



Wednesday 8th December 2021

Dear Families

...and here we are in December. Another year almost at a close but what a year that has been. Another year without it's challenges but one that again we can feel so proud of as a community. This year has seen an improved outdoor area, wider community use of our school, younger families spending time in school through our growing 'Tree Tots' sessions, Holiday Clubs, a developed wider curriculum for our children and a new roof! Next year we will be bringing curriculum school trips for all children, a new woodland trim trail and chickens! None of this would happen without all of you that make up this wonderful community, a place that has such a big part of my heart. Thank you for all that you have done, thank you for all that you do and thank you for filling me with such hope and positivity of what we can achieve in 2022! Wishing you all a wonderful family Christmas and a Happy New Year. Mrs. Waddington.

Covid 19 Updates

Although working more together as a whole school, instead of class bubbles, we will still remain vigilant and cautious in terms of Covid 19. We will continue to ensure good hygiene routines and a clear air flow through the school building is in place. We have a contingency plan in place should an outbreak occur and will communicate with families quickly should we need to put this in place. Plan and Risk Assessment available on our website.

Clubs

Clubs for next half term starting from week 2:

Wednesday – Street Dance

Thursday - Multi Skills

Friday - Bush Craft

We also have Rhythm Time

Sessions every **Monday**

Morning:

9.45am Toddlers (from walking)

10.30am Babies (birth to walking).

Book www.rhythmtime.net/find-a-class

Tree Tots every Wednesday morning 9:30am – 10:30am

Coming Mondays after February Half Term to Easter - Art Club, do let us know if you would like to sign up.

Dates for the Diary

Christmas Performance: Monday 13th December 2pm and 6:30pm

Christmas Lunch: Tuesday 14th December We will also do our **Christmas Jumper Day** on this day too and there will be a Tuck Shop provided by Friends of Birdsedge.

Christingle Service: Thursday 16th December. Service in school 2:45pm. Families **(1 person per child)** may come along and join us.

Christmas Parties: Friday 17th December in school. Children may come in party clothes on this day.

Songs in the Forest: Also on Friday 17th December. Families to join us from 2:45pm for Christmas songs in our woodland.

Christmas Holiday Club Days: Running Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd December – please see the box below for further details and to book. Winter walks, Outdoor fun and Christmas crafts!

INSET Day: Tuesday 4th January is an INSET Day – Holiday Club child care available for anyone who needs it.

Return to School: Wednesday 5th January 2022 Is the first day back for children after the Christmas Holidays.

Friends of Birdsedge Updates and Messages

Thank you to all our families for supporting this group over the last year. There have been some fantastic fundraising efforts that bring so much enrichment to our children. The Christmas Fair was a great success and it was wonderful to see more of the wider community visiting school – thank you Friends of Birdsedge for making this happen and thank you to all of you who came along, donated and supported such a great event. Over £1500 was raised, which is just incredible!

The group will be holding a 'everything £1' stall of small Christmas goodies and gifts at the Performances on Monday for a final fundraiser this year. As ever, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in this wonderful group – a team of amazing people who work so hard and give up so much time to make such difference to our little school.

Communication

<https://twitter.com/birdsedgefirst>
<https://www.facebook.com/BirdsedgeFirstSchool>
<https://birdsedgefirst.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofbirdsedge>

Forest Friends

Please do have a look for further details and share our booking form link – this can be used at any time to book Holiday Club days for Christmas and the January INSET but also for the rest of the school year.
<https://forms.office.com/r/8kUk1vtVvp>

