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Newsletter

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Friday 2nd December 2022

PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you to all those parents who came along to the first Christmas Fayre since 2019. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. The PTA committee did an amazing job and brought together a super experience for our children. The final total of money raised is well in excess of £2000, which is simply incredible, given the current financial climate. This now means that each class trip over the course of the year will be subsidised by £5 per child. This is incredibly important when you consider how much the cost of coach travel has gone up in recent years. We want our children to experience a range of activities and this subsidy will mean that we are not asking for quite so much money each time there is a trip!

Thank you again to the small, but dedicated band of PTA members. You have been incredible.

Staff changes

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Jefferies at Christmas as he takes up a post elsewhere in Cheltenham. We wish him all the best for the future.

This means that we will be redeploying some teachers in order to provide consistency for the children going into 2023 and for the rest of the academic year.

From January Cedar class will be taught by Mrs Workman, who many of the children will have known from their time in Year 1. She will be replaced in Maple by Mrs Badham who the children will have known from their time in Reception!

Mrs Baxter will then move to teaching full-time in Oak class.

We believe that this arrangement ensures the most consistent approach for children across the Infants. All three teachers are very experienced and eager to take on their new roles for the sake of the children

Thank you for your understanding.

Vipers Firewall

We have recently had an upgrade to our firewall, so some parents may have recently found that teachers have not replied to emails as any emails sent by parents may have been 'quarantined'. If this applies to you, please let the office know when you sent an email to a member of staff and we will follow this up.

The Christmas Post box

For those children who wish to send each other Christmas Cards, the post box will be open from Monday 5th. Children will be able to post their cards in the post box which is positioned in the hall and then School Ambassadors will distribute them at lunchtimes.

Can we please urge parents that children DO NOT need to send cards, but that this is there if you choose to use it.

Please ensure names and classes are clearly written on the envelope.

Christmas Jumpers 14th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Wednesday 14th December if they wish to. This could be a Christmas jumper, cardigan, top, dress, a jumper they have decorated themselves or just a favourite jumper. Christmas clothing



to be worn instead of normal school jumper/cardigan with school uniform.

We are not collecting cash this year but you may wish to donate to Save the Children's Christmas jumper appeal and this can be done at this

website: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-hub-rgpp>

Scarlet Fever and Illness

As per our correspondence on Friday, we have been notified of a confirmed case and as of today (Monday) two suspected cases of scarlet fever within the school, therefore, we have attached the relevant information and guidance with regards to symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of scarlet fever.

Christmas Events

Children may wear party clothes on the day of their party.

Monday 5 th	Christmas Post box Opens
Wednesday 7 th 9.15 am	Nativity for parents of children in Reception and Little Chestnuts
Thursday 8 th 9.15am	Nativity for parents of children in Reception and Little Chestnuts
Thursday 8 th 2.15pm	Nativity for parents of children in Reception and Little Chestnuts
Friday 9 th December	Panto in school
Week beginning 12 th December Christmas Party Week	
Monday 12 th	Year 1 and Year 3 party Day
Tuesday 13 th 6pm-7pm	Carols at Woodmancote Church for children and parents in Year 1 (school uniform please)
Wednesday 14 th	Carol Concert for parents of Year 2 children

	9.15 in the Hall
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Jumper Day for the whole School and Little Chestnuts
Thursday 15 th	Years 5, Year 4 and Year 2 Party Day
Friday 16 th	Year 6 Party Day
Friday 16 th	Last Day of Term Finish at the normal time of 3.15pm
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET No children
Wednesday 4 th January	First day of term for children

Class Assemblies

These will return fully this year and we warmly welcome parents of the children in each specific class to come along and see what the children have been doing in school. They will start at 9am and are usually finished by 9.20am

Spring Term	
25 th January	Rowan
1 st February	Holly
8 th February	Pine
15 th February	Beech
8 th March	Yew
15 th March	Cedar
22 nd March	Ash
Summer Term	
26 th April	Year 3
3 rd May	Year 2
17 th May	Year 4
24 th May	Year 5
7 th June	Year 1
14 th June	Reception
	Year 6 TBC



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