



December Newsletter

Christmas Performances

We are looking forward to the week ahead, with performances from the children in pre-school, Early Years and Keystage 1 at different points throughout the week. The children are so excited, if a little nervous, but I am sure will be wonderful. The PSA will be serving refreshments at the Early Years performances- please bring some change!

Next week we have our Christmas Dinner on the Wednesday, which is always a highlight of the festivities. Don't forget we break up on the Thursday next week at 1.15, with pick up from the usual locations/ doors in the playground.

Have your contact details changed? Please update them on the Arbor App or let the office know.

Space Dome

The children in the Reception classes enjoyed the Space Dome last week. It really did transport them away from school on a journey around our galaxy, complementing their learning in class with a fun experience.



Eco team

Our Eco Team has been looking at the recycling we do in school, thinking of ways we can further improve what we are able to recycle (especially outside). They were pleased to learn we had changed our contractor to a 'greener' company who apply additional sorting and filtering of waste to ensure as much as possible is recycled. More can be found out about the company here <https://www.veolia.co.uk/>

At their last meeting the team decided they would like to plant some herbs, and although the weather outside is rather cold, our building is lovely and warm for the seeds to germinate.





Term 3 Clubs

The clubs for Term 3 have been set up on Arbor and will be available for booking at the end of the week, with different activities on offer.

Monday- Dodgeball for Years 1-6

Tuesday- Dance for KS1- please note this has a grand final performance at the local Dance Festival

Wednesday- Tennis for Years 1-6

Thursday- Dance for KS2

Year 3 will be going swimming on a Tuesday for the term.

Children in Need



We raised over £200 for Children in Need- thank you to everyone that contributed and also the creativity of the dressing up!

Foodbank

We are able to issue food bank vouchers in school- you do not need to be in receipt of free school meals to receive them, they are purely there to support you through tough times. Please ask at the office if you need help, or see any member of the senior team who will be happy to take any requests.

[Foodbank info](#)

Traffic and Parking

You may be aware that we have had a couple of accidents in the local area over the past few weeks, which thankfully did not result in serious injuries however could easily have done so. We have yet again been in touch with the Local Authority to put pressure on them to help resolve the lack of safe crossings and parking restrictions but have been told "I have been assured that your school is on a list of sites that need review, although regrettably the list is a long one", therefore we do not anticipate any changes soon.

You can help by always **driving slowly** in the area and being constantly vigilant, giving way to pedestrians, along with **parking sensibly** so that you do not obstruct pathways or another driver's vision. You can also support us by putting pressure on the Highways department by

writing in to them, or writing to your local MP to alert them to the situation where we continue to struggle to get any solution.



Children's Hospice South West

We are gladly acting as a collection point for Children's Hospice South West, in memory of Alfie Gray.

It was the 18-year old's dream to give poorly children presents at Christmas, and so his friends have set up a charity in his name and are collecting new toys to be delivered in time for Christmas.

If you would like to donate - there is a big orange box in reception, where you can leave a new toy. There is no specific price range, it does not need to be wrapped, and could be for any age-group from baby to teenager.



Girls in Sport Event

We belong to a sports partnership of schools within the Weston area, and last week they ran an event aimed at encouraging more girls into sport. A number of our children participated in the event in school and had a great day.





Dates



Many of the dates are available on the calendar section of the website, however a summary of key dates can be found below.

December

10th EYFS Play

11th Pre-school Play

12th EYFS Play

13th KS1 Play (morning and afternoon)

16th Yr 2 Crafternoon

17th Pre-school Christmas Crafts

18th Christmas Dinner

19th **Break up today at 1.15**

January

6th School term begins