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Friday Flier



Christmas Productions

I am sure that those of you who attended one of the year group productions and Christingle Services will join me in congratulating both the staff and children on their fabulous efforts. It was lovely that so many parents and other friends were able to attend. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collections.

PTFA Christmas Markets

Thank you very much to the PTFA members and everyone who volunteered to be 'personal shoppers and present wrappers' at three very successful Christmas markets this week. The children thoroughly enjoy doing their very own present shopping. Thank you also to "Santa" for taking time out of his very busy schedule to visit the children at our school.

This year the PTFA were very lucky to once again receive a substantial anonymous donation. This money was used to buy a present for each child from Santa. So we would like to say "a big thank you" to whoever our generous benefactor may be.

Forest School Winter Wonderland Sessions

Thank you to Mrs Rolfe, and the staff that helped, for three very successful after-school Forest School experiences. Thank you to our Year 1 parents who rallied around when we suddenly had to change the venue to indoors. The children have enjoyed sharing their learning with you and the hot chocolate that was available. As these sessions have proved so popular we will include these as part of our annual events.



Autumn Term at Forest School

We have had a fantastic start to the school year at Forest School. We have been very busy enjoying lots of activities: collaging, sawing, weaving, making stick men, toasting marshmallows and climbing and swinging in the Forest. The children have been very interested in the changes that have happened over the term, we began with green leaves that gradually changed to the beautiful colours of Autumn and have finished with bare trees. Along the way we were fortunate to have a big harvest of eating apples on our fruit trees so we were able to pick them and then try the fresh apples which were delicious!

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our parent and family volunteers who come along to sessions in all weathers - it makes a big difference to the children and us and really enhances the experience for all involved.

Mrs Rolfe and Mrs Garrett.

PTFA Christmas Fayre Competition winners were as follows:

Colouring Competition: **Year 2:** Adaia Hippolyte in Eagles' Class and Leo Walsh in Owls' Class. **Year 1:** Grace Barber in Blackbirds' Class and Riley Weight in Blackbirds' Class. **Year R:** Caitlin Gilbrook in Kingfishers' Class and Mason Saunders in Kingfishers' Class.

Christmas Treasure Hunt: *Shamia Tade in Eagles' Class and Shaya Tade in Wagtails' Class won the Treasure Hunt. The answer was Nutcracker.*

Name the Christmas Elf: *Isaac North in Wagtails' Class won by guessing the name "Steve".*

How Many Crackers? *Leo Van Leeuwen in Owls' Class won by guessing 284. There were 285 crackers in the box.*

Cup Cake Competition

The winner of the Cup Cake Competition was *Emily Way in Robins' Class*. Runners up: *Jack Brandon in Blackbirds' Class and Effie Skandali in Eagles' Class.*

Thank you to all the companies for donating prizes for the Christmas Fayre Raffle

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to our cook, Nicky Brown and her team, for providing all the children who wanted one with an excellent Christmas Lunch. They all thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you too to the PTFA who provided crackers for all the children, even those having a packed lunch.

Year 2 Choir and Ocarina Club Visit to the Rowans

I would like to share with you an email I received from one of the volunteer's following a visit from our school. "Yesterday afternoon, as a volunteer at the Rowan's Hospice, it was my great privilege to watch and listen to your school choir. To watch these small children sing, their eyes bright with enthusiasm and confidence, was a heart-warming and uplifting experience. Please pass on my warm thanks to all concerned including the teaching staff who made all of the children bright stars." Yours sincerely xxx MBE (One of many volunteers who I'm sure felt the same) We are immensely proud of them too.

Thank you

I would like to say a "big thank you" on behalf of all the staff for the lovely cards and presents you have sent in to school. These are very much appreciated. This year, once again, instead of buying class or individual presents, the staff have brought presents which will be given to a charity who will distribute these to children in the local area who are unlikely to receive a Christmas present this year. I would also like to thank you for supporting our various fundraising activities.

Attendance Awards

70 children have managed to achieve full attendance this term with no more than three late marks. Achieving full attendance means that children maximise their opportunities for learning. Obviously there is an element of luck in this too as we do not all always enjoy good health! However, it would be lovely if we could increase the number of children achieving full attendance next term.

Reporting Absence

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

Forest School Sessions:

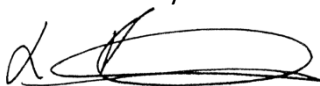
A new timetable for the next term has been sent out today with this Flier. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following link: [Spring A Timetable](#)

I should like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you and the children on Monday 06 January at the start of the new term.

Lunch Menu

When we return after the Christmas break the menu will be: Week 2. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher

