



**Thank you!**

To everyone who purchased Christmas cards - it raised £230.75 which will go towards gifts and resources for the children.

To everyone who donated towards Children in Need- we managed to raise £290.

Finally, to all who attended the Halloween Disco! The children had a wonderful time and we managed to raise £635.00 towards a school stage.

As a result of this amazing amount and some other fund raising that we have going on around school (such as ticket sales), we have invested in a stage for the school hall so that we can better showcase our wonderful children's hard work and talents

**A message from our Governors...**

All of our governors have continued to come into school and support staff and children.

We have appointed a new Co-opted Governor – Ms Senya – who has already been into school to meet with staff as well as attending our regular governor meetings.

As we start to prepare for Christmas, we are looking forward to coming into school to support the Christmas extravaganza and to watch the Christmas productions.

**It's cold out!**

It is safe to say the freezing temperature and snow this week has been a shock to the system!

Please ensure children are wrapped up warm and have suitable footwear and clothing. We will always do our best to remain open for our children but if we feel it is unsafe for the children and staff to attend, we will endeavour to let you know if we do make the difficult decision to close, as early as possible via the Arbor App.

**Feel Good Friday**

To celebrate the amazing attendance we have had so far this half term, we are having another 'Feel Good Friday' on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be an 'Outdoors' theme. We are asking for donations of soil, pots, bulbs, photo frames, wool, CDs to help us prepare for this

**Christmas Production**

Children across the school are busy rehearsing for our upcoming school productions. Tickets for KS1 and 2 performances can be ordered with class teachers. Each family is entitled to 1 free ticket per child and additional tickets will cost £1.

Please note, you will need to order your free ticket regardless of if you want any additional tickets. These will be given on a first come, first served basis so that we can ensure we adhere to capacity regulations within the hall.

**Extravaganza**

We will be holding our Annual Christmas Extravaganza on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Children can be collected from 2pm to attend the event. The event will run until approx. 4:30pm so children not collected early will still be able to attend

**Do you need to speak to someone?**

Should you have a concern about your child, or information you wish to pass on, please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Whilst teachers are available at the end of the day, you may need to make an appointment to talk to them at length.

If you have a quick query or want to make an appointment, it is probably still easiest to come to the office or 'phone the school on 0121 588 2080, or email using the year group email addresses.

Should you need to speak to Mrs MacDiarmid (SEND) or Mrs Taylor (safeguarding & attendance) you can also speak to the office, who will arrange an appointment.

**Christmas Jumper Swap Shop**

Please send in any unwanted Christmas jumpers/tops for our swap shop starting next week.

### Attendance!

The year group with the highest attendance so far this year is **Year 3 with 96.3%**.

Congratulations to **3G** who have the best attendance with **97.7%**

Well done to classes **FT Nursery, 4DW, 5G, 6F, 2R, 6B, 2W, 4JW, 2H and RMP** who all have **over 95%** attendance.

Our overall school attendance is currently **95.2%**.

Our end of year target is to reach **95.5%**. We can only do that with the support of all of you. As the weather gets colder and the days get shorter, please continue to make sure your child attends school daily. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                                      | Non Uniform Day – Donation of sweets                              |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November                                    | Non Uniform Day – Donations of chocolates                         |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November                                      | Feel Good Friday: Outdoors Theme – Non-uniform, outdoor clothing  |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | EYFS Craft Day – times tbc  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                                     | EYFS Nativity 9.30am and 2.15pm                                   |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | Non Uniform Day – Donation of bottles                             |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                                     | Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 9:30 and 2:30pm – ticketed event |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                   | Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 9:30 and 2:30pm – ticketed event |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 9:30 and 2:30pm – ticketed event |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | Non Uniform Day – Donation of Bric-a-Brac                         |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | Christmas Extravaganza – 2pm onwards                              |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December                                     | Music Assembly – 9.05   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | Rock Steady Assembly – 9.05<br>Christmas Party Day                |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | Term ends – children in school                                    |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December to<br>Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January | Christmas holidays  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January  | Training Day – school closed to pupils                            |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January                                       | Pupils return to school.  |