



Apologies for not sharing a newsletter last week. As you are aware, we had Ofsted inspectors in school last Thursday and Friday and as a result, it was an incredibly busy time for us all. As always, your children were a real credit to you and consistently demonstrated school values and their love of learning. Many of them met with members of the inspection team and helped provide an important student perspective. Thank you for supporting the visit in various ways including filling in the parent and child surveys – this information was extremely helpful to guide the process. The outcome of the inspection will be shared in approximately three weeks; the exact date is not yet known but we can only presume it will be just before or after the Christmas break. The report will be used to continue taking the school forward so that we can be the best that we can be for every child.

Apologies for cancelling Film Club last week. Due to the various school plays and other special events, the date for the next Film Club will be in the January.

Year 1 Lion Cubs

At the end of term we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Morris as she leaves to have her first child. She has been at the school for 4 ½ years and in this time has had significant impact on the leadership of the school and learning for a huge amount of children and staff.

We are delighted that Mrs Kimberley Ritchie will be joining the team in January to continue the strong teaching and learning in Year 1 Lion Cubs. Mrs Ritchie is currently teaching in year 1 in Northampton and has lots of years of experience to bring to our school.

Fresh Start Lunches

As a school, we are extremely happy to have Fresh Start as our 'new' meal provider. The lunches are delicious and the freshness of the ingredients is first class. This week we had this endorsed by Paul Evans, Healthier Child Advisor for Northamptonshire; he was impressed with the quality and organisation. An area that we are keen to understand better is why many children in foundation stage, year 1 and 2, are not taking up their entitlement to a free school meal. Alongside Fresh Start, we are very keen to hear your comments on this and would really appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes to let us know your thoughts via an email. Many thanks in advance for your honest feedback.

Please also be reminded that children in KS2 should only bring in a healthy snack each day for morning break time. FS and KS1 children are provided a piece of fruit or vegetable free each day and we encourage KS2 to follow the same guidelines. Our SNAG team (School Nutrition Action Group) will be considering healthy snacks in the coming weeks and will be sharing their ideas.

Head teacher Tea Party

Congratulations to Ruby Chambers, Joshua Weeks, India Spencer-Jones, David Williams, Eliza Williams, Sophie Skinner, Charlie Protheroe, Evan Watson, Jessica Saunders, James Armer, Holly Pennington, Lucas Bentley and Sophie Bolton for being selected for a special afternoon tea yesterday.



PTA School Fete

Tomorrow 12.00pm – 2.30pm

All children are part of the choir.

They should congregate at the stage in hall at 12.15pm ready to sing at 12.30pm.

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work preparing for this, plus the numerous companies that have donated raffle items and Mr Paragreen for being MC.

Our thanks go to Winnie Gordon and Michael Radcliffe for setting up our Christmas tree outside the front of the school again and to Chris and Jenny Lett from Stoke Goldington Trees, for supplying another tree for the PTA raffle tomorrow.



Diary Dates

The Christmas season is now upon us with lots of special events planned. On Monday (5th), FS and KSI perform their plays to OAPs at 1.30pm; no tickets are required for this.

On Tuesday 6th, FS will be showcasing their play for parents and carers at 2.30pm and 5.00pm. Children should be brought back to the classroom at 4.40pm in preparation for the evening performance.

On Wednesday 7th, there are two performances for KSI parents/carers with one at a slightly earlier time than originally advertised, at 2.15pm and the other at 5.00pm. Year 1 and 2 children should be back at school at 4.40pm in preparation for the evening performance.

Year 3 and 4 will be performing their play at Holy Trinity Church (in Deanshanger) on Wednesday 14th at 2.15pm and 6.00pm. If you are coming along to the afternoon performance, you can collect your child/ren from the church otherwise we will walk the children back to school straight after. All children need dropping off at the church at 5.45pm and collecting from there afterwards. We will be able to give you an accurate collection time once we have completed one performance.

Year 5 and 6 will also be performing their play at Holy Trinity on Thursday 15th at 2.15pm and 6.00pm. As with the year 3 and 4 one, if you are coming along to the afternoon performance, you can collect your child/ren from the church otherwise we will walk the children back to school straight after. All children need dropping off at the church at 5.45pm and collecting from there afterwards. We will be able to give you an accurate collection time once we have completed one performance.

Please be reminded that you are very welcome to take photographs and videos during the plays, but please ensure that you do not upload these to social media if you have any images of children other than your own.

On Friday 16th December, all children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with the rest of their school uniform. We will be accepting optional donations for Save the Children at this time. Jumpers can also be worn on Christmas lunch days – Monday 19th for FS and KSI and Tuesday 20th for KS2. Don't feel that you need to go and buy a jumper if your son/daughter doesn't have one though.

One final date to share for the time being - On Monday 19th December all children in staff in the school will be singing carols on The Green at 2.45pm until the end of the school day. Come and join us if you can. The end of the school day will be 3.15pm as normal.

The order for personalised Christmas cards and mugs etc has gone in but we do not have a delivery date at the moment. As soon as we have this, it will be shared.

Many children have now made a strong start to this year's Reading Challenge. Please encourage your child/ren to take part in this and to focus hard on the presentation alongside the actual reading.

We expect all children to read at home and school on a daily basis and encourage you to listen to your child as much as possible; this includes the older children.

Thank you very much to all the parents and grandparents that support reading in school on a regular basis; it is very much appreciated and makes a big difference to individual progress and confidence.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Dennis will be returning to school and Year 3 Rabbits on Monday 12th December.

We are extremely grateful to Mrs Stickland for standing in so brilliantly at very short notice.

Thank you for the messages of support to Mrs Dennis.

Since it has gone very cold this week, please ensure your child has a hat, scarf and gloves in school on a daily basis. Should we experience heavy snow, you will receive a ParentMail message to explain the plans for the day.

School water bottles are available for purchase from the school office for £1.50.

Please be extremely careful whilst driving and parking near school as it is often congested and has been particularly busy lately due to road works in the village.

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