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Newsletter

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Newsletter 25th November

Baby News

I am delighted to announce that Mrs White is expecting her first baby in April. We are all absolutely delighted. Mrs McCormack who already takes Elder class every fortnight will take over when Mrs White goes on maternity leave.

Children in Need Friday 19th November

Thanks to your amazing generosity we raised over £500 for Children in Need! Thank you to everyone involved.

Christmas Postbox

Our annual Christmas Postbox will be open from Monday 29th November. It is an opportunity for children to send cards to each other. The postbox can be found in the Hall and the children will be able to go in and post any cards that they wish to send. Can we ask that full names and classes are written on the front, which will make it a lot easier for our Year 6 Elves to sort them!

Christmas Events

We are currently seeing a growing number of children and staff test positive for COVID. As you may already be aware, the Government has made it very clear that schools are expected to continue operating with control measures in place. These were outlined in a previous newsletter.

We are asking for parents to bear with us as we make some difficult decisions about certain Christmas events in order that we try to limit the number of families that may need to isolate in the coming weeks. As a society we are looking forward to having a 'normal' Christmas, but in order to do so, we have had to limit some aspects of what we would normally do in school. I share your frustration when looking at society as a whole and seeing how much things are

returning to normal, but with the primary year groups currently seeing growing numbers of infections, we need to limit any potential spread.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reception and Little Chestnuts Nativity and Key Stage 1 Carol Concert

Both events will be going ahead for the children, but unfortunately, with increasing numbers of children and staff having COVID we have taken the difficult decision to do both events remotely. We will be filming and posting them online.

We will record the play on Monday 6th December. Those children from Little Chestnuts who do not usually attend on a Monday morning are welcome to join us for the recording time. They should be dropped off at 9.30am and picked up at 11am. Session times remain the same for those normally in on a Monday. Please let a member of staff at Little Chestnuts know if you will be bringing your child in for this extra session.

Pantomime

We are looking forward to welcoming M and M productions back to Woodmancote on 10th December. We would normally accommodate all the children in the hall for the performance, but given that the numbers of positive cases is increasing at school at the moment we will be offering all children in Reception to Year 3 the opportunity of watching the pantomime and we are looking to book a separate performance for Years 4-6.

The cost of each of these performances will be met by your generous parental contributions, so we will not be asking for any specific donations for these performances.

Christmas Outfit Day-Friday 10th Dec

A chance for all children and adults to come into school in a festive outfit and mark the start of the Christmas period.

Christmas Parties

Thursday 16th December for Key Stage 2

Friday 17th December for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

On their respective Party Days children can come to school in their own clothes.

Little Chestnuts-Late Pick Ups

A polite reminder that Little Chestnuts finishes at 3pm, so children need collecting by then.

Outdoor Learning Area

An enormous thank you to all those parents who joined Mrs Gamblin in helping to clear the area and give it some much needed TLC!



Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who met remotely with their child's class teacher this week. We hope that you found it useful. Please look out for a survey after Christmas that will gauge your thoughts about the process.

COVID UPDATES

Vaccination drop-in clinics for all ages

To view all drop-in clinics, please visit the [NHS vaccination Covid portal](#).

- Thursday 25 November: Old Cinderford Health Centre | 3.45pm-7.30pm
- Friday 26 November: Old Cinderford Health Centre | 8:45am-12:30pm and 1:40pm-5:30pm
- Saturday 27 November: North Cotswold Hospital, Moreton-in-Marsh | 8.30am-1pm and 1.30pm-5pm
- Sunday 28 November: Rosebank Surgery, Gloucester | 9am-2.45pm

You can visit any of the above clinics if:

- you need a booster vaccination and it has been 6 months since your second dose of the vaccine
- you are 12-15 years old in need of a first dose of the vaccine (must be accompanied by a parent)
- you are 16/17 needing your first dose of the vaccine
- you are 18+ needing your first or second dose of Pfizer

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

The school has several DSLs who are responsible for all aspects of Safeguarding. If you have a concern about a child, either in or out of school, please feel free to contact one of us.

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Dates for the Diary-These are regularly updated and new events written in, so please do look through again.

All dates and events are dependent upon the latest advice from the Local Authority.

Friday 26 th November	INSET No school for children
Friday 10 th December	In School Pantomime for Reception-Year 3
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Outfit, Jumper, T-shirt Day in aid of Save the Children
Wednesday 15 th	Christmas Dinner
Thur 16 th	Key Stage 2 Party Day
Fri 17 th	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Party Day
17 th December	Last day of term 2
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET No school for children
5 th January	First day of term 3



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