



We are looking forward to next week's Christmas performances. I've enjoyed listening to all the rehearsals, and am checking the weather forecast daily now! You must send your child in warm clothes, but if it is **very** cold, or if it is wet, we may need to go virtual again and we have made some contingency plans for filming.

As we go into the festive season, please do not send your child with Christmas (or birthday) treats to share at school, our allergen policies have been updated to reflect new legislation and we will return them to you.

Dr Mitchell

## Diary Dates: *(New dates will be in red)*

- Monday 13 December, Bedtime Story Club with a special guest, author Tom Percival
- Tuesday 14 December, Reception Nativity Singing 9.15, Turtle and Dolphin parents/carers
- Wednesday 15 December, Reception Nativity Singing 9.15, Seahorse and Starfish parents/carers
- Wednesday 16 December, Y2 Christmas Singing 5pm
- Thursday 17 December, Year 1 Christmas Singing 5pm and FODIS Raffle Draw
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December, last day of term
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, back to school!
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7pm, phonics meeting for Y2 parents and carers.
- 14-18 February, half term, school closed to pupils
- Monday 21 February, INSET, school closed to pupils

## Learning Round Up

Reception have been reading the Rod Campbell books, Dear Santa and Dear Zoo, and making their own flap books. They also learned about the North Pole and drew maps for Santa to be able to find us!

Year 1 have been writing lots of cards and letters both to Santa and to their friends and family. In science they have learned about the 5 senses and will be making fruit salad next week, so please bring in a piece of fruit on Monday.

Year 2 have been learning about the UK, drawing their own maps and writing about the capitals of the UK country. They have used clay to make pinch pots.

All year groups enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday – what an amazing job the kitchen staff did to be able to cook for 360+ people! Check out Tapestry for pictures of your children's classes dressed as elves!

## Attendance

A reminder that it is important to send your child to school if they are well.

**90% attendance** means they are missing a day a fortnight, or 3 days per half-term!

**80% attendance** means they are missing a day a week or over a week per half term!

The odd days soon add up. We want all children to do well and to recover from any periods of school lost during the pandemic, so please try and ensure they attend regularly (Covid permitting!)

It is not too late to buy your raffle tickets to win a fab-u-lous hamper! Thank you to FODIS for organising and trialling our first paperless raffle!

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We have been thinking about how to reduce the cost and environmental impact of our festive dressing up. Hang onto your outgrown Christmas jumpers and elf costumes this year! Next November we will hold a festive table-top sale where you can 'bring and buy' ready for the next season!

## Chair of Champions

Rose and Joe, Puffin; Esme and Evie, Fox; Reuben, Badger;  
Konrad and Nye, Hedgehog; Sam and Amal, Squirrel;  
Tessa, Anya and Aryn, Owl  
**WELL DONE ALL!**

