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Message from Mr. Krafft & Mrs. Deevoy

Winter has arrived and so have the preparations for Christmas! The school halls are alive with the sound of Christmas songs being sung in preparation for the EYFS and KS1 Nativity while the scent of oranges lingers following the creation of over 200 Christingles! The PFA are working hard at preparing fun Christmas activities for the end of the year, which are detailed later in this newsletter, and of course we have Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner to look forward to! We have had a lot of winter illness over the last couple of weeks so whole school attendance has really taken a hit. It is really important to now work together to bring attendance levels back up to where we know they can be.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr Krafft & Mrs Deevoy

Children in Need

Our pupils and parents have raised a fantastic £388 for Children in Need from donations for the Ramble and Cake Sale. Thank you everyone!

Open Classrooms

The school will be holding open classrooms on Wednesday 18th December 3:15 pm – 4pm. This is a chance for you to come in and see your child's classroom, look at their books and informally chat to

their teacher. We look forward to seeing you there.

***Please note year 4 will hold their open classroom on Tuesday 17th December**

3:15 – 4pm.



Staff Changes

Mrs Coleman will be leaving us at the end of the term to pursue a career outside education. We are so grateful for all the time and hard work Mrs Coleman has invested into the school over the years. Although we will miss her, we wish her every success in the future.

The Midwife Crisis - Nativity

Acorn, Rowan and Willow Classes will be performing their Nativity, 'The Midwife Crisis' on Wednesday 11th December and

Thursday 12th December at 2pm until 3pm. Due to limited space and fire safety in the school hall, we have to limit tickets to 2 per family. Please use the form on School Ping to let us know if you would like 2 for the Wednesday, 2 for the Thursday or 1 for each day. Thank you.

PFA & School Christmas Events

Please see below a list of events that are being prepared for the children in the run up to Christmas:

Own Clothes Day – Friday 6th December – Wear your own clothes in exchange for chocolate! Donations will form chocolate hampers which will be raffled by the PFA.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December – Wear your Jolly Jumpers over the top of your usual uniform for Save the Children

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 18th December – Please order online.

Crib Service – Friday 20th December (10:45am) – This year St Mary’s Church will be hosting a crib service for the children. This traditional service will include carols and the story of Christmas. Families are welcome but please be aware there is limited space.

PFA Christmas Parties – Friday 20th December - Children can party the afternoon away. Bring in your own clothes to change into, some change for the snack shop and prepare to meet the big man himself – Father Christmas has been invited!

Clubs

You should have received Ping messages about the clubs your child can attend but below is a list of what we currently offer. If you have any ideas for future clubs, please let us know.



Monday	
Family Create Club Whole School	Creation Station
Football – Years 5 & 6	Mr Lloyd
Spanish (Lunchtime) – Years 3 to 6	Mrs Baptie
Tag Rugby – Years 3 - 6	Miss Hendry
Tuesday	
Choir – Years 1 to 6	Mrs Calder
Colouring and Craft Club – Year 2 to 6	Miss Blackburn
Pupil Parliament (Lunchtime) – Whole School	Miss Bell
Wednesday	
Tennis – Years 1 to 5	Danny Wynn
Thursday	
Girls Football – Years 3 – 6	Mr Lloyd & Mr Krafft
Construction Club Years 1 & 2	Mrs Barton
Wellbeing – Years 1 & 2	Mrs Longstaff
Gardening Club – Those finishing off from last term	Mrs Tidy



Dates for Your Diary

Below is an outline of some of the things we have planned this year. We hope to add to this and will send messages through School Ping to individual classes. Please ensure you check School Ping to stay up to date with the latest events going on in your child's class. Please be aware that dates are subject to change although we will try to keep this to a minimum.

INSET DAYS – Pupils do not Attend
 Inset Day – Monday 6 January 2025
 Inset Day – Friday 20 June 2025
 Inset Day – Friday 11 July 2025

May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May 2025



Term 2 **December**

- Friday 6th – PFA Own Clothes Day (Chocolate donations)
- Tuesday 10th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – Dress Rehearsal
- Wednesday 11th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 2pm
- Thursday 12th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity – 2pm
- Tuesday 17th November - Year 4 Open Classroom – 3:15 – 4pm
- Wednesday 18th November – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 18th November – Open Classrooms – 3:15 – 4pm
- Friday 20th December – Christmas Service – Newington Church
- Friday 20th December – PFA Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December – End of Term 2

Term 3 **January**

- Monday 6th January – Start of Term 3
- Monday 6th January – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend

February

- Monday 3rd February – Friday 7th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 14th February – End of Term 3

Term 4

- Monday 24th February – Start of Term 4

March

- Monday 3rd – Friday 7th March World Book Week
- Tuesday 4th March – Pancake Races
- Wednesday 5th March – Lent Project

- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- Monday 10th – Friday 14th March – Science Week
- Friday 21st March – World Down Syndrome Day
- Monday 31st March – Start of Easter Trail

April

- Friday 4th April – End of Term 4



Term 5

- Tuesday 22nd April – Start of Term 5
- Wednesday 23rd April – St Georges Day

May

- Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
- Monday 12th May - KS2 SATs Week
- Friday 16th May – Class Photographs
- Monday 19th May - Charity Week (Planning)
- Friday 23rd May – End of Term 5

Term 6

June

- Monday 2nd June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 2nd June – Charity Week (Activities)
- Monday 2nd June – Year 6 Activity Week - TBC
- Wednesday 18th June - Sports Day
- Friday 20th June – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend

July

- Tuesday 1st July – 22nd July - Try something New Month
- Friday 11th July – INSET DAY – Pupils do not attend
- Tuesday 22nd July – End of Term 6