

# PARENTS NEWSLETTER

November 2023

*'Keeping your child at the centre of all we do.'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I had a lovely send off at the end of term. Thank you for all your good wishes. I am well, although still waiting for the operation. ☹️ I will come into school for some of the events. I am especially looking forward to the 'light up for Christmas'. This is a magical time and we have families who return each year to start the celebrations. It would be lovely to share some mince pies and hot chocolate with you.

Please check the dates below, pin them to the fridge so you know what will happen when.

## Book sale

Thank you for all your support during the last week of last term. It was lovely to read about why you had chosen your child's name and the meanings behind the names. We also loved all the food that you shared with us.

A big thank you to everyone who bought books, we raised £123.

## Parent Governors **WE NEED YOU**

Would you like to know more about how schools are run, and how to make a difference? We have vacancies for two Parent governors. You would be expected to attend a minimum of six meetings a year, although if you also join a committee there would be more meetings. We try to make the times parent friendly, some of the meetings are whilst your child would be at school; others are in the evenings. We always try to finish by 8pm for evening meetings. (Often earlier!) This is an exciting time to be a Governor as we will be looking at the OFSTED report and making plans to work on the action points.

If you are interested then please see Gill (I am happy to come in and meet you or you can email me), there will be an election if more than two people are interested.

**Birthdays**; we are always happy to help the children celebrate their birthdays.

We love it when you bring in fruit for the children to share. But please note that we **WILL NOT** give out party bags or gifts to the other children. We have children who are allergic to a number of different things, and it can lead to pressure for other parents to do the same.



## Diary Dates

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - 'meet the teacher'. On this day, the school is closed and you need to make an appointment to talk to your child's class team about their progress

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - 'Light up for Christmas'. Light up the Christmas tree; drink hot chocolate and sing Carols. (4-5pm)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - 'Christmas jumper day'. Wear your prettiest/ugliest Christmas jumper. ☺

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner for children who stay for dinners.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Meet Father Christmas

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Early Talk Boost with parents celebration

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas party day. All children are invited to the party. Please look out for a text nearer the time with more information.

We have set up a payment item on Parent Pay for contributions towards the food and entertainment for the party.

## **Please, Please**

Put names in your children's clothes. Even if you just put it in biro on the label, It really helps us to know what peg to put something on if we find it, but also helps other parents to know if it is their child's clothing. Check regularly to see if the name has worn away. It is important that you think about hats and gloves as well now that the weather is getting colder.

### **Children in Need**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will fundraising for 'Children in Need'. A BBC charity.

We are asking that the children wear 'fancy dress' that day, and we will be shaking buckets for donations.

**If your circumstances have changed you might now be entitled to free school meals, please contact us.**

**Our office team is happy to support you with any application. Even though we are not giving all children lunch here, RBG is giving vouchers during the holidays if you are entitled to free school meals.**

**If you are struggling to cope, then please contact us. We can link you to the right places for support. Gill can also give Food bank vouchers which we know some families have found helpful.**

Please remember to let Barbara in the office know if your child is off or unwell. We are required to keep records of attendance. The children will return to school on 10<sup>th</sup> January, we are closed the Monday for staff training and the Tuesday for home visiting. We will be welcoming some new children in January.

**As always thank you for taking the time to read this. Gill & all the staff**