



November 2023 Newsletter

Christmas is fast approaching and FOG have organised a fabulous Christmas Fair for our school community. Our Christmas Fair will be held on <u>Friday 1st December 5pm-7pm.</u>

Friends and family members of present and former pupils are welcome. However, we reserve the right to decline entry if there is no affiliation with the school.

<u>Friday 1st December</u> is also Christmas Jumper Day. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or a t-shirt, Santa hat, headband, etc. - please don't buy something especially. Children are to wear school uniform on their bottom half and something Christmassy on their top half in return for a donation to the Christmas Fair. This could be festive chocolates, biscuits, toiletries, unwanted gift sets etc. Thank you.

In the main office reception area you will find a white double-sided bookcase with self-help, child friendly, mental health picture books. Some example topics they cover are anxiety, grief and anger. The books can be a very helpful starting point when discussing emotions and/or challenges with children. Parents can borrow a book (just one at a time please) by completing a signing out slip which you should give to one of the ladies in the office. The loan period is two weeks.

We have started to use the school noticeboard again to support communication. It is situated on the wall as you walk along the main entrance on to the playground. There are a couple of notices already there for your attention.



If you have any unwanted traditional Lego please donate it to school. © Thank you.

Also, Reception classes would love any empty kitchen roll tubes or wrapping paper tubes.

We are currently advertising for additional Midday Supervisors to join our current hardworking team. Please contact the school office or look on the DDAT website if you are interested.

On the whole attendance is looking really positive throughout school. We have given twenty four £20 vouchers to classes for 100% attendance so far this year. Wow! Could we please remind parents that children from Reception - Year 6 have to be in school by 9am. Gates and classroom doors all shut at 9am. Reception children are to be collected at 3.10pm, Key Stage 1 children at 3.15pm and Key Stage 2 children at 3.20pm.



Thank you for your generosity we raised just over £300 for Children In Need. We also donated 27 boxes to the Teams4U charity.

INSET Days 2023-24

Friday 2nd February, Friday 12th July, Monday 15th July

Dates for your diary

| Week beginning 27th November and 4th December - Maths workshops for parents | |
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| Fri 1 Dec | Christmas jumper day for a donation to the Christmas Fair |
| Fri 1 Dec | Christmas Fair 5-7pm |
| Wed 6 Dec | Nursery Christmas Crafts 11am and 2.30pm |
| Wed 6 Dec | Key Stage 1 nativity performance in the afternoon 2pm |
| Thurs 7 Dec | Key Stage 1 nativity performances in the morning and afternoon 9.30am and 2pm |
| Wed 13 Dec | Reception nativity performance 9.30am |
| Wed 13 Dec | Nursery nativity performance 11am and 2.30pm |
| Mon 18 Dec | Reception Elf Day |
| Mon 18 Dec | Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas parties |
| Tues 19 Dec | Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 Christmas parties |
| Wed 20 Dec | Reception Stay and Craft 9:15am-10:15am |
| Wed 20 Dec | Nursery Christmas party |
| Thurs 21 Dec | Year 6 Christmas party |
| Fri 22 Dec | Reception Christmas party |
| Fri 22 Dec | Break up for the Christmas holiday (normal time) |
| Mon 8 Jan 2024 | Spring term starts |
| Thurs 11 Jan | 6pm FOG meeting-all welcome |
| Fri 19 Jan | Year 2 World Religion Day Assembly 9.05am |
| Tues 23 Jan | Reception parents-phonics workshop 2.15pm |
| Fri 26 Jan | 3HM Class Assembly 9.05am |
| Thurs 1 Feb | 5U Class Assembly |
| Fri 2 Feb | INSET 3 |
| 2.00 | |



PARKING PARKING PARKING

I really don't know what else to say. PARK AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND WALK!

Not only is the parking situation near school incredibly dangerous, it is also illegal. Someone, most likely a child, is going to get injured or worse.

Buses and emergency vehicles can't get to their destination! What will happen if we need an ambulance at school for a child? Also, parents have now decided it is normal to leave their car on the front lawn and driveways of private homes.

The whole parking situation is ridiculous. PLEASE PARK AWAY FROM SCHOOL AND WALK.

Thank you.