

Newsletter

December 2023



There has been a real buzz of learning around the school this November. Year 4 have been writing wonderful recounts of The eruption of Mount Vesuvius, Year 1 created their own moving penguins as part of their unit on Antarctica and our Year 6 pupils represented the school brilliantly as they led our Remembrance assembly. Staff have been putting the finishing touches to our Christmas productions this year, and we look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming winter fair organised by the Friends Association.



Mr Matthew Cross - Headteacher

Reminder: Christmas Productions 2023



The Christmas assembly/productions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are fast approaching. Parents and carers are allocated two tickets per child to attend either of the two performances. This year we will be raising money for [The Benjamin Foundation](#). This charity supports vulnerable children across the county.

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| Nursery | Carol Singalong | 8-Dec / 10.45am or 2.15pm |
| Reception | Winter Show/ Nativity | 11-Dec / 9.15am or 2pm |
| Year 1 | Winter Singalong | 12-Dec / 9.15am or 2pm |
| Year 2 | Winter Show/ Nativity | 13-Dec / 9.15am or 2pm |

Christmas Lunches and Jumpers!



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| 14th December | Years 3-6 |
| 15th December | Reception - Year 2 |

Please make sure you book your child's Christmas lunch on [School Money](#) by next Monday. On both of these days only the Christmas dinner or Christmas party lunch options are available. Children who do not wish to have either of these options will need to bring in their own packed lunch. On the day of your child's Christmas lunch, they are welcome to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper.

Help with Living Costs

Help with the cost of living

We know that this time of year can be hard for many, with increasing heating costs and Christmas around the corner. There is lots of support available if you need help with living costs. For more information on support organisations, please visit [this website](#).

Update: Fieldfare Way Closure

Fieldfare Way works are on track to be completed this evening with the road reopening ready for Monday. A big thank you for your patience and understanding whilst the road has been closed.

Travelling Book Fair



Come and visit the travelling book fair all next week outside the main office from 3-3.30pm. You will be able to buy a wide range of children's books, starting from just £2.99.

Card/online payments only will be accepted through an online portal. Profits from book sales support the school in buying new books.

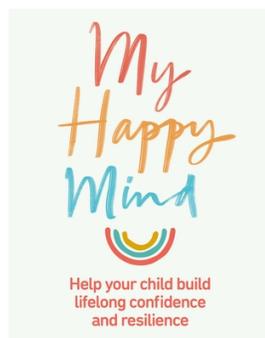
Friends Winter Fair

Join us in the school hall from 3-5pm on Thursday 14th December for our winter fair with music, refreshments and games. All monies raised help to support the school.



My Happy Mind: App

In school we use a programme called [myHappyMind](#) to help children learn about how to achieve good mental health by developing positive skills and habits. Parents and carers now have free access to the parent app - a great resource you can use at home.



More information is on the attached letter.

Winter Workshare

Friday 15th December 3 - 3.30pm



We are holding our half-termly workshare event on the last Friday of this term. Come into your child's class at the end of the school day, and they can share with you all of the learning they have been doing this past half-term.

Inclusion Lead: EYFS and KS1

Mrs. James, our Assistant Head, and one of our Inclusion Leads is soon to go on maternity leave. In her absence, Miss Hardesty, our Nursery teacher, will be taking on the role of Inclusion Lead for Early Years and KS1 - supporting children with additional needs to be successful in their learning. We wish Mrs. James all the best for her imminent new arrival!



Term Dates: 2024-2025

These term dates are now [available on our school website](#).

You can also keep up to date with all that is going on at school with our new [online calendar](#).

Upcoming Dates

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| 1st December 2.30pm | Year 5 Show and Share Assembly | Year 5 Adults |
| 7th December | Year 3 Cathedral Visit | Year 3 |
| 8th December | Year 3 Cathedral Visit | Year 3 |
| 8th December | Nursery Carol Singalong 10.45am and 2.15pm | Nursery Adults |
| 11th December | Reception Winter Show/Nativity 9.15am and 2pm | Reception Adults |
| 12th December | Year 6 Time and Tide Trip | Year 6 |
| 12th December | Year 1 Singalong 9.15am and 2pm | Year 1 Adults |
| 13th December | Year 6 Time and Tide Trip | Year 6 |
| 13th December | Year 2 Winter Show/Nativity 9.15am and 2pm | Year 2 Adults |
| 14th December 3-4pm | Friends Winter Fair | Parents welcome |
| 14th December | Christmas Dinner | KS2 |
| 15th December | Christmas Dinner | EYFS and KS1 |
| 15th December 3-3.30pm | Christmas Workshare | Parents welcome |
| 18th December | Robin Hood Panto - in school, pupils only | Whole School |
| Winter Break 21st December to 3rd January 2024 | | |
| 3rd January 2024 | Inset Day - School closed to pupils | Whole school |
| 4th January 2024 | First day back to school | All pupils |
| 19th January 2024 | Year 3 Show and Share Assembly | Year 3 parents |
| 25th January 2024 | Library bus | |
| 26th January 2024 | Miss Hunter's Show and Share Assembly | Class parents |
| 2nd February 2024 | Mr James' Show and Share Assembly | Class parents |
| 8th February 2024 | Workshare event | Parents welcome |
| 8th February 2024 | Year 3 Castle Trip | Year 3 |
| 9th February 2024 | Year 3 Castle Trip | Year 3 |
| 9th February 2024 | Safer Internet Curriculum Day | |
| 16th February 2024 | Mr Passage's Show and Share Assembly | Class parents |
| Half-term Break 17th - 25th February 2024 | | |