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December 2022 Newsletter

Dear Families,

What a fantastic term! It feels like we have packed an awful lot in – phonics live, show and share, Christmas productions, harvest nibbles and in between all of that lots of learning. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you back in the new year. Miss Mattock

New Year Staffing Announcements

Many of you will know that we bid a fond farewell to both Mrs Comer and Mrs Winterbone today. I would like to thank them both for their work in supporting families and the community. They will both be sadly missed but we wish them well in the new adventures. Miss Brock will take over the SENDCO role and is well placed to do so having worked closely with Mrs Comer making handover smooth and efficient. We are advertising to recruit a new Parent Engagement Officer. This will be advertised through Education Jobfinder.

We have also been fortunate enough to be able to recruit Sandie Woods who will be setting up and running our new inclusion space for children. We are very pleased to welcome her to the team.

The opening of this provision has allowed us to take stock and ensure that staff are deployed effectively to provide support where needed. As such, Miss Stolworthy will be moving to join Wrens Class and Mrs Martin and Mrs Stone will move to Swifts. Mrs Roche and Miss Culling will work both in the inclusion space and in classrooms.

Reminders and Thanks



- Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising the Christmas Hamper raffle. A grand total of £1,552 was raised. Congratulations to the lucky winners!
- Thank you for your support with this and the Christmas jumper day, which raised £150.
- Thank you for your support with the wonderful Christmas productions. Weren't they all fantastic!
- Thank you all for making me feel so welcome this term. I think I will stay!!
- REMEMBER to bring back coats, welly boots, hats, scarfs, etc in January. Children need to have these every day as we do use the outdoor space daily. Warm clothing is also recommended as often classroom doors are open to allow free flow play between inside and outside.

Special thanks to:

Mrs Stone's husband, Tony, (aka) Father Christmas for delivering our presents.



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Targeted School Improvement Plan (TSIP) Update

We have completed our first TSIP of the year. We are pleased that children are keen to show their writing and are enthusiastic about the topics they are writing about. We have also been impressed at the level of vocabulary used by the children during speaking and listening tasks, which is then reflected in their writing.



The children have enjoyed having a purpose for writing and we will continue to develop this.



Our next steps are to support children to improve their handwriting, by continuing to use the Little Wandle mnemonics. We will develop children's knowledge of a sentence needing a noun, a verb and being an idea that makes sense, We will also consider our home writing challenges to make them more engaging.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th January 2023 – children back in school

WB 23rd January - Reception weight, vision and height checks.

Thursday 9th, 23rd February and 2nd March – Emotional Intelligence sessions with Mollie

Potter –see Ms Manrique If you would like more details.

13th – 17th February – Half term (school closed)



Lunches

Did you know that our hot dinners are made to order? To ensure they are delivered on time we have to phone through the exact number of dinners needed by 9.30am. We usually order about 250 meals per day so it's a quite a big undertaking.

If your child is likely to arrive after 9.30am and you wish for them to have a school dinner, please phone the office by 9.30am to order this. If your child has missed registration and you have not ordered a lunch by 9.30am, please bring a packed lunch. If you are unable to bring a packed lunch, we will ensure that your child does not go hungry but cannot guarantee a hot meal. We hope you understand that the school cannot purchase spare lunches just in case.



Safeguarding

Here is a useful website with some ideas on how to keep children safe online at Christmas.

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/news/keep-your-child-safe-online-this-christmas/>



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

