



Headteacher
Miss K Greenway

1st December 2023

Dear Parents

I can't believe that it is December already – and only 2 more weeks at school. The next 2 weeks will be really busy and many of the normal routines will change which can cause some children to struggle and become unsettled. We will try our best to support them to manage all the Christmas festivities.

Things to celebrate

Thank you for supporting your child to dress in red, amber or green last week for our road safety day. The children had a great day – please ask them what they learnt. There are a few photos on the school website – News and Events/Photo Gallery

Book Viewing Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you for coming to look at your children's books and the class floor books for different subjects. There was a real 'buzz' in the hall on both days and the children were so animated sharing all their work with you. Hopefully you enjoyed it as much as the children.

Rocksteady Concert

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Rocksteady concert last Friday. The children were amazing – what confidence to stand on stage and sing or play. Some budding rock stars I think!! Your child should have brought home a flier with information if you would like them to sign up for Rocksteady.

Elf Run Friday 1st December

It was lovely to see so many of you supporting your 'little elves' running round the playground. It was quite chilly watching but the children didn't feel the cold. Thank you too for all the sponsorship money that you have collected/are collecting – it all goes to such a worthy cause – Phyllis Tuckwell.

A huge THANK YOU to FOPS for organising the Elf Café and providing warm drinks.

FOPS

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday for the Christmas Family Fun event 12-2pm.

Christmas Performances Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you for using Arbor to 'book' your tickets. We will have a list of who we are expecting to each performance so please come through the school office for morning and afternoon performances.

We will email on Monday morning to let you know if there are any extra tickets available for any of the performances. It will be first come first served.

Christmas Parties

Wednesday 13th December

Each class will have a Christmas Party in their classroom and these will be on Wednesday 13th December. The children can wear party clothes – but sensible clothes as they will still go out to play. This year, we are asking if parents could please donate £1 through Arbor, under trips. This will be put towards yummy party treats which will be enjoyed during each class's party.

Daisies will be enjoying a week of festive games during the last week of term, and will be having parties on Wed 13th pm and Fri 15th am.

Year 2 Listen2Me Concert

Wednesday 13th December 2.30pm

Yr 2 parents are invited to come and listen to their children play in their Listen2Me concert – this term they have been learning to play Samba instruments with Mrs Vaughan.

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December.

We will have Christmas Lunch on Thursday 14th December. The children can wear Christmas jumpers/Christmas clothes on this day. There will be roast turkey or vegetable wellington – the children will just choose as normal on the morning. Please note there will be NO jacket potatoes. It would be brilliant if every child had Christmas Lunch!!

Daisies – if your child is in on a Thursday, they can have Christmas Lunch just sign up as normal in Daisies and pay £3.00.

The children can then wear their own clothes on Friday 15th December, as you will have washed their school uniform by then!! We finish at 1.15pm. If your child is in Daisies and attends an afternoon only session, there will be no afternoon session on Friday 15th December.

WhatsApp Groups

WhatsApp groups for each year group are a great way of supporting each other by sharing reminders of things coming up or asking for help – especially when we are all so busy. Please can I remind you that if you are not happy about something in school, I would much rather you came and spoke to me/emailed me rather than put this on a WhatsApp group. Sadly I have had quite a few parents over the last few weeks come and show me things that have been put on these groups and that they feel are not appropriate. Thank you for your support with this.

Year R/Year 3 Applications

Please remember applications for Year R and Year 3 places close on Monday 15th January. Please do not miss this deadline, or your application will not be processed and will be considered a late application. If anyone needs help with the process, please ask Mrs Attwood or Mrs Parkhouse in the School Office.

Thank you

Thank you for all the donations of tissues and hand soap – this really is appreciated.

Reminders

- Please can you make sure that your children do not climb on the new bike shelter. Sadly several children have been doing this after school.
- Please can you name hats, scarves and gloves and teach your child how to put their gloves in their coat pockets – I cannot believe how many items are already unclaimed in the corridors!!

Have a good weekend, keep warm and hope to see many of you at the FOPS Christmas Family Fun event on Sunday 12pm – 2pm.

Take care.

Miss Greenway

Dates for Diaries

Sun 3 rd Dec	12 – 2pm FOPS Christmas Event
Thurs 7 th Dec	9.15am Year 1 Christmas Performance 2pm Daisies Christmas Performance
Fri 8 th Dec	9.15am Year R Christmas Performance 2pm Year 2 Christmas Performance
Mon 11 th Dec	9.15am Year 2 Christmas Performance 2pm Year R Christmas Performance
Tues 12 th Dec	9.15am Daisies Christmas Performance 2pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Wed 13 th Dec	Christmas Parties – wear sensible party clothes 2.30pm Listen2Me Music Concert – Yr 2 parents
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch – wear Christmas jumpers/clothes
Fri 15 th Dec	1.15pm Finish – last day of term
Tues 2nd Jan	INSET DAY (SCL running)
Fri 5th July	INSET DAY (SCL running)