



**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to December. The frost was out to remind us in case we forgot. Please do take some simple measures to make sure your children stay warm in the colder weather. Whether rain is forecast or not, children should have warm coats for break times and lunchtimes even if when they are leaving the house in the morning they think they don't need one. We also encourage children to be wearing gloves and hats for those times in the school day where they are outside.

**Christmas:** All the school build up to Christmas takes the focus this week. Thank you for all the bottles donated for the Christmas Tombola at the **PTFA Christmas Fair** next **Friday (8th December: 3:15pm)**. The children have been very excited to be getting into the festive spirit today with their jumpers, hats, socks etc.

**KS1 and Year R Nativity:** The Year R, 1 and 2 children will be performing their Nativity play on **Wednesday (6th Dec) and Thursday (7th Dec) next week at 2pm** both days in our **school hall**. These are free but ticketed performances so please ensure you have tickets rather than just turning up as we sadly won't have space to accommodate you - "No room at the inn" as the Innkeeper would say.

**Christmas Service at the Abbey:** On Thursday 14th December, we have our Christmas Service at 2pm in Romsey Abbey. This is led by the KS2 children singing, narrating and performing as they take us through the Christmas story. All parents are welcome to attend and it is not a ticketed event.

**Curriculum Drop Ins:** Part of your feedback at our November Parents Evening identified having regular opportunities to come in and see what the children have been doing in lessons. Please see below for dates when you are invited to come into the classroom at 3:15pm for your children to proudly show what they have been learning in a particular subject within our curriculum. If you have children in classes that have their drop ins on the same day then visit one classroom first and there will be time to go to the other classroom afterwards.

Year 6: Thursday 7th December 3:15pm

Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5: Wednesday 13th December 3:15pm

Year 4: Thursday 14th December 3:15pm (after the Christmas Service)

**Disco:** Thank you to the PTFA and the team of parent helpers that helped run the wonderful discos last Friday. It was lovely to see the children really enjoying themselves and having a great time.

**Be Internet Legends Day:** On Tuesday we celebrated Be Internet Legends Day. Children from our school joined a virtual assembly alongside other children from across the globe. We joined in with an interactive session developed by Google to learn more about staying safe online.



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**Interfaith Week Events:** Last Friday and this Tuesday we welcomed visitors from different faith and worldview communities to answer the children's big questions about how faith and beliefs shape people's lives and how different people from different worldviews answer the question, "Why are we here?" The children asked excellent questions and showed super understanding of different beliefs and ideas.

**Communication with the office:** We are committed to providing a caring, professional and fair service and communication with everyone we work with. In return we ask that all parents respect our staff, including our administrative staff. We appreciate there can be frustrating and stressful situations and of course we do make mistakes at times but we work hard to teach the children to disagree well and respond to frustrations constructively and we ask that you communicate respectfully with all members of staff. Every member of staff works incredibly hard for the benefit of the children and no member of staff should have to encounter threatening, abusive or violent behaviour. If you are very upset about a situation, please communicate that upset with me.

Dates for your Diary [Qagv3rcTOhIGpgLuw5Jpz\\_roi8-UQP-67qL45jBc/edit](#)

**Prayer:** I'll finish with a prayer which you are welcome to join me in praying as we enter December:  
Dear God,  
As we enter the season of Advent, help us to enjoy all the celebrations as we prepare for Christmas. May many happy memories be made in Nativity plays and Christmas services and help us to find hope and peace in the love God shone down upon the Earth in sending His Son to shine his light on our world and in our lives.  
Amen

Have a great weekend!

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