



Nativity Performances



Our children are getting excited about performing their Nativity plays to parents, grandparents and other family members next week. There is plenty of room in the school hall for friends and relatives so all adults are welcome. Please can I remind everyone that we begin the performances on time, and because of the layout of the hall we can't allow anyone in once the performances have started. Babies and pre-school age children can be brought to the dress rehearsals if parents have a ticket, but we don't allow them at the main performances. At the end of the performances we will be having collections for the charity Brain Tumour Support. Many of our parents and staff are very keen to raise as much money as possible to support this worthwhile cause. If you are attending an afternoon performance you are welcome to collect your child from his or her class after the performance and when all children have changed their clothing. Please go to the normal collection door and children will be brought to you.

Christmas Post Box



We are putting the school post box up on Monday. If children would like to send Christmas cards for someone else in school, they are welcome to post these in the post box which will be in the library area. Please can parents make sure that children write the name of the child/adult who the card is for on the front of the envelope, along with the class name. Every year we find cards addressed to 'William' or 'Evie' and we don't know which William or Evie they are for! Classes will take it in turns to empty the post box, sort the cards and deliver them each day.

Party Day



On Wednesday 14th December we have our 'Party Day'. Children may wear what they like to school, but nothing too special as they may be involved in activities using glue in the morning. A list will go up on the classroom door on Monday asking for donations of party food for the afternoon. They will have a school lunch as normal.



Christmas Church Service



We hope to see as many of you as possible at our Christmas Church Service on Tuesday 13th December at 2pm. Seating is somewhat limited in Church, so we ask parents to allow us to seat children first. We usually manage to squeeze everyone in eventually, but please bear with us while we organise the children. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help walk children up to the Church and back. FoSM will serve hot drinks in the playground after the service, and you are welcome to collect your child from his or her class at the usual classroom door after the service. You don't need to wait until 3.10.

Generous Donations

Thank you so much for the filled shoeboxes that were brought to school to be sent to those children who have very little. We collected 43, and we know that every one of them will be very much appreciated. Parents sent in a record sum of £489.21 for our 'Children In Need' Appeal this year, using the spotty envelopes that the children had decorated, which was an amazing total. Thank you also for your support for the FoSM Art Evening. We didn't have quite as many chocolate and bottle tombola donations as we have in the past, so we combined the tombolas which seemed to work well. A huge thank you to all the parent and staff helpers and to FoSM for organising it and doing the work 'behind the scenes'. There is still time to order your child's art work if you would like to.

Reading at Home

I promised parents a monthly update on the percentage of children reading at least 3 times a week at home. The results for the month of November are:-



Owls and Flamingoes	53%
Penguins and Parrots	63%
Ducks and Toucans	53%
Moles	55%
Rabbits	53%
Hedgehogs	55%
Badgers	40%
Squirrels	37%
Foxes	67%

A huge well done to the clear winners, Foxes class, and to the other classes whose percentage has increased.

Christmas Holidays

The last day of school for children is Thursday 15th December when school will finish at 3.10 as normal. We all hope that you have a wonderful Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing children back at school on Tuesday 3rd January for the start of the new term. Happy Christmas to all our families, and many thanks for your continued support.

INSET Day

I have just confirmed with Mrs Hignett that the 5th INSET day for our schools will be Friday April 7th 2017.