

December Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

To quote a seasonal song, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas" and it really is! School has been seasonally decorated for a few weeks now. We have enjoyed the Foundation Stage nativity of 'A King is Born'; ah-ma-zing for such young children just a term in school to speak and sing on the stage. KS1 impressed us with their expressive and entertaining production of 'Children of the World'. I smiled all the way through. Then, on Tuesday, KS2 led us for our atmospheric carols by candle light and yesterday we enjoyed Christmas lunch and parties - such fun!



An extra special highlight of our Christmas build up was our trip to see 'The Lion King'. Thank you for allowing your children to go, only a few FS children remained at school. We appreciate you keeping the secret too – this added to the magic of the event. A small number of older children had been told and did tell their friends, which was a real shame for those few. Part of the school's vision is to, 'broaden the horizons of our children and show them that the world is theirs to explore.' By taking the children to London to see a spectacular show, we hope to have gone some way to achieving this. In addition to enjoying a very special day together and bringing a well-loved story truly alive, perhaps the trip will have inspired some of our children to be story writers, choreographers, theatre technicians or even puppeteers – we will have to wait and see!

Throughout the day, the children were impeccably behaved and I was very proud of them all. Watching their awestruck faces at the impressive puppets and witnessing their spontaneous applause made all the hard work worthwhile. I hope they came home buzzing about all they had seen. To take 355 children to London required a huge number of adult helpers. Thank you to all of you that gave your time to enable us to go – we couldn't have done it without you and I hope you enjoyed it too! Events like this show what a special community we truly are.

FS Christmas workshop

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members attend our Christmas workshop on Friday 30th November. The children worked with the adults to make a range of Christmas decorations, from cotton wool snowmen and lollipop stick stars to handprint Father Christmas faces and paper plate wreaths. It was fantastic to see the children so engaged in their learning, we hope you enjoyed the activities if you came and joined us.

Baby News

Mrs Deacon has had an early Christmas present with the arrival of her baby, a beautiful baby girl. Hattie arrived into the world on 6th December weighing 8lb 12oz. Mr and Mrs Deacon are quite rightly very much in love with her already! Also, we are thrilled to announce that Miss Wright is expecting her second baby in June.

Mud!

As the ground is now wet, children will only be allowed to play football in January if they have waterproof over trousers, a jacket and a change footwear. Without this, they will not be able to participate.

Staff Car Park

At the start and end of school, please make sure that you keep yourselves and your children safe by using the fenced off path as you pass the staff car park. Some members of our staff are arriving at this time and the car park is still in use. Thank you.

And finally ...

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas' also has the line, "and mum and dad can hardly wait for school to start again!" I hope that before school starts again, you enjoy special time with your children. Christmas is a magical time and, believe me, your children will grow up too quickly! Enjoy hanging up the stockings, leaving out the mince pie, the anticipation of Santa's visit and the early morning! It is a precious time, bottle the moment and store it in your memory and heart forever.

On behalf of us all, may I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Mrs Stephanie Wilcox
Headteacher

PS: Ask your children how many teachers they could spot in our Christmas advert?!

Dates for January

- Friday 4th – Year 2 Inspiration day – Children invited to dress as a secret agent or in disguise
- Tuesday 8th – Year 1 Inspiration day – Children invited to dress like an animal
- Tuesday 8th – The Lunchtime Company – Food tasting session 3.15pm school hall
- Monday 14th – Friday 18th – Reading week
- Tuesday 15th – Author Mark Lowery visiting
- Tuesday 15th – Year 5 Inspiration Day – Children are invited to dress as a book character
- Thursday 17th – Year 3 & 4 Inspiration Day – Children are invited to dress in the colours of a flag
- Monday 21st – Year 4 Fundraising cake stall
- Tuesday 22nd – Parents SRE information morning 8.30am – 9.30am
- Tuesday 22nd – Foundation Children Bedtime Story 6.00pm
- Friday 25th – Poppy Parents Class Assembly 9.10am
- Tuesday 29th – Foundation Stage Inspiration Day – No costume needed

