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Primary School

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Friday 6th December 2024

| Diary Dates | |
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| December | 12 th – KS2 trip to The Arts Theatre to see Cinderella 17 th /18 th – KS1 Nativity performances 17 th – KS2 Carol Service @ St Marys Church 19 th – Pupil Christmas Lunch 19 th – Christmas Jumper Day 19 th – Rocksteady Concert 20 th – Last Day of term |
| January | 7 th – Pupils return to school |

Christmas Tree Lights



The hall was full of delighted laughter and happy squealing this week as Mrs Mitchell switched the lights on the Christmas tree. Despite many attempts, including the use of the magic hat, it finally took some sprinkling of fairy dust to light up the tree.

We must say a huge thank you to the FIPS team for kindly providing us with such a magnificent tree this year. It looks amazing!



Owls Class Assembly

It was lovely to see so many Year 6 parents in school on Thursday 5th December. The children were delighted to show their learning on light and the human heart, World War II and population changes. They also showed how they have become play leaders!! Wow year 6 – you have been busy!

FIPS Christmas Fayre

We hope that you are all able to come to the FIPS Christmas Fayre this afternoon. School will be full of fun and festive cheer. Please come along and join in the fun – perhaps you could have a go on the chocolate/bottle tombola or visit Santa or maybe sing along with the choir and Elsa from Frozen. We hope you all have a great afternoon and help raise funds for school at the same time.





KS1 Nativity Play

Reception and KS1 are performing 'Shine Star Shine' to parents on 17th and 18th December. Children will have brought home letters this week for you to complete to apply for tickets. Tickets will be limited to two per family and cost £1 per ticket. This money will go towards the cost of this production. Thank you very much to those of you who have made payment for your tickets – this has enabled us to purchase new nativity costumes this year – which we hope you will admire when you watch the show. Payment can still be made by cash, or via your MCAS accounts.

Panto

Excitement is growing for the KS2 trip to Cambridge Arts Theatre on Thursday morning. We will be leaving school at 9:30am and returning in time to have lunch in school. Lunch service may be over by the time we return, so can you please provide a packed lunch for your child on Thursday. Please remember to cancel any pre-booked school lunches on the Innovate system by mid-night on Saturday. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, a school packed lunch can be ordered in advance. Orders must be placed by Friday 6th December.



Year 5 Cookery

Year 5 are visiting Sawston Village College on Monday afternoon next week to have an exciting cookery lesson as part of their DT topic. The class will be preparing the ingredients here at school before walking to the college where they will cook a delicious spaghetti bolognese in the DT food preparation kitchens. The children will bring the food back to school to enjoy before going home. Parents of year 5 children are advised that they should be collected from school at 3:45pm.

Christmas carol Service

We are holding our traditional KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's church on Tuesday 17th December. Children need to arrive at the church by 5:50pm for a prompt start at 6:00pm. All children are expected to wear school uniform. There will be no admission charge for this event, but a collection may be taken to help raise funds for the school and a chosen charity. Could parents please therefore have a small amount of change in your pockets if you would like to donate. The service should end at 7:15pm

Neve's news – Cross Country event

Our school reporter Neve interviewed some Year 6 children this week about an event that they attended. Here is her report;

On 2nd December some students went to a Cross-Country event at Netherhall School in Cambridge. Cross Country is a sport where race around a huge field and see what place you come. I interviewed some of the children who went. One of the pupils said, 'I liked the motivation, but I was very tired at the end.' They had to run up hills and race against about 25 other schools. Mrs Seymour said that she was very proud of everyone.'

Miss Graves added that the children were very ambitious and showed great resilience.

Post-box

We have installed a post-box on the wall outside of the school office to enable parents to drop off reply slips, or payments for trips for example. We hope that this will make life easier for parents as you will not need to come into the foyer to drop things into the office. If you are making a payment, please put the reply slip and money into a named envelope so that we can ensure payments are allocated correctly. The post-box will be emptied twice daily by the office team.



New Icknield School Website

We are delighted to let you know that our new school website was launched this week. The current website will be redundant and will be replaced by the new redesigned website. We hope you find this easier to navigate and find the relevant information you need.

The link to the school website is <https://icknieldprimary.org/>

Please take a few minutes to have a look at the website which we hope you will find a useful tool to gather information about all that is going on. If you would like to give any feedback, we are happy to hear it! Please email the school office – office@icknieldprimary.org

Thank you.

Harvest Festival – thank you

Our friends at JHC sent us a thank you card this week to pass on their gratitude for the 198 items of food and supplies that we donated to them from our Harvest Festival assembly. By the end of this year they are expecting to have given out 1,000 food bags and delivered 100 hampers to needy families. Thank you all for your continued support with this.

Stapleford Granary Winter Fayre

Stapleford Granary are holding Winter Fayres on 13 – 17 December between 4:00 – 8:00pm. The site will be lit with Christmas trees and fairy lights, and there will be live music as well as a forest grotto and craft activities for children. There will be mince pies and mulled wine on sale too! Tickets cost £7 per adult and under 16s are free of charge, this includes a drink of squash and a Christmas biscuit. (all children must be accompanied by an adult) There may be additional charges for the cost of the forest grotto and some craft activities. There are two entry times each day: 4pm and 6pm. Please select the day and time you would like to attend when you book. Tickets are limited to manage visitor flow and use of facilities. To book visit www.staplefordgranary.org.uk/whats-on/events or call 01223 849004