

December Newsletter

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. I am delighted to be continuing in my role as Interim Executive Headteacher for the remainder of this academic year and am greatly looking forward the next stage of our school journey. I would also like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Please find below our end of term reminders and updates.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school is vitally important to ensure that all children make good progress and that they access the curriculum they are entitled to. In the first instance, it is the responsibility of pupils and their parents to ensure attendance at school as required by law. The Government states that an attendance rate of less than 95% will have a detrimental effect on a child's education. It is therefore the school's aim that each of our pupils should have an attendance rate as high as possible; this being in excess of 95% each academic year unless there are exceptional circumstances, out of the child's control, that affect their attendance at school. If this is the case, the school will support the child and their family to ensure their attendance rate is as high as it can possibly be.



PTFA

Thank you to all parents and staff who worked together to organise our Christmas Fayre. We are looking forward to officially establishing our PTFA in the new year and the set-up meeting is arranged for Tuesday 16th January at 3.45pm. We would welcome any parents who would like to be involved.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Thank you to all of you who came in your Christmas festive jumpers and clothes. We raised **£67.72** for a worthy cause.

STAFFING

In January, Joseph Adams will be joining us as Red Squirrels class teacher. Additionally, we are welcoming three new members of support staff: Charlotte Nauyokas, Sirikhwan Rowles and Justine Andrews. We look forward to welcoming them to the team 😊

COMMUNICATIONS

Following the recent issues encountered with Class Dojo, to streamline communications we are moving to a class email system.

Each class will have their own email address. The mailbox will be monitored by the class teacher and can be used to communicate directly with them to send any news from home or regarding any class-based queries.

We will be sending a test email out by the end of this week, if you do not receive it, please check your junk folder and let us know so that we can check the email address we have on file.

Please note that absence should still be reported to the school office as usual.

Many thanks for your continued support.



CHRISTMAS *PARTY* DAY - Wednesday 20th December

Christmas parties will be held in classes during the morning. Please do send children in non-uniform to enjoy the festivities.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school will continue next term every Tuesday for Nursery/EYFS (Hoglets and Hedgehogs) and Years 3 and 4 (Red Squirrels). Please ensure your child has appropriate, named outdoor clothing for the changing weathers.

DECEMBER

18th Christingle

20th Christmas Party Day and End of Autumn Term 2

JANUARY

3rd Start of Spring Term 1

FEBRUARY

2nd Number Day

9th End of Spring Term 1

19th Start of Spring Term 2

21st Y6 London Houses of Parliament Visit

MARCH

12th Parent Meetings

28th Autism Day and End of Spring Term 2