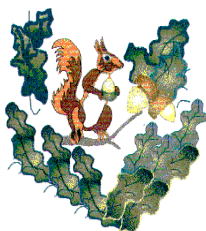


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15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

 **Three Days Left!!** 

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Friends of School Santa's Grotto – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Mr Newell and his trusty helpers from Friends of School have got everything organised for next week.

Santa has managed to squeeze us in on Monday. If you would like your child to meet with Santa, please come along on Monday afternoon between 3pm and 5pm.

We anticipate Santa being in high demand so will be operating a ticketing system. If you wish for your children to visit Santa, on arrival, please pay £3 per child for a Grotto visit (and gift). In an attempt to keep down the queue times, you will be given a numbered token. Token numbers will be called a few at a time.



Whilst waiting, there will be lots to enjoy (or after your visit). There will be hot and cold refreshments available as well as festive games for the children to play at fair prices. We have a chocolate tombola with over 100 prizes for only 20p a ticket. There will be lots of other fun games as well.

The PTA will be presenting a cash prize raffle draw. Tickets cost £1 each. 50p from each ticket goes into the prize pot and 50p to the PTA. The more tickets sold, the bigger the cash prize!

If your child travels to school by taxi, or will be booked into Squirrels on the day, worry not. School will arrange an accompanied visit to see Santa (and in time for taxis). Please contact the school office to arrange this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Mr Newell (PTA Chairperson) via email to [timothy.newell@aol.com](mailto:timothy.newell@aol.com).

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



During this special time of giving The School Council have arranged a fabulous charity event to support the Save the Children Charity. Everyone is invited to school on Monday wearing their finest, *sparkliest* Christmas jumper in exchange for a donation. Children are welcome to add even more festive cheer with antlers, hats and socks etc but should wear the rest of their school uniform as usual. All proceeds will be sent to the Save the Children charity.

**Christingle Service for Owls and Foxes**



Last week we enjoyed the annual Year 5 and 6 Christingle Service at St. Mary Magdelene Church. The children had each made a Christingle orange and learnt about its symbolism before coming together at the church service. The children had done a great job learning the Christingle songs and filled the church with their wonderful voices.

**Dormice – Whoops-a-Daisy Angel**

Astounding, absolutely astounding! The pupils of Dormice class entertained the crowds with their performance of Whoops-a- Daisy Angel. It is hard to believe that the children are only 4 and 5 years old. They had learnt so many songs, by heart, and sang them so beautifully. They were word perfect and the pirouetting snowflakes were incredible. Thank you to all the very creative parents who had provided such wonderful costumes - these definitely helped the children to be immersed in their roles. Well done to all the children.



## The Little Fir Tree

Parents of Otters and Hedgehogs were able to enjoy the incredible musical and dramatic talents of their children too, as they came together to present the Little Fir Tree story. I was fortunate to see it three times and it just got better and better every time. They really have made memories to last a lifetime. Well done!



## Spreading Christmas Cheer to the Community

Pupils in Owls and Foxes class were invited to entertain the residents and staff at Capricorn Cottage. They sang beautifully, sharing with them a range of Christingle songs, traditional carols and contemporary Christmas songs. It was an opportunity to give a Christmas gift that can't be wrapped up!



## Carol Service Tuesday – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



Robins and Bats will lead our whole school Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary Magdelene Church on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm. Whilst Robins and Bats will lead us through the Christmas story, the whole school will be joining in with the Christmas Carols. It's guaranteed to get you in the Christmas mood.

## Christmas Dinner day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

For those who have ordered a hot lunch – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December will be turkey lunch day. If you are having packed lunch, be sure to make it Christmas themed (*if you can!*).

## Christmas Party Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December



The last day of term is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is invited to come to school wearing their best party outfits.

## Staff Changes and Vacancies in School

As the term and year comes to an end, we have some staffing changes to share with you. Miss Richardson will be leaving us to start a new adventure in the new year. Mrs Palmer will be joining us as a HLTA/Cover Supervisor after Christmas.

We currently have three vacancies in school. We are seeking to appoint a part time (16 hours) School Bursar, a 25hour 1:1 Teaching Assistant post and a mid-day supervisor position. Information relating to these vacancies can be found on the school website. If you are interested and wish to find out more, please do get in touch.

## Dates for your Diary

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

As always, if you have any queries or comments regarding the contents of this letter, or any other aspect of the school's operations, please do contact us directly.

Your sincerely,

Mrs M Parker  
Head Teacher