1st December 2023

Dear Parent and Carers

I can’t believe how quickly this term has gone! We head into the final weeks of the Autumn term with lots of activites planned.

**Life Skills Day**

On Tuesday 19th December Mrs Warren will be putting together a life skills day where the pupils develop their independence. All classes will take part in Christmas themed activities, such as, hanging stockings on the washing line, setting the Christmas table, going the shop to post cards, icing a Christmas biscuit, making a drink for Rudolph. We aim to make our pupils as independent as possible and we develop real life skills at every opportunity.

**School Lunches**

Our new school menu is extremely popular and it is lovely to see the children enjoying a fresh home made cooked meal. The introduction of crispy baked potatoes with different fillings and Mac and Cheese are a firm favourite with them all! After Christmas we have tweaked the menu again, bringing in homemade sausage roll, hash brown and spaghetti hoops. We will come back to school on Tuesday 9th Jan on **WEEK 2.** A copy of the latest menu is always on the school website and I have attached one to this newsletter.

**Christmas Lunch**

On Wednesday 20th December it is Christmas lunch at school. As this meal involves so much cooking and organisation, this will be the only food on offer, so if your child does not like Christmas roast dinner they may be best bringing in a packed lunch for one day. The cost of lunch is £2.50 for those pupils who pay for lunch. Free school meal children will not have to pay. Letters have gone out to find out if your child would like Christmas lunch or not.

**Child and parent session**

Invitations are being sent out to you to come into school and with your child look at the amazing work they have accomplished this term. Each class has a day and time slot where books will be available for you to look at with your child. They are extremely proud of their work and we think you will be amazed by how much progress they have made in a term! Please look out in your school bags for your invitation.

**End of term assembly**

We have decided to repeat how we did our Christmas assembly last year, as it supports our pupils’ needs. Inviting over 100 parents into the hall with all the children will potentially be overwhelming for a lot of them, so instead we will record the assembly and prize giving and send out the video to you after the assembly by email. I hope you understand that the pupil’s emotional well being has to be our main priority.

**End of term**

On the last day of term (Friday 22nd December) we have a special visitor coming to school with a present from school……. Shhhhhh… it’s a secret, ho ho ho. We will also make this our Christmas Jumper day – so dig out those Christmas jumpers!

**Please note we finish school at 1.30pm on the this day. We return to school on Tuesday 9th January**.

**Important Dates**

7th Dec Forest Schools – Giraffes and Zebras

Judo – Owls and Sharks

8th Dec Whole school Art day

11th Dec Science Week – whole school

Christmas Signalong – Owls @ Meadowside

12th Dec Science trip - Tigers

1.30 Matilda performance @ Clare Mount – Zebras, Foxes

13th Dec 10 -11 Parent Xmas Coffee Morning with Michelle

14th Dec Forest Schools – Giraffes and Zebras

Judo – Owls and Sharks

18th Dec 9.30-10.30 – Foxes parent/child session – show books

11.00 – 12.00 – Tigers parent/child session – show books

1.30 – Christmas Assembly led by the local vicar

Christmas around the world week – all classes

19th Dec Independent Skills Day – all classes

20th Dec Christmas lunch

9.30 - 10.30 - Giraffes parent/child session – show books

11.00 - 12.00 – Zebras parent/child session – show books

1.30 - 2.30 – Sharks parent/child session – show books

2.30 - 3.30 – Owls parent/child session – show books

2.30 – 3.30 – Bears parent/child session – show books

2.30 – 3.30 Wolves parent/child session – show books

21st Dec Award assembly – video will be emailed out to all parents

Forest Schools - Giraffes and Zebras (last one)

22nd Dec Christmas Jumper Day

**1.30pm - School finishes for Christmas holidays**

**9th Jan School opens for Spring Term**

Please make sure you check your emails regularly as this is the way we send important information to you. Also, if you would like to see photos of your child taking part in all of the exciting enrichment activities we offer at school, then please follow us on Facebook.

Thanks for all your support.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact me.

Mrs Duncan