27th November 2024

Dear Parent and Carers

I can’t believe how quickly this term has gone! We head into the final weeks of the Autumn term with lots of activites planned.

Please note, if you would like to order your **school photograph**, the deadline is **Monday 2nd December**. You need to either order online or send the order form and money into school. After this date you will have to order the photograph online yourself.

**Life Skills Day**

On Friday 13th December Mrs Warren will be putting together a life skills day where the pupils develop their independence. All classes will take part in Christmas themed activities, such as, hanging stockings on the washing line, setting the Christmas table, going the shop to post cards, icing a Christmas biscuit, making a drink for Rudolph. We aim to make our pupils as independent as possible and we develop real life skills at every opportunity.

**School Lunches**

Our new school menu is extremely popular and it is lovely to see the children enjoying a fresh home made cooked meal. The introduction of sweet and sour chicken with rice on Tuesdays of week 2 will soon be another favourite! New menu is attached… we are currently on week 2. We will come back to school on Tuesday 7th Jan on **WEEK 2.** A copy of the latest menu is always on the school website.

**Christmas Lunch**

On Wednesday 18th December it is Christmas lunch at school. As this meal involves so much cooking and organisation, this will be the only food on offer, so if your child does not like Christmas roast dinner they may be best bringing in a packed lunch for one day. The cost of lunch is £2.50 for those pupils who pay for lunch. Free school meal children will not have to pay. Letters will go out soon to find out if your child would like Christmas lunch or not.

**Child and parent session**

Invitations will be sent out to you to come into school and with your child look at the amazing work they have accomplished this term. They are extremely proud of their work and we think you will be amazed by how much progress they have made in a term! Please look out in your school bags for your invitation. The planned morning is Tuesday 17th December.

9.15 - 9.45 – Bears & Foxes

10.00 – 10.30 – Lemurs

11.00 - 11.30 – Sharks & Giraffes

11.45 – 12.15 – Zebras & Tigers

3.00 – 3.30 – Wolves

If you can’t make your timeslot do not worry as there will be another opportunuity to look at your child’s books later in the year.

**End of term assembly**

We have decided to repeat how we did our Christmas assembly last year, as it supports our pupils’ needs. Inviting over 150 parents into the hall with all the children will potentially be overwhelming for a lot of them, so instead we will record the assembly and prize giving and send out the video to you after the assembly by email. I hope you understand that the pupil’s emotional well being has to be our main priority.The assembly will be on Thursday 19th December.

**End of term**

On the last day of term (Friday 20th December) we have a special visitor coming to school with a present from school……. Shhhhhh… it’s a secret, ho ho ho. We will also make this our Christmas Jumper day – so dig out those Christmas jumpers!

**Please note we finish school at 1.30pm on the this day. We return to school on Tuesday 7th January**.

**Important Dates**

28th Nov Judo – Sharks and Foxes – week 3

Forest Schools – Lemurs & Giraffes week 1 – wear old clothes to school!

29th Nov Radio station visit – Zebras

2nd Dec Disney FA filming @ Clare Mount – Sharks

Musical Monday – all classes

4th Dec Signalong – Meadowside – Lemurs

5th Dec Judo – sharks and foxes – week 4

Forest Schools – Lemurs & Giraffes week 2

6th Dec Art Day – whole school

9th Dec Science Week – all classes

12th Dec Judo – sharks and foxes – week 5 – last one

Forest Schools – Lemurs & Giraffes week 3

10-11 Xmas coffee morning with Michelle – all parents invited.

13th Dec Life Skills Day – all classes

16th Dec Xmas around the world – all classes

Christmas assembly with the local vicar

17th Dec Parents and child look at the books – half hour slot each class – invites to follow

18th Dec Christmas meal

19th Dec Christmas assembly – prize giving – video will be emailed out to parents

Forest Schools – Lemurs & Giraffes week 4

20th Dec Christmas Jumper Day

**1.30pm - School finishes for Christmas holidays**

**7th Jan School opens for Spring Term**

Thanks for all your support.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me.

Mrs Duncan