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Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 10th December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

We say farewell to Mrs Kitten (Mrs Keating) who will sadly be leaving us at the end of term. On behalf of all the staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work. She will be greatly missed by all. Zebra class will receive an additional letter by email regarding arrangements.

Christmas Gifts

We know that from previous years some parents like to buy the staff a Christmas gift, to which we are always very grateful. This year we would like Christmas and gifting to be all about our children in school and would like to try something a little different. Instead of buying the staff a Christmas gift, it would be fantastic if you can buy some much needed items from our Amazon wish list. The items purchased will then support our children in school. Please click on the link below:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/F8MRKNKU5WPH?ref_=wl_share

We would like to remind parents that this is completely voluntary and you should not feel under any obligation to contribute in any way. Thank you for your support.

Reading corner

This week's reading quote from one of our Year 2's - 'I like snuggling up with a book,' Ceaira.

Please continue to ensure all reading books and library books are in bags every day, ideally, in a plastic wallet to keep them in a good clean condition. If books are not returned or are returned damaged there will be a charge of £5 to replace.

After School Clubs

Premier Sport will be offering an after school club to all children, Karate and Jumping Clay will be for Year 1 and Year 2 children only. All places will need to be booked directly with the club and will start the first week back after the Christmas holiday. Club letters with further information will follow shortly.

Attendance

If your child is absent from school you must ring the office on 01332 862325 no later than 8.50 am. It is schools responsibility to record all attendance and follow up any absence.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has bought raffle tickets and a massive thank you to our community who have donated some very generous prizes. The Christmas raffle draw will take place with the help of the children on Wednesday 15th December. Thank you and good luck!

The special letters have been delivered to school this morning, so please look out for them today or early next week in your child's school bag. If you specified collection from office, they are available now. The special letters have raised a fabulous amount of £365 for the PTA. Many thanks to everyone who has bought one or taken part in creating them.

We will be holding another break the rules day on Wednesday 22nd December, pantomime day! Please see poster attached.

Don't forget if you are doing your Christmas shopping with Amazon this year, to use Amazon Smile so that a donation is made to the school from the sale - it is an easy way to donate for free!



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Flu Immunisations

If you have given permission, through the NHS website, for your child to have their flu vaccination, this will take place on Thursday 16 December.

The Holiday Food and Activity Programme

The Holiday Food and Activity Programme will be running during the Christmas holidays providing FREE seasonal fun activities and a meal for children who receive benefit related free school meals.

Details about the activities and how families can book places will soon be available on the It's about me website. <https://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk/>

Christmas Extravaganza

13th December - Reception visit Parish Church for Christmas Extravaganza

14th December - Year 1 visit Parish Church for Christmas Extravaganza

17th December - Year 2 visit Parish Church for Christmas Extravaganza

Thank you to those who are helping to walk the children to / from church. Please be reminded a lateral flow test will be required the morning of the event and to wear a mask in school and in church.

Carols by Candlelight

17th December - Year 2 Carols by candlelight - 3.45 pm

20th December - Year 1 Carols by candlelight - 3.45 pm

We would like to invite our Year 1 and Year 2 parents (2 adults only) and siblings to Carols by Candlelight, this will take place on the school playground at 3.45pm on your child's allocated day. To get into the festive spirit, we will have hot chocolate and a mince pie to buy at £2 and a programme at 50p. The children have been practising their Carols and are really looking forward to their performance. The children taking part will remain in school to get ready, siblings in other year groups should be collected at the usual time of 3.20 pm. If your child cannot stay for the performance, please inform your class teacher by dojo.

Whilst we are all extremely excited and looking forward to this event, we are very mindful that some other local schools have seen a steep rise in Covid cases which have led to class closures. If this should happen and we need to cancel you will be contacted prior to the event.

Upcoming Christmas Events

21st December - Christmas Jumper Day

21st December - Magician and Christmas party.

22nd December - Christmas Dinner / break the rules day.

22nd December - Virtual Panto 'Cinderella'

Have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte Gibbs

Headteacher