



## Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our Christmas Fayre today from 3.15pm-5.30pm.

There will be lots of stalls and activities including cakes, a raffle, a bottle tombola and Santa's Grotto. Refreshments will be available in the school hall. The children have been working hard creating their craft gifts to sell today so I really hope you will support us in raising funds for the school.

We hope to purchase new books for each class and some iPads or tablets to support the children's Computing curriculum. We look forward to seeing you!

*Lou Rhodes, Headteacher*

## Carols on the playground-Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2.45pm

We hope that you can join us to round off the term with the children singing Christmas carols. Please assemble on the playground outside the school hall.

To ensure that the children are safe, please collect from the class as usual at 3.15pm.

## Our learning this week...

### Wren & Robin

We have had another busy week down in Reception! We've been rehearsing on the stage and singing a lot! In Maths we have been using our eyes to subitise and learnt all about the meaning of the 'stopping number' when counting objects. We were extremely excited to write letters to Santa and even more excited to post them ourselves in the post box near the school! There has been a lot of crafts going on this week too as we prepare our class crafts for the Christmas Fayre on Friday – don't forget to come and buy your lovely craft!



### Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week in Year 1/2, we completed our Toys unit of work with a visit from the Trowbridge Museum staff. They showed us some old toys from various decades. In English, we invented our own stories based on the theme of a change. Each class made a different Christmas Craft to sell at the Christmas Fayre. In PSHE, we discussed what makes a good friend and in Maths lessons, we continued to learn about Addition. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, we were all excited to come into school and find a Christmas tree and a letter from Santa to say he had sent us an elf that would be helping us to think about better behaviour and learning choices.



### Skylark, Housemartin & Swift

In year 3 and 4 this week we have been working hard learning how to write newspaper reports. We have been writing alliterative headlines and learning about the 5 W's of newspaper report writing. We have also been hard at work on our Christmas Crafts for the Christmas Fayre on Friday. We can't wait for you to see them! Our classrooms are looking a bit more festive now that December has begun and there are even a couple of elves causing trouble in some classrooms. Exciting times in 3/4!

### *Kestrel, Osprey & Falcon*

It has been another busy week in Falcon Kestrel and Osprey. This week in English, we have been studying how suspense is created in writing through different sentence structures and other techniques. We have been writing our 'Hot Tasks', incorporating as many of these stylistic devices as possible. In Maths, we have been looking at informal methods for multiplication and problem solving. We have continued work on our 'Make Do and Mend' project, which the children have enjoyed.

### *January Menus ...*

Dinner menus for January will go live on Scopay on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. The deadline for submitting menus is 3.30pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Paper copies of the menus and allergen charts can be found on the website, in the foyer and will be sent out via ParentMail.



## *Diary dates for Autumn Term 2022*

<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	6pm - Reception Nativity Performance
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1.45pm - Reception Nativity Performance
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Key Stage 1 Christmas Dinner
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	2.45 Carols on the Playground (please assemble on the playground outside the school hall-children to be collected from classrooms after )
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan Christmas Holidays</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>	TD Day. School Closed to all pupils
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	Start of Term 3.

## *Letters & Communications issued this week*

<i>Item</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>For</i>
Nativity Ticket Collection	Reception	Information & Action
Fine motor skills activity	Reception	Information
Grotto tickets	Whole School	Information
Christmas Dinner	Selected children	Information & Action
Bikability	Selected children	Information
Photograph Order reminder	Whole School	Information & Action
Parent helpers needed	Reception	Information
Y6 Christmas fayre helpers	Y6	Information
Dance festival 22/23	Selected children	Information and action