



**1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

### **FOFS Christmas Fair – Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Our fair is fast approaching! It's going to be very Christmassy and magical with a super café of delicious savouries and sweets, crafts, music from our bell club 'Clangers' and games and stalls galore from Emerald Class – we can't wait!



We would still love some more items for the hamper raffle so we have three super prizes and we would like a few more willing volunteers too to help out.

Please would parents and carers of Emerald Class allow their children to stay until 4pm to run their stalls?

Please tell your family and friends to come too – the more the merrier! All proceeds go to the school to benefit the children.



### **Online Safety Presentation**

The next presentation is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm in the school hall.

Feedback from the first presentation tells us that parents and carers were surprised about the variety of ways their child can be made vulnerable and that they found the session extremely informative and useful.

### **Sports & P.E. Funding**

Many of you will be aware that the government decided to use its 'sugar tax' to increase the Primary P.E. and Sports Premium funding amount



it gives schools. This means that we have additional money coming into school which is strictly ring-fenced and can only be used for things which will promote, encourage and enable children to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle throughout their lives. The staff and governors are currently making plans for the additional money but we wondered if any of you have some ideas as to how we could spend some of the money (approx. £16,000 per year). We currently use some of the funding for things the government have approved such as... training and upskilling staff in P.E. and sports teaching, equipment and resources for sports and P.E., membership of the Cluster School Sports group and attendance and coach costs for travel to Cluster sporting events. We know we would like the children to try a wider range of physical activities and we can use the fund to pay for travel as well as the activities, so this has given us some ideas.

### **Sports Update**

This half-term, Diamond Class have participated in a Dance Festival and most of Emerald Class along with some of Sapphire Class have attended the Sports Hall Athletic Competition where they were overjoyed to find themselves winning many of

the races and events. We also would like to congratulate Rupert Hill for qualifying for the cross country County Finals at Holkham Hall and thank all the children who went to the semi-finals and ran so well with him.



### **Follow the Star – Christmas Nativity**

If you wish to attend a performance, you need to hand in your seat bookings to Mrs Burrows by Monday 4<sup>th</sup>. After this day, any spare seats will be allocated to those who requested more.

### **Christmas Clothing**

In the run up to Christmas, we are always happy to see the children wearing their bright winter motif and Christmassy jumpers so long as they are practical and safe to learn and play in. We ask that anything else Christmassy you may have or be purchasing, such as headbands with ears/antlers, badges, hats or any other accessory is only worn on our Christmas Dinner and Party days please. This policy has always worked well in the past and we wanted to make our new families aware of it.



### **Christmas Card Post Box**

Each year we have a Christmas card post box for the children to use should they wish to. Emerald children have the privilege of sorting the mail each day and delivering it to the classes in the afternoon so that cards can be opened and taken home at the end of the day. We will be setting up the post box to receive mail **from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please make absolutely certain that the full name and the class of the recipient is clearly written on the front of the envelope.** We have several children who share the same first name and even the same class, so it's very important cards get to who they are meant for. Every year we have several left with no address on and sometimes cards with no message inside so children don't know who they are from!

### **DIARY DATES**

#### **December**

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – FOFS Christmas Fair – 2-4pm

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party afternoon – children to bring party outfits in a named bag.

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service at 2pm in church & break up for Christmas Holidays

**January** - Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff Training & Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – school re-opens for spring term

#### **February**

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – break up

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> is Feb half-term break

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens

**March** – Break up for Easter Weds 28<sup>th</sup> March-13<sup>th</sup> April. School re-opens Mon 16<sup>th</sup>

#### **April -**

**May – The month of May is the Year 2 SATS teacher assessment and testing window**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> is the Y6 SATS week of testing**

**June – Week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> for Y1 DFE Phonic Check**

#### **July**

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – School breaks up for summer holiday.