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OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

November newsletter

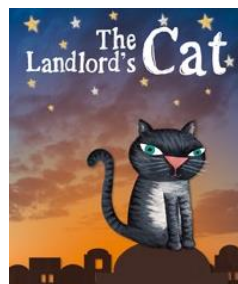
Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe how quickly the weeks are going by? In only a few weeks we will be closing for the Christmas holidays. In the meantime, school continues to be a busy and exciting place and children have taken part in so many interesting and fun learning experiences. Over the next few weeks, we will be preparing for our Christmas Concerts – more detail on these can be found below.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Nichol, a new teaching assistant who has joined our Year 4 team.

Christmas Performances

Our Reception and Key Stage 1 performance this year is *The Landlord's Cat*. Set in Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth, our children will tell the traditional story with this fun new version. Of course, our Reception children will play the traditional roles of the nativity.



Key Stage 2 are performing *Christmas Around the World* this year, focusing on music and traditions from across the globe.

Tuesday 5 th December	KS1 Concert 2:15pm
Tuesday 5 th December	KS2 Concert 7:00pm
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Concert 2:15pm
Wednesday 6 th December	KS1 Concert 6:30pm
Thursday 7 th December	KS2 Concert 7:00pm

This year we are pleased to announce that tickets for the Christmas performances will be available via Eventbrite. You should have received an invitation to the events via your school registered email address.



Switch Off fortnight began this week, a campaign run by EDF Energy and designed to encourage children to save energy and help to reduce our school's energy bills. Our Eco Team launched the fortnight with a fantastic assembly.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in their spots and stripes for Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. By paying £1 each, we raised £442.11 for this very special charity.



Artsmark Silver Award
Awarded by Arts Council England



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Parking

Please be aware of our neighbours when parking on roads around school. We occasionally receive complaints to say that people have parked across their driveways. Please avoid doing this, even if there is nowhere else to park. Please also note that the zig-zag lines in front of school should never be parked on (or children dropped off) during term time between 7:00am and 6:00pm. This is for the safety of all of our children.

Secret Shop



This year FOSPS will be running a Secret Shop again. This will be an opportunity for children to buy presents for relatives. The date for this is Monday 4th December with a further opportunity to buy on Friday 8th if children are not available on the Monday.

Attendance

Now that we are several weeks into the Autumn term, we have been looking at the attendance of our children in school. 265 of our children had 100% attendance up until October half term and many children will receive another reward when we get to Christmas. Please note that if children's attendance goes below 90% during the school year, this is classed as persistent absence. We understand that children can be unwell from time to time, but please note if your child's attendance figure is below 90%, we will require some form of medical evidence, for example, a medical note

Many thanks as always for your continued support this term. We look forward to greeting you at our upcoming Christmas events.

Kind regards,



Rob Whitehead
Head of School

from the doctor, an appointment card or sight of any medication prescribed.

On Time, Ready to Learn

Next week is On Time, Ready to Learn week. We will be rewarding children for their punctuality in arriving at school. There will again be a fantastic prize draw which all children who arrive by 9am will be entered into.



Parent Forums

The next Parent Forum will be on Monday 8th January on Healthy Eating. There will be another one on Monday 26th February on Nurturing Schools.

Book shop

Thank you to everyone who came and bought books from this term's Scholastic book fair. As a result of our book sales, we raised over £500 to spend on books for our school. In addition FOSPS have donated £300 to buy new books. This will help to maintain a great new selection of books for our children to enjoy.



Rob Whitehead
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