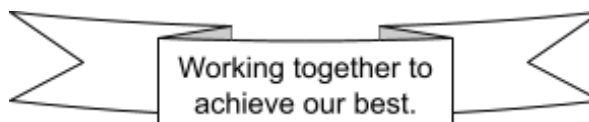




Newsletter

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Chair of Governors: John Ashley

Governors: Annette Anderson, Franco Cameli, Adam Campbell, Louise Haigh, Kerry Mercer, Tom Stean and Stuart Hobbs

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to our New Governor

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that Stuart Hobbs, who is the father of Georgia in Year 2, has joined our Governing body. We are all very much looking forward to working with Stuart as he joins our very dedicated team of governors.

Christmas Performances

This week, we have been able to welcome parents from YR - Y3 into our school to watch their child's Christmas performance in our hall, socially distanced. It has been lovely to have parents in school again and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for being so flexible and supporting all our efforts to keep everyone safe.

Every performance was fantastic and it was great to see all the children working together so well. We would like to thank all the parents for their costumes, the PTA for all their help with the raffle and providing refreshments, to the staff for all their hard work in getting the performances off the ground and to the children, who all did a wonderful job on the stage - well done!

We are now working on transferring all of the recordings onto our YouTube page and we will send the links out via the newsletter at the end of next week.

Christmas Fun Afternoons

This year all the children in school will be having a 'Christmas Fun Afternoon' and we are asking that every child brings in £1 to their class teacher on Monday 13th December (YR children brought their £1 today - thank you). The teacher can then go and buy some savoury and sweet snacks for the children to enjoy on their 'Christmas Fun' afternoon.

The children should come dressed in their party clothes when it is their 'Christmas fun' afternoon.

YR - Monday 13th December

Y1 - Thursday 16th December

Y2 - Thursday 16th December

Y3 - Wednesday 15th December

Y4 - Tuesday 14th December

Saplings Christmas Singing

An email has already gone out to The Saplings parents to let them know that the Saplings will be singing some Christmas songs next week.

Christmas Jumper Day, 17th December 2021 - NON UNIFORM DAY

Raising Funds for Save the Children

A reminder that on Friday 17th December it is our Christmas Jumper Day (**non-uniform**) which is an annual fundraising campaign in the UK, organised by the charity 'Save the Children'.

Attached is a letter with all the information you will need to donate. Thank you for your support.

Covid Cases in School

We have a few children with Covid in school at the moment and would ask that if your child is displaying any of the following symptoms, please take them for a PCR test:-

A new continuous cough and/ or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in normal sense of taste or smell.

Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of Covid-19 in children include:-

Upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

We would like to thank parents and carers who have let us know when they have Covid in the family as this has helped us in looking for any of those secondary symptoms in order to try to minimise the spread of Covid in school.

Your support with all of this is greatly appreciated as we all work together to try to reduce the impact of Covid as much as we possibly can.

Flu Immunisations

Just a reminder that the flu immunisations will be taking place next Thursday, 16th December for all children in YR-Y4, whose parents have consented.

Christmas Dinner

As you know, our Christmas dinner is on Thursday 16th and if you would like your child to have one, please order a meal on ParentPay for this day - thank you.

Street Dance

We have already sent information out about Street Dance which will start again on Wednesday 5th January from 3.30 - 4.30pm and will run for 6 weeks. A letter is attached for your information. If you would like your child to join this club, please register asap.

Booking is now open for free winter holiday activities

Parents and carers can now book places on activities for children as part of a free holiday activities and food (HAF) programme. The programme is for children eligible for benefit related free school meals (this is a requirement from the DfE who are funding the programme).

They are working with organisations including Whipsnade Zoo, Woburn Safari Park, Luton Carnival Arts and Bedford Blues. There is something for everyone with a range of activities including sports and games sessions, craft and creative activities, and some exciting trips to see Christmas productions! Healthy snacks and lunch will be provided to all children and young people attending face to face activities.

There are lots of activities on offer during this year's Christmas holiday for children aged five and up. Their sessions are inclusive so are suitable for children with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) and we'll also be running a series of activities specifically for children with SEND.

Please see the flyer attached regarding this.

Yours sincerely,



Adam J G Campbell