



Working together so that all may flourish  
Head Teachers Letter  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December



Dear Parents and Carers,

Merry Christmas everyone! We have had such a wonderful week at school this week. It has been so lovely to be able to have all of our Christmas festivities back up and running this year. I have to say a huge well done to all of the children who have joined in with the nativity, Christmas lunch, Christmas parties and the Christingle service. I do hope that you have found the Christmas events as enjoyable as we have.





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As we have approached the end of this term I have noticed an increasing number of children coming to school with the incorrect uniform. We do have a large amount of second hand uniform in school. If you are short of anything please do ask and I will see if we have anything that could be of use to you. When we come back to school in January please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform, including school shoes.

I would like to make you aware of a change in our school day that will be occurring after Easter. The government's 2022 white paper lays out plans for mainstream state-funded schools to provide a 32.5-hour week, or 6.5-hour days, by September 2023. At the moment we have what is called a soft opening with the children able to come into school between 8:45 and 9:00 with any child not in school by 9:00 being marked as late. After Easter this will be changing to a hard opening time of 8:45. All of the children will need to be in school for the 8:45 start time to ensure that we meet with the government requirement. After Easter the green gate will open at 8:35 and the school door will open at 8:40. This is a change that will come into place after Easter, I am letting you know now to give you plenty of warning about this.

As always if you have any questions or queries please do come and speak to myself or a member of staff. Thank you for your continued help and support. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We will see you in January.

Mrs Anderson  
Head Teacher

**January dates for your diary:**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Last day of term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January- Teacher training day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January- First day of term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January- Year Six SATs information evening 3:15pm-4:00pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January- New parents stay and learn and tea and coffee afternoon 2:00-3:00

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January- Second-hand uniform sale 3:15-3:30

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January- Young voices event in London (Badgers Class)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January- HEFA Quiz Night at the Red Lion

**SEND Fact of the Week**

Did you know?

More than 1 in 100 people are on the autistic spectrum and there are now around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. People on the Autistic spectrum have varying needs, from 24 hour care to simply needing clearer communication and a little longer to do things.



This week's winners for w/c 12<sup>th</sup> December with the highest attendance score of all of the classes is Foxes Class with 100 % attendance.