

Friday 3rd December 2021

The festive season feels like it is really upon us now! It has been a delight to see the children's faces light up as we aim to ensure they experience the Christmas period in as normal (and safe) a way as possible. Have a great weekend. Miss Brown.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 8th December
EYFS/ KS1 Nativity 2pm and 6pm
Monday 13th December
KS2 Carol Concert 2pm and 6pm
Wednesday 15th December
Santa/ Elf Dash
Christmas Lunch/ Xmas Jumper Day
Thursday 16th December
KS2 singing to Care Home residents
Friday 17th December
Rear gate at school closed permanently
Carols round the Christmas Tree
Toy Day/ Non Uniform Day
1:30pm finish

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Next week is the last week for all clubs, with the exception of 'Players in Education' and 'Y3/4 Multi-skills'. These will continue to the end of term.
- On Monday 13th December, the extra-curricular clubs offer for next half term, will be sent out via ParentMail. Closing date for places is Friday 17th December.
If interest exceeds places, names will be chosen at random and priority places will offered (to any children who were not able to have a place) the following half term.
- Week beginning 03.01.22, families will be informed of whether their child/ren has been successful in a place in the club and will also be given arrangements for those specific clubs.
- Clubs will then begin week beginning 10.01.22

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We have loved welcoming families in to school this week to help make Christmas decorations. Thank you to all of those who were involved! With recent COVID restrictions changing, please call all adults wear a face covering to our future family Christmas events (unless exempt).

VISION AND ETHOS

We had a very successful evening on Monday at our 'Vision and Ethos Working Party'. All the responses to our questionnaires were used to help set the new vision. Thank you for your involvement with this. In January, we will move from our current strap line of 'Aim Higher' to '**Cherishing Childhoods, Foundations for the Future**'. This strap line will underpin our vision, ethos and aims. We will keep you updated, as this continues to develop, in the near future. An exciting new chapter awaits!

SICKNESS

COVID – a reminder that any symptoms of COVID require a PCR test: not a Lateral Flow test
SICKNESS – Sickness and diarrhoea bugs are circulating currently. We have increased handwashing opportunities to help reduce the transmission of this. To help us further, please keep any children at home for 48 hours from the last occurrence.
Families will be made aware of any long-term staff absences.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity so far with your donations for Rock FM's Mission Christmas Appeal and also with your donations for the food bank. Your donations will have a huge impact on those in need. We can accept donations up to
A ParentMail message has also been sent out regarding the sale of 'Plush Buddy' key rings and mascot toys. Items are £2 and all proceed go to Derian House.

STAR AWARDS!



Huge congratulations to...

- Reception:** Amelia and Bobby
Year 1: Alfie and Joseph
Year 2: Lucas I and William
Year 3: Aroush and Jackson
Year 4: Mollie and Ibrahim
Year 5: Freddie and Jacob B
Year 6: Archie and Erin