

## Friday News 10.11.2023

The nights are drawing in, Bonfire night has been and gone and it can only mean one thing, Christmas is on its way! Christmas is such an exciting time to be Headteacher in a primary school. I have heard Christmas songs being practiced already, so apologies if you find your child suddenly bursts into a Christmas song at some point, that's probably our fault. We are starting off very slowly just practicing the songs with Miss Butcher in singing assembly on a Wednesday and Antarctica class are practicing their song with Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Hare as well.

### Children in Need

It is Children in Need next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> November). It will be a non-uniform day with children encouraged to wear spots or something colourful. Please do not buy anything special for this, just something you already have at home. We will talk about what the money is being raised for in our assembly at the end of the day. Please bring in a donation (suggested donation of £1) and all money raised will go to Children in Need.

### Open morning

We had 25 families attend our opening morning last Saturday. It was such a pleasure to welcome so many new faces to the school and show them around. A big thank you to the staff, governors and cook who made the morning so successful. We hope to welcome many of these new families to the school so that we can continue having a healthy school population.

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week was 94.5%, which is below the national average. Miss Prall and I will be working with families to increase our attendance figure.

### Bird Boxes

Thank you from Ray and Gail Baxter to those who braved the weather and made their bird boxes. 10 out of the 12 were made, which considering the weather on that day was brilliant.

### Dates:

A few updates on the recently published dates.

17<sup>th</sup> November - School discos

1<sup>st</sup> December - Dress down for Christmas raffle

6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner day. Wear Christmas Jumper.

8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fair

11<sup>th</sup> December - Experience Christmas (EYFS / KS1). This is just for school children during the school day.

12<sup>th</sup> December - Experience Christmas (KS2) This is just for school children during the school day.

18<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm parents invited to KS1 carols and Christmas story at the church. Children to be dismissed from the church.

19<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm parents invited to KS2 carols and Christmas story at the church. Children to be dismissed from the church.

20<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle service in school - children only.

every day. Children's who attendance drops below 95% are at significant risk of falling behind their peers.



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*"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them"*

MATTHEW 19:14