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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have completed some lovely activities over the last two weeks. The children from EYFS have had the Stick Man experience. They have been retelling the story; creating their own stick men and had an opportunity to explore our spinney and have enjoyed their outdoor learning. In our continuous provision, the children have had further opportunities to retell and act out the story.

Years 2 and 3 have visited the Deco and the Royal and Derngate. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In the last few weeks of term, children from Year 5 and Year 4 will have other experiences such as viewing the KC production of Grease and Year 4 having an activity day at Benham. This is a change from my previous newsletter as we will offer the activity to years 5 and 6 later in the year. We will ensure the children who have not attended events so far this year will be selected for other planned opportunities later in the year.

Safeguarding

Miss Mitchell has sent a Parentmail to all parents with regard to keeping your child safe online. The current government are trying to make social media platforms more accountable so our children do remain safe online. Please can all parents regularly check their child's devices. The information and support Miss Mitchell has sent out is really helpful.

On a similar note, it has come to my attention that some parents are taking screen shots of the photos we share in Class Dojo and sharing them on social media. Please do not do this as you could be putting a child or a family at risk. We will film the Christmas rehearsals to share with you but it is imperative that these are not shared on any social media platform as this could be a safeguarding breach.

Hall pictures

This week, the children and staff have worked collaboratively on their class hall picture. Our theme this year was their class reading books. They look amazing! If you get an opportunity please come and take a look.

Christmas

Just to confirm you must attain tickets for the Christmas shows via Parentmail. You need to purchase a ticket (at no cost). We will check your ticket allocation against our Parentmail list of ticket allocation so it is important that you do have ticket confirmation to gain entry. On the day of the shows we will have collections for Cynthia Spencer Hospice.



Over the last few weeks, the children and Jenny our Forest School Lead, have been decorating our spinney to create our own *Whitehills Winter Wonderland*. We will be opening this up to our families in the last week of term on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th December after school. There will be no cost for a family ticket but you will need to secure a timeslot through Parentmail.

On the evenings, there will be opportunity to donate cash to Freidrick’s Axtia Association, a charity very close to our hearts.

Each family will only need to book one ticket.

Tickets will be available from Saturday 3rd December.

I do hope this is a success as the children have enjoyed creating this special place.

We have sent out Parentmail regarding our Whitehills Winter Wonderland.

Christmas jumper day will be on the 8th December and children can wear mufti (non-uniform) on the Christmas Party Day (16th December). Santa will be visiting all classes and we hope to take a class photo of the children and Santa, which again we will share with you, via Class Dojo or EvidenceMe.

The Rotary Club are visiting Acre Lane in December with Santa and his sleigh. Details are attached to the Parentmail.

Christmas is the time for giving and thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. We as a school continue to support lots of charities. If you can, we are asking for food & toiletries donations in the last week of term. We will take the donations to St David’s food bank. I know they will be very grateful for any donations as many families find this time of year very difficult.

Meanwhile, our school elf has been up to mischief, much to the delight of some of our children and will continue to do so leading up to the big day. He features daily on our school Facebook page and on the Class Dojo page.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs James

December 2022	Christmas jumper donations all week from 1st December until 6th December
1 st December	Year 3 visit to the museum & theatre
6 th December	30 Year 5 Grease at KC
7 th December	Years 5&6 Target festival at Benham Sports centre
7 th December	Flu immunisations EYFS – Year 6
8 th December	Year 4 Reward Day at Benham Sports Centre
8 th December	EYFS Nativity 2:00pm
8 th December	Christmas jumper day
9 th December	Kingswood Christmas lunch
12 th December	Donations for St David’s food bank all week (tinned food, toiletries and Christmas foods)
12 th December	Winter Wonderland ticket only event



13 th December	Year 1 & Year2 Christmas Play 9:15 & 2:00pm
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14 th December	Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Carols 9:15 & 2:00pm
15 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carols 9:15 & 2:15 at St Mark's Church
16 th December	Christmas party day – non uniform Pantomime School closes for Christmas break
January 2023	
4 th January	School reopens to pupils 8:50am
6 th January	Pre-loved school uniform donations
9 th January	Year 4 clarinet project starts this week
13 th January	Pre-loved school uniform start and end of the day
17 th January	Year 4 assembly for parents 9:05
18 th January	Years 3 & 4 netball competition
24 th January	Y2 & Y5 new age kurling competition
31 st January	Y6 SAS project
February 2023	Safer internet week 6 th Feb

