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Primary School

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Friday 13th December 2024

Diary Dates	
December	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 20 th – Last Day of term
January	7 th – Pupils return to school 15 th – Y5 Swimming lesson 1 15 th – Y3 trip to Whipsnade Zoo 17 th – Scooterbility



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. Please note that there are no tickets left for Tuesday's performance, and a limited number only are available for Wednesday.

Christmas Carol Service

We are holding our traditional KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's church next week, on Tuesday 17th December. Please remember that 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

After School Clubs

Please note that there will be no after-school clubs running next week. Clubs will restart in the New Year during week commencing 13th January 2025. Children will be informed of their new clubs on our return to school after Christmas. Parents are reminded to return their children's new after-school club choice letter by Friday 20th December.

Panto

KS2 had an amazing and unforgettable visit to the Arts Theatre this week to see Cinderella. The children were mesmerised by the flying coach during the performance and thought that the ugly sisters were mean, but very funny. Everyone behaved perfectly and enjoyed the audience participation parts of the show.



Neve our school reporter wrote;

On Thursday 12th December Key Stage 2 children went to watch the Cinderella panto. It was so much fun. When we got there we had to get off the coach and walk to The Cambridge Arts Theatre where it took place. The characters were great. My favourite part was when Prince Charming met Cinderella. I would definitely go again and I'm sure everyone else would too.

FIPS Christmas Fayre

The FIPS Christmas Fayre was full of happy faces and excitable activities. The tombola was a huge favourite, as usual, with two long queues of customers wanting to win some chocolate before it all ran out. Elsa and the choir sang beautifully and made the hall feel extremely festive. Santa was a very busy man and is looking forward to a couple of week's rest before the big night arrives. Thank you to our dedicated and hard-working FIPS team for organising another fantastic event.

Year 5 Cookery

Year 5 were busy making a delicious spaghetti Bolognese on Monday. They prepared ingredients in school before walking to SVC to create the meal which they ate on their return to school. Berta from Year 5 said

"I liked cooking at SVC because we got to use different ingredients and the hob. It was amazing."



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.



Bircham House



Miss Waddington and the Duckling Class loved their visit to the local care home, Bircham House this week. Miss Waddington said “We enjoyed meeting the residents and carers, completing Christmas art and craft activities with them, singing them some Christmas songs, giving out Christmas cards we had made. We certainly spread lots of festive cheer! A big thank you to Mr Jelliman for driving the bus and to our volunteers who came along with us. We are already looking forward to our next visit!”

Cambridge City Football Club



Our new neighbours at Cambridge City FC would like to welcome you to their new stadium! There are three fixtures over the festive period;

- Saturday 13th December vs Grays Athletic 3pm
- Saturday 28th December vs Heybridge Swifts 3pm
- Wednesday 1st January vs Mildenhall Town 3pm

Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for concessions, students and 16-18 year olds. Under 16s are free of charge.

Why not pop along, have a look around the new stadium and cheer the team on? They would be delighted to see you there.

Premier Drop and Shop

Premier have asked us to remind you of their Christmas holiday camps. Monday 23rd December is their 'Drop & Shop' event where you could 'drop' your child at camp with them for the day and go into town and 'shop' for any last-minute presents/food etc. This might work for busy non-working families too.

Further camps are being held on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January 2025.

If you would like to make a booking, please click below.

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