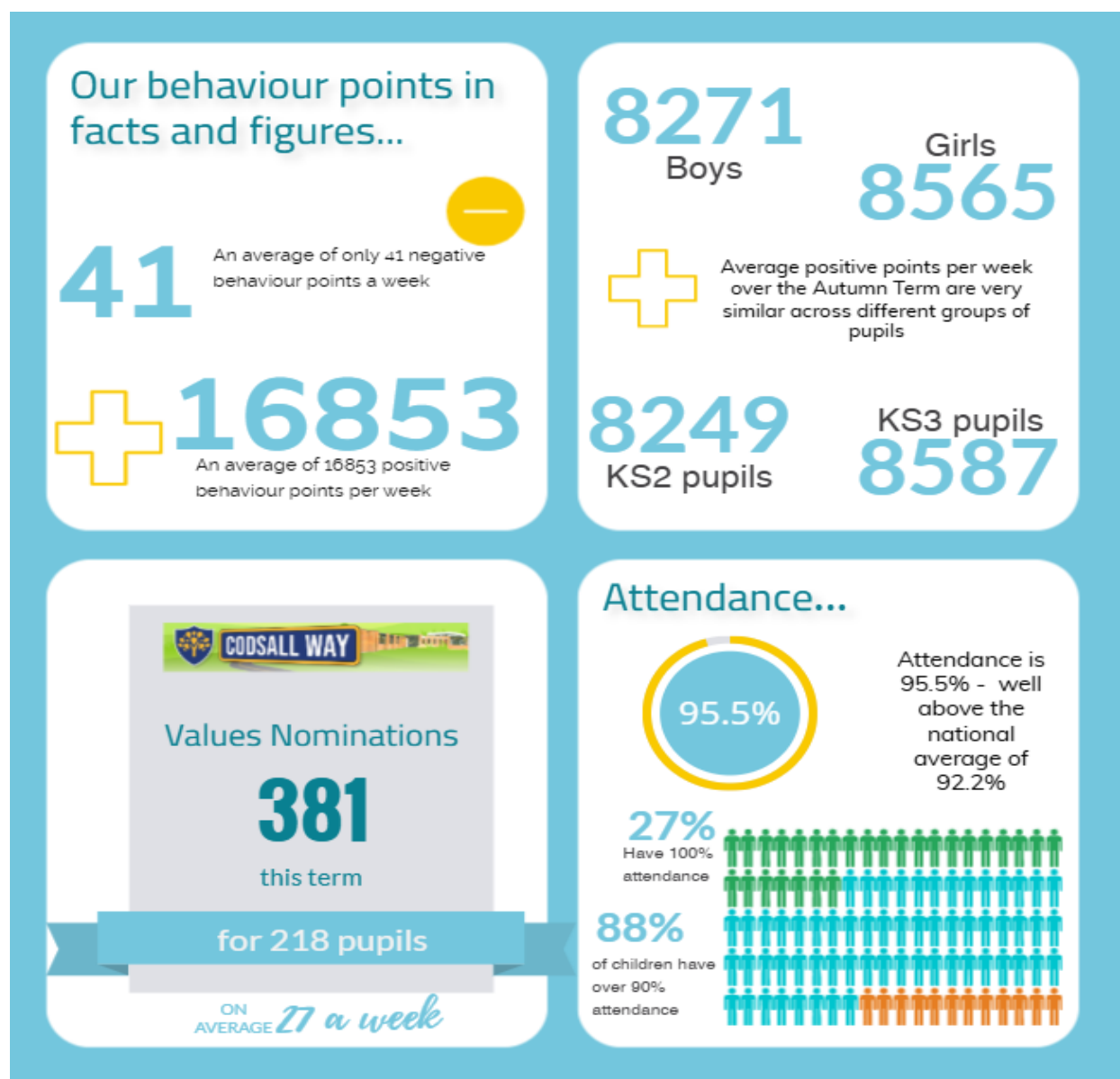
Mrs K Reade
Headteacher





Behaviour at CMS

No school can claim to have perfect behaviour all of the time, but we're very proud of the very high proportion of positive behaviour that happens in our school! Our behaviour points system is our way of giving parents real-time information about how their child is doing in school. Teachers spend time updating the system and writing notes explaining why the points are given. I'm afraid they can't engage in communication with parents about individual points during their busy teaching days.



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Middle School

a school to be proud of



Considerate Ambitious Proud



Senior Citizens' Party Preparation



Enrichment Week



Equal Access School Award 2024



Christmas Carol Concert



Snow!



VR in Geography



Boys and Girls Football Fixtures



Book Club

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