

# F1 NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 1.12.25



## Key Information

Nativity dates are the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of December! We are so excited to share the songs we have been working on.

Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Carols in the Playground after school at 6:00pm. If you're free come down, listen to the Salvation Army Band play, enjoy a hot chocolate and a sing.

On Friday at 3:30pm it is the Friends of the Lanes Christmas Fayre at Cator Lane. If you are interested in getting involved with the Friends contact [friends@thelanes.notts.sch.uk](mailto:friends@thelanes.notts.sch.uk)



## Message from the F1 Team

What a fantastic week we've had! Our Nativity rehearsals are going so well—the children are acting beautifully, remembering their places, and singing with growing confidence. Please keep practising the songs at home; it really makes a big difference!

We also are loving sharing the special memories from the children's boxes. Everyone has been so thoughtful and proud to talk about their families and the moments that matter to them. There's still time if you want to bring one back!

Next week, we're beginning a new story: Stick Man. We're excited for all the important people discussions, activities, and adventures it will inspire!

From, Miss Clarke, Miss Shepherd and Miss Carlin

## This week's learning

**Phonics** – This week we will work on controlling instrument sounds reading Faster, Faster, Nice and slow and playing the traffic light game.

**Maths** – This week we will be comparing numbers within 5 with the words more and less.

**Enquiry** – Our enquiry question for the term is 'How are People Important?' This week we begin reading Stick Man and thinking about how family, jobs (purposes) and people at special times of the year are important.

**Gross and Fine Motor** – This week we will continue moving our bodies to music. This week we will move away from music played on a CD and into music played on an instrument.

## Whole school information

We have lots of great events coming up in the next week – we have the Christingle Service at St Johns Church where some of our choir will be singing. On Tuesday, it is Carols in the Playground at Meadow Lane with the Salvation Army Band and some lovely food and drink. We also have the Christmas Fair next Friday! In order to support the Friends with the fair we are having an optional non-uniform day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December for a donation of some cake or chocolate!

## Message from Mr Wilkes

I hope you have all had a good week. The children have continued to work really hard getting ready for the Panto, undertaking assessments, creating some wonderful artwork and getting engaged in reading.

We hosted an online reading meeting for Y3 - Y6 parents this evening which was expertly delivered by Anna Hodkin and Dean White. The slides and recording will be available on the school website next week. The key message is very much talk and read as much as you can at home!

As part of our school improvement work we are reviewing our approach to spellings. The children will no longer be sent home with spelling lists or have spelling tests. Having reviewed research in this area there are more effective ways which we will update you on in the new year.