



Dear Parents,

As we approach the Christmas holidays, there is still plenty happening in school and very little time to begin winding down.

We have had a number of children off sick for various reasons. Thank you to all parents who have followed the 48-hour rule after episodes of sickness or diarrhoea; this has made a noticeable difference in reducing the spread of illness. Please also continue to encourage regular handwashing, particularly for children with colds and after using tissues.

This week, we marked the second week of Advent and reflected on Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. Using maps, we discussed both the distance travelled and the challenges they would have faced. We also continued our exploration of Nativity traditions around the world, focusing this week on international artwork.

Next week will be both busy and exciting, so we have included a reminder of the key events to help with planning.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Nadia Gosling

Headteacher Award

Ralph, Elijah

Well Done!



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Our Stars of the Week



Diary dates

- **12th December—Dance Club 3.15pm-4.15pm (Performance at 4pm)**
- **14th December—Park Run at Whitelands**
- **16th December—School Pantomime Trip for Reception-Yr6 (1-5pm)**
- **17th December—Christmas Jumper Day**
- **17th December—School Christmas Lunch**
- **17th December—Santa Fun Run at school**
- **18th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 6pm**
- **19th December—School Nativity at St Marys Church 1.30pm**
- **19th December—School Finishes (Collect from school from 2.30pm)**
- **5th January—School Starts**
- **8th January-5th February—Swimming Lessons Yr3-Yr6 (Thursdays)**
- **12th January—FSU + Yr1/2 Drama Workshop (in school)**



Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is FSU with:

98% attendance

Whole school attendance

86%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:40. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.40am
8:30am—8:40am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.40am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club or CAST, please book a place using the Arbor app. You do not need to book for Drop & Play.

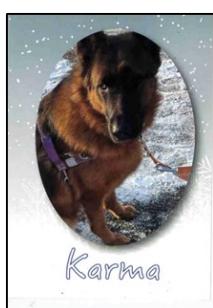
All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Bookings made after 12pm on Friday will incur a £2 late booking fee per session booked.

Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

ECO COUNCIL

We received this lovely Christmas card from the Pathfinders Dogs Charity. Thanking us for our support.

Thank you for all the bottle top donations. Please continue to collect these.



PTA

We will be serving a complimentary Mulled Wine at Thursday evening's nativity performance. We look forward to seeing you there!



FSU

Nativity rehearsals are in full swing, costumes have been fitted, lines are being practiced and songs are being sung. We can't wait to show you next week!

We have also been looking at the celebration of Hanukkah in class. We drew menorah candles and discussed the importance of why Jewish people light the candles each day throughout the celebration. It was also another muddy forest school where we each made a bird feeder to hang in the outdoor classroom. We shall be looking out for any flying visitors.



Year 1 & 2

This week has been all about poetry. The children have worked really hard to write their own poems about Winter, using their senses and cramming in as many adjectives as possible. I have been really impressed with the independent writing on show and we are hoping to publish some of them for our writing display board next week. We also loved our muddy Forest School session, as usual, and the children worked and played together really nicely. We can't wait for next week when the Christmas festivities go up a gear!



Year 3 & 4

This half term, the children have been researching, designing and sewing Christmas stockings in their D&T lessons. As you can imagine, this has been a tricky task. Not only have they had to master difficult skills including sewing and threading a needle but they were also required to add a 3D element (a pocket to hold a chocolate coin!) to the stocking too.

The task has been very challenging but, as ever, the children have risen to the occasion and demonstrated lots of hard work, patience and perseverance. Well done all, your stockings are AMAZING!



Year 5 & 6

It was great fun (and slightly chaotic and messy!) making our gingerbread houses. A lot of resilience was involved as we had to adapt recipes and decorations as we baked. I was really impressed by the teamwork and effort that went into it! Well done Year 5 and 6! I will add photos to Google Classroom of finished designs for all to see.



Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Gosling or Mrs Clarke should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

