



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Dear All,

Well, the festive season is upon us and, with only two weeks to go until the holidays, there is lots to look forward to. At the moment we are planning for our nativity to go ahead on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9am (please note the change of date) and we hope this will take place in the church. We will be led by guidance from the local authority of course, and will keep you up to date with any changes.

Next Tuesday, we have our school exhibition when we will be displaying all of the children's work from the term in the village hall. This will be an exciting opportunity for you to see what the children have been up to and to share in their learning. I hope lots of you will be able to attend.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts – Executive Headteacher

### This week in class...

**Pre-school:** The children at Preschool's Stay and Play session last week had a great time exploring shaving cream - they squished it, slapped it and clapped it. We have also been exploring colour this week and the children have begun to realise you can blend colours to make others. There has been lots of excitement too as we begin our Advent countdown.

**Acorn:** In Acorn Class we are using an outdoor Advent Calendar which sets us a challenge everyday such as spotting and identifying birds. The weekend challenges are: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Lay down and find pictures in the clouds, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Find somewhere to sit outside and listen to the sounds you hear for 2 minutes. Children will have the opportunity to share in class if they completed any of the outdoor challenges.

**Oak:** In maths, Oak Class have begun work on perimeter and have been using a range of measuring equipment in order to find the perimeter of a range of shapes. We also explored the idea of being a global citizen in greater depth and what it means to be globally minded in our community. They have also been working on a newspaper article on a topic of their choice in order to practise the conventions of report writing. Oak Class have been working hard to finish off their artwork for the exhibition and the children are excited about welcoming you to view their work next week.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Year 3/4 Forest School** – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Topic Exhibition** – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December @ the Village Hall, 2pm

**Christmas Lunch & party** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December (£2.50 if paid for)

**Christmas nativity** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, drop children at church at 8.45am.

**Online Pantomime & Christmas jumper day** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**End of term** – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Change of date** due to a change in availability with the church and the vicar, we have had to change our nativity to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This will mean that we can gather together at the start of the day. Please drop your child off at church at 8.45am, breakfast club will walk across together to join us. Do stay to watch what should be just a short performance by the children to get you in the festive spirit!



**Charity Fundraiser** Please come along and support the children in Woodpecker House who are holding their cake and gift stall to raise money for sponsoring a hedgehog. Monday 6th December from 2:45 p.m. - 3:30p.m.

**Parent volunteer plea** We are trying to improve Acorn's outdoor area and are looking for volunteers to assist with making changes to the mud kitchen area. If there is anyone who could offer their help, it would be much appreciated. Please contact the office if you could offer a little of your time. Thank you.

**Thank you!** A big thank you to everyone who supported the Kestrel's Cake Sale on Monday. An amazing £48 was raised. They can now adopt a seal from their chosen charity of The Wildlife Trust.

**Christmas Party** After the Christmas lunch next Thursday, the children will have a party in their class. If the children would like to, they may come to school in their party clothes. Remember not to wear anything too fancy in case it gets dirty.

