

Newsletter November 2021



Children in Need 19th November

We are fundraising for Children in Need again this year. Children can pay £1 and wear something yellow with their uniform. Socks, hat, hair accessories, scarf, t-shirt etc on Friday 19th November.

School Photos

This has been rebooked for 25th November. Unfortunately, we are unable to photograph pre-school siblings.

Christmas Crafts

Each class will be doing Christmas crafts this year during the last week of term.

Pantomime – but don't tell the children!!!

We have booked a pantomime to come to school on 10th December. There will be no hot meals on this day. Free school meals and Universal free meals (KS1) will automatically be provided with a packed lunch unless you cancel it. Please can everyone else provide a pack up for their child.

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

We have arranged for a whole school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December. You may have noticed this date has been blocked out on The Farm Kitchen website. Our PTFA will pay the cost of the meal for everyone. There is no need for anyone to bring a packed lunch. If your child is vegetarian, please notify the school office by Monday 22nd November. On the same day children can pay £1 and wear a Christmas jumper/top etc. or any red/green tops. Children need to wear their school skirt/trousers and school shoes please. Donations will go to Save the Children.

Carol Service

This will be the same day as Christmas lunch, 15th December. The carol service will be outside in the playground from 3.30pm onwards for about 30mins finishing around 4pm. We would like all children to stay behind at school on this day. If your child is unable to stay please let the school office know before 15th December. Parents are invited to join us at 3.30pm. Please note – parents will be standing separately from the children during the carol service.

Santa Run

We are holding a Santa Run on Thursday 16th December. Children to come to school in their school PE kit and bring a pair of socks and shoes to change into after doing the run. Everyone who takes part will receive a Santa hat.

Anti-Bullying Week

This commences Monday 15th November. The theme for this week is "One Kind Word" which incorporates our School Christian Values. The children will participate in a range of age appropriate activities across the week.

As always if you have any questions or concerns of this nature please contact school at the earliest opportunity.

School Development 2021/2022

Areas we are looking at this year for development are:

1: Early reading and phonics

To improve reading outcomes across the school especially in KS1

2: Writing

To develop the English writing curriculum to meet the needs of all our pupils

3: Curriculum

Embed and refine the curriculum

4: Growth Mindset

To develop growth mindset across the school

To equip our children to take personal responsibility for their successes and to understand the impact that their own efforts, resilience and learning behaviours have upon this.

Reading

As reading is an area of improvement we would like your support and expect your child to read daily at home. Please record any kind of reading they do in their reading record book.

Netball Tournament

On 5th November 7 of our Year 5/6 children competed in our first JB's netball tournament since the beginning of Covid. We had a fantastic morning playing some challenging games against some good opposition. At the end of the morning we had played 5 games. We won 2, drew 2 and lost 1. This was a challenging tournament as we haven't had much opportunity to practise however the players showed skill, determination and most of all sportsmanship. Well done to those who took part.

Diary Dates

November

15th: Anti-bullying week

19th: Children in Need

December

10th: **Surprise! Panto Day but don't tell the children.**

15th: Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper day, Carol service

16th: Santa run

17th: Last day of term

Term dates 2021/2022

Please remember our term dates have altered slightly since we first issued them to parents. At Easter we now return to school on Wednesday 20th April.

Term 2	Monday to Friday	1 November 2021 17 December 2021
<i>Bank Holidays:-</i> Monday 27, Tuesday 28 December 2021 & Monday 3 January 2022		
Term 3	Tuesday to Friday	4 January 2022 11 February 2022
Term 4	Monday to Thursday	21 February 2022 31 March 2022
<i>Bank Holidays:-</i> Friday 15 April & Monday 18 April 2022		
Term 5	Wednesday to Friday	20 April 2022 27 May 2022
<i>Bank Holidays:-</i> Monday 2 May 2022, Thursday 2 & Friday 3 June 2022		
Term 6	Monday to Friday	6 June 2022 22 July 2022

Term dates for 2022/2023 are on the school website

A paper copy is available from the office if you wish