

## From Mr Chappell

Preparations for our Christmas productions are in full swing and it has been a delight to listen to the sound of the KS1 Nativity practices. As we move towards the productions and the end of a long term, it is worth remembering the tremendous amount of hard work that all our staff members across the school put in to make your child's Primary experience the most memorable it can be. Just this week there have been a huge variety of events going on, from a very exciting showcase carnival in Year 3 and 4, KS1 Nativity rehearsals, a girls' football match, and much more. My thanks go to all the staff, who work so hard to develop all these opportunities and who are already thinking about next term's opportunity after having a planning session on Wednesday evening. There is so much going on over the next few weeks so please read on to find out more!

## Anti-Bullying Leaflets

As a school we pride ourselves on Flying High and being a family community and keeping everyone safe. We understand that sometimes friends can fall out and that some children do worry about friendships and what they should do if they feel they are having difficulty. We talk a lot in our Jigsaw PSHE lessons about who to turn to when things feel too much and if there are difficulties with other children. With this in mind, I am really pleased that our Year 6 learning councillors have taken it upon themselves to develop their own child friendly Anti-Bullying leaflets. Yesterday the learning councillors went to every class to talk about what they have been doing and to remind children what to do if they felt that they had an issue and who to talk to! Well done for some very mature discussions.



## Christmas Diary Dates

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 'Everyone Loves a Baby!', 9.30am, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 'Everyone Loves a Baby!', 6pm, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair, 3.30pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Curriculum Showcase, 3pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Coffee afternoon to raise funds for our link school in Uganda, 2.50pm, Year 1 and Year 2
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Cake Sale to raise funds for our link school in Uganda, 3.30pm, Hall – all welcome!
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service, 6.30pm in Church, Year 3 & Year 4
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch (please book on 'Select')
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 'Cabaret' performance, 2.30pm, Reception class
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party (afternoon), Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party (afternoon), Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – end of Term 2
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – start of Term 3



## Christmas Post Box

The children are welcome to use the post box in the entrance hall to send cards to their friends in school. Please make sure cards are clearly marked with the recipient's name and class. Year 6 children will be making post deliveries to classes up to 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Football news

Well done to the girls' football team who played their first match on Tuesday, narrowly losing their first league game to The Ridge Primary 2-0.



## Attendance

Congratulations to Holly class who had 97.5% attendance this week. The school total was 96.1%.

## Out of school achievements

- Yasmin in Sycamore class achieved a distinction in her grade 2 piano exam.
- Hugo in Cherry class achieved the Level 3 swimming award.
- Laura in Oak class has received an achievement award for amazing glides in swimming.
- Edward in Holly class achieved the Level 5 swimming award.
- Evie in Beech class has achieved the Goldfish 1 swimming award.
- Sophia in Oak class has achieved the Goldfish 1 swimming award.

*Congratulations!*



## FOSH Christmas Fair Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm



**Father Christmas** has confirmed his availability! Timed slots to visit him are on sale, to help with queues. There will be plenty of other stalls and attractions to keep the whole family happy, including mulled wine to help keep out the chill!

**DONATIONS:** FOSH members will be collecting donated items before school until Thursday in the shelter. Please bring perishable items, such as cakes, on Friday. The time slots for Father Christmas can be booked each morning or by messaging the FOSH Facebook group.

To help make the Fair a success, donations of the following would be appreciated:

- Bottles, jars etc for the tombola (of any colour)
- Clean, good quality cuddly toys for the toy tombola
- Bottles of wine
- Other toys to be sold on our toy stall
- Cakes, for the cake stall
- Decorated sweetie jars



**NON-UNIFORM DAY:** On Fair day (13<sup>th</sup>) children are invited to wear non-uniform, in exchange for bringing in a decorated jam jar of sweets to be sold at the fair. There will be a competition for the best decorated jars, so feel free to get creative!

**DRAW TICKETS:** Thank you for your support in selling draw tickets. Please would you return ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets by Thursday.



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