

Dear Parents,

Friday 3rd December 2021

It is lovely to see the school decorated again and ready for the Christmas season. The children were really excited on Wednesday morning as they entered and saw the tinsel and baubles and the lovely trees in our entrance and school hall. It was great to see the delight on their faces.



We have a busy time ahead in the last two weeks of term and we hope we will be able to share this with you as best as we can. Here are a few dates for your diaries: -

**Wednesday 8th December** - Christmas Dinner (hot lunches)

**Thursday 9th December** - Friends Christmas Shop - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

**Friday 10th December** - Friends Christmas Shop - Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2

**Monday 13th December** - Y3/4 Carols on the Playground at 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 14th December** - Y5/6 Carols on the Semi Circle Playground at 2:30 p.m.

Please join us if you have children in these year groups and sing along with us!

**Thursday 16th December** - Christingle - Mike Morris

We also have the live streaming of 'Jack and The Beanstalk' Panto into classrooms (MK Music Service in association with the Norfolk Music Hub) on Thursday afternoon.

**Friday 17th December** - Christmas Jumper Day

With all the ice and snow around, we might even get a surprise visitor this year! Who knows?

Our Nursery, Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 children are busy practising ready to have their performances filmed. Filming takes place next week and we will ensure you have access to the recording before the end of term. During the last week of term, Foundation, Y1 and Y2 children will be singing a couple of their performance songs at the end of the day on the playground. Look out for information from your child's class teacher.

### Giles Brook Friends Association Christmas Shop



**Thursday 9th December** - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

**Friday 10th December** - Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2

Children will have the opportunity to go to the Christmas shop, with their class teachers and peers, to purchase surprise presents for mums and dads or grannies and grandads. Each present can be purchased for £2.00 - with a maximum of 4 presents per child. Children should bring the correct change into school on the day of their visit to the shop. Please send this in an envelope/purse clearly marked with their name. They will then manage their purchases. A bag to store presents will be required. There are lots of lovely gifts this year so don't miss the chance to take part!

### Flu Immunisation - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

We have now received confirmation from the flu immunisation team that they will be attending school on Wednesday 15th December 2021 to carry out immunisations for those children whose parents have signed them up. As the sign-up was carried out directly by parents online via the flu immunisation link, we do not have access to the list of children nor are we able to add children on or make any changes. If you have a query regarding flu immunisation, please **do not** contact the school office. You should contact the immunisation team directly on 0300 790 0594. Thank you in advance.

## **Eco Council**

Our school Eco Council has been working hard since their election at the start of the academic year. Their current project is to inform all of the children and adults in school about which types of waste should be put into which bins so that we can recycle as much material as possible. In order to do this, they have launched a competition for children in Years 1-6. They would like them to design a poster to remind everyone which waste materials should (and should not) be placed in our bins. Children who are interested in participating will shortly be bringing home an entry form on which to draw their design for either the recycling bin or the general waste bin.

Entries should be returned to class teachers by Friday 10th December. The Eco Council will judge all of the entries and choose a winner for each type of bin. The winners will see their poster placed on every bin in the school and receive a small prize as a "thank you". Good luck everyone!

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

We took a whopping £1545.05 in book sales at our Book Fair resulting in the school receiving £927.03 in books for school. This will go a long way to replenishing some of our classroom books and adding to our library stock. We are very grateful for your support. A big 'Thank you' also has to go to Helen in the school office for the incredible amount of work she had to do this year. Scholastic certainly didn't make ordering easy but our lovely Helen got the job done!

## **Residential Visits - Snowdonia Year 6 and Sheringham Year 5**

Initial deposits to reserve a place for your child on the above residentials are now overdue. If you would like a place for your child please let Helen know by Monday, 6th December 2021. If numbers remain the same we will reduce the size of the coaches to keep the cost of the residentials to the current price. To reserve a place for your child please use our online payment system [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com). Deposits will be refunded if the residentials do not go ahead due to Covid-19.

## **Staff News!**

I'm very pleased to announce that Mrs. Deepa Shah had a beautiful baby boy at the end of November. Baby Veer Himesh Shah is a gorgeous new addition to the family and a super little brother to Aarav. We wish them all well and hope we will be able to meet him sometime in the New Year.

## **Cold weather**

What a week of erratic weather! With the swing in temperatures and the icy weather at times, please ensure your child is sent to school with a coat and appropriate footwear. The children take their breaks outside - it is essential they have something additional to put on for warmth. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

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Deputy Headteacher/Head of School