

1st December 2017

FOFS Christmas Fair – Friday 15th

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 8th 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 Althletic 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 4th. 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 4th 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 14th – Christmas Dinner

Fri 15th – FOFS Christmas Fair – 2-4pm

Mon 18th - Christmas Party afternoon - children to bring party outfits in a named bag.

Tues 19th - Christmas Service at 2pm in church & break up for Christmas Holidays

January - Weds 3rd Staff Training & Tues 4th – school re-opens for spring term

February

Fri 9th – break up

Monday 12th - 16th is Feb half-term break

Mon 19th – School re-opens

March - Break up for Easter Weds 28th March-13th April. School re-opens Mon 16th

May – The month of May is the Year 2 SATS teacher assessment and testing window Monday 14th-17th is the Y6 SATS week of testing

June – Week commencing Monday 11th for Y1 DFE Phonic Check

Tues 24th – School breaks up for summer holiday.