

Our News

- Please do take the time to join us for our open afternoon / evening next **Monday 3rd December 2pm – 7pm**. We have included the afternoon in case any families considering the school for their children wish to look round during school time. Whilst we would like to encourage new people to look around, this is very much an opportunity for current families to spend time in school, look at children's work, have refreshments and take part in some Christmas activities as part of our ongoing fundraising work. Whilst there isn't a Christmas fayre, we thought this would be a nice opportunity to have a low-key pre-Christmas opportunity. And to encourage you to come along, children can visit Santa after school 4pm – 5pm (£2.00 per child to visit Santa and get a present.)



- We are pleased to be offering some sessions over the coming weeks to children who wish to try the ukulele. Small group sessions will take place on Monday afternoons. Thank you to Cassidy's mum for the kind offer of teaching those children who are keen to try this out.

What's been happening in school?



Children in Need

Thank you to your support on our dressing up day. We raised £50.80 for Children in Need.

Cooking club.

Children have been busy at cooking club. The first week we decorated a chocolate log, last week, we made our own Christmas biscuits and this week we made our own Christmas cakes!

Our Family celebration assembly

Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to come along last Tuesday. We were all so pleased with the huge number of family members who were able to join us and really enjoyed being able to show you what we've been doing. Thank you for all of the positive comments and feedback.

Fundraising team news

On Friday 14th December (at 1pm) we will be having our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day! We have hired the village hall again, and we are inviting parents and families along to eat Christmas dinner with us. To cover the cost of the food we are charging £5 per adult and £3 per child. Unfortunately, we do not have the oven space to cook turkey this year, so instead we will be providing sausages (veggie option available) along with veg, stuffing, roast potatoes and a Yorkshire Pud! Reply form is attached to this newsletter.

A big thank you to Amy (Luna's mum) who has been so busy organising our Christmas raffle. She has managed to get us so many great prizes, including days out, Derby County tickets and signed t-shirt, spa days and loads more! We are trying to raise as much money as possible with this raffle. Please support it! We need you all to help us sell the raffle tickets to friends, family, workmates and anyone you can! Tickets are available from Bria, Amy, Claire (Luci's mum) and Rose (Sophia's mum). The raffle will be drawn after the Christmas performance on Tuesday 18th December.

Reminders and requests

- Please can you make sure your child has wellies in school if you haven't yet done so.
- A coffee morning in aid of the Red Cross is being held in our school on Saturday morning (1st Dec) 10am – 12pm. Although not a school event, we thought it might be something you might be keen to come along to if you're local.

Dates for your diary

Coming up....

Tuesday 18th December : Our Christmas Performance. This will be an 'eclectic' mix, involving all ages across the nursery and the school rather than one play. If there are any requests for support in sorting costumes, we'll speak to parents and give a couple of weeks notice.

We are conscious that small children get tired and would also like to welcome home-schooled children to join us for this event. Our Christmas performance will therefore start at 5.15pm and last for approx. 1 hour.

Refreshments will be available on the night so we would be grateful for donations of mince pies.

In view of this, we would like all children who are in school that day to remain with us at 4pm and have tea with us before getting ready. Any home-schooled children involved are welcome to join us at 4pm or arrive by 4.45pm at the latest.

As it will be a long day for children, we are happy to shift the school day so it starts at 10.30am. We will run a breakfast club activity session from 9am until 10.30am for those families with parents who work and need their child to be in school.

Ice-skating visit : Tuesday 11th December

Pick up children from 3.30pm. Arrive at the ice rink 4.30pm. Any outstanding payments, please make these in the next couple of days. Thank you.

