

Dear parents and carers,

The Countdown to Christmas is well underway and we are getting ever-closer to the “big day”. We continue to have very high expectations of children’s attendance, learning and behaviour, right up until the 20th December at 3:30pm! The winning House Team will enjoy their reward on the final day of term.

Thank you to everyone who supports with this by ensuring your children attend school on-time, in the correct uniform / PE kit every day and support with reading at home. We are also really encouraged by the support we have had from the many parents and carers who have joined us for “Coaching Conversations” with your child to support them to develop their pro-social and pro-learning skills. I cannot tell you what a HUGE difference it makes when parents / carers and the school work together and show a united front to supporting a child to develop and improve their behaviour.

Reading

Our drive to increase children’s reading at home is working well. This week’s winning classes were Beech in KS2 and Crocus in EYFS / KS1.

Christmas Fayre

Last Saturday was the PTA’s Christmas fayre. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this event in some way; whether it was bringing your child to sing in one of the choirs or through donating items or purchasing raffle tickets. The event was a great success and raised over £1600. Thanks, as ever, to our dedicated PTA volunteers who ran this event which took an enormous amount of planning and preparation. Our PTA is ably led by co-chairs Tanya Chapman and Tina Biggs and we are very grateful to them and their fantastic team.

Carols on the playground

Your children are in fine song and have spent many weeks rehearsing lots of new Christmas songs for Carols on the Playground next Monday. This year, this will be on the Key Stage One Playground and refreshments will be available, courtesy of our wonderful PTA. There will be mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies on-sale with all profits going to the PTA’s fundraising endeavours. Let’s hope for a dry winter’s evening on the 18th! Gates will open at 5pm and refreshments will be on-sale throughout. We will email you the carol words again to display on your phone and please remember to wrap up warm and bring a torch.

Scrooge tickets

The Senior Choir's performance of Scrooge really is a spectacle worth seeing! There are three shows and there are tickets still available for the show at 2pm on Tuesday 12th and 4pm on Thursday 14th. These are now open to the entire school and are now unlimited. If you would like to watch the show (even if your child is not in senior choir!) you are warmly welcomed to come and join us! Please note, the show is not suitable for young children due to the possibly frightening content.

Tickets are free and available via the ParentMail app. Please go to:

“Payments”

Then “Shop”

Then choose the date and time you would like to attend the show and select up to 3 tickets maximum in total across all 3 performances. Add these to your “basket” – the cost is £0 but you select “Pay now”. Then checkout.

Christmas cards

If your child is using the school post boxes to send Christmas cards to their friends, please remember to write the recipient’s first name, last name and class on the envelope. We have some fabulous volunteers who sort and deliver the cards in school, and this will make their job much easier. Thank you.

Parking

This is a reminder to park with consideration to our neighbours and children if you bring your children to school by car. Please do not block pavements or driveways. Also, the business where the Church was on Churchill Road is private property and parents shouldn’t park in their car park. This morning a parent damaged one of the bollards outside their business: If you have any information about this please contact the business or school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Lally

Letters home this week

Kingswood lunch orders for the end of term

Scrooge – additional tickets – Choir members only

Superhero day reminder – Y2 only

Final choir rehearsals this term – Choirs only

Nativity costumes due in next week – EY only

Meet new teacher invitation – Ash class only

Attachments

Online safety – What parents/ Carers need to know about Disney