



This month's newsletter contains lots of dates for your diary – with a reminder of the dates and times for all of our Christmas events as well as advance notice of our term dates and PD Days for the academic year 2024/25. These dates are all at the end of the newsletter. Please note that there has been one change to our Christmas arrangements – the Christmas party for years 5 and 6 will now be on the afternoon of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January rather than the previous Friday afternoon.

### School Council Feedback

This term the school council have been hard at work carrying out their important role representing the views of their class peers. They started this term with two questions for their class mates:

1. What do we love about our school?
2. What would make it even better?

The responses from each class were many and varied. I have included the most popular responses here with the top 5 responses for each question highlighted in yellow.

### What do pupils love about our school?

- The large playground and play equipment
- We are surrounded by friends
- The kind staff
- The computer suite and IPADS
- Fundraising for school and for charity
- School dinners
- The football goals
- The gazebos and calm gardens
- School trips
- Lessons
- The outdoor gym
- The field
- The space in the classrooms and shared areas
- Celebrating birthdays in class
- Doodlemaths

### What would make our school even better?

- A reading tent or outdoor reading area
- Even more play equipment
- More fundraising
- Soft surface under the blue shelters so you don't get muddy
- Pyjama day or more non-uniform days
- Extend the adventure trail and climbing wall
- More football goals
- More playtimes

- Longer lunchtime
- Erasable pens
- A friendship area or friendship bench
- Swings
- School mascot
- A basketball club
- More outdoor learning
- More music lessons, PE lessons, maths lessons
- A gaming room
- Be able to eat lunch outside in the summer
- An after-school music club
- Bring back the music wall outside
- A bouncy castle day
- More swimming competitions
- Bring your pet to school day
- Christmas cookie day
- Worry boxes in class
- Building snowmen in the winter
- Making cakes
- Water slide

We discussed in our meeting which of the ideas are achievable and the reasons why some of them might not work in school then we took a vote about something we could make happen straight away. This was when we decided to have our pyjama day which was just for fun and linked to a focus on reading and story-telling.

Also this term, the school councillors visited the Stockton Garden of Remembrance on 9<sup>th</sup> November for a special Remembrance service led by local veterans. This was a lovely occasion with children planting our school poppy crosses in the garden as well as having the opportunity to ask a few questions.

### Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, we held a non-uniform day for Children in Need. Thank you to all of our families for your kind donations. We raised £500 for this amazing cause.



## Donations for our Christmas Fair

Please bring any donations you may have for the Christmas fair, to the main office. We are collecting:

- Toiletries and bathroom sets
- Bottles – wine, spirits, fizz etc
- Toys and games
- Boxed gifts
- Confectionary gifts
- Bottle bags
- Any other suitable items for tombola stalls
- We also need donations of chocolate items and selection boxes for our Christmas Raffle

## Collections for local charity Max's Mates

Max's Mates is a local dog charity which we have supported in the past. They do such great work in rescuing and rehoming dogs and rely heavily on charitable donations. One of our teaching assistants noticed that they had put out an appeal for donations on their Facebook page recently so – we will hold a bucket collection at the end of each of our Christmas performances this year, for any parents who would like to make a donation to Max's Mates.

## Christmas Plans

Here is a reminder of our Christmas events dates.



Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 Christingle at St Francis of Assisi Church 1.45pm
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 Nativity 2pm
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 Nativity (repeat) 2pm Nursery Christmas singalong 10.45am or 2.15pm  Christmas dinner day Christmas Jumper day
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>After School</b> - Christmas Fair
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception Christmas singalong 2pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y4 outdoor Christmas performance 2pm Reception Christmas Party <b>After School</b> – Y5/6 Movie Night 3.15-5.30pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3/4 Christmas Party Nursery Christmas parties- am and pm <b>After School</b> – Y1/2 Movie night 3.15-5.30pm Reception Movie night 3.05-5.15pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 outdoor Christmas performance 2pm Y1/2 Christmas Party <b>After School</b> – Y3/4 Movie night 3.15-5.30pm

Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 Performance of A Christmas Carol 9.30am Y3 Snappy Christmas at Thornaby Pavilions
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Christmas Concert 9.30am <b>Y5/6 Christmas Party</b>

All parents and carers should have your child's class teacher email for communication directly with the teacher. I can also offer email contacts for myself (Beth Atkinson, Head Teacher) and Mrs Kay Coverdale (Deputy Head Teacher, SENDCO)

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I am the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) for the school and can be contacted regarding any safeguarding concerns. There are two deputy designated safeguarding leads who act on my behalf in my absence; Mrs Coverdale and Mrs Dent.

### TERM DATES FOR 2023/24

#### Autumn term 2023

Term ends: Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

#### Spring term 2024

**PD Day Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024 (children not in school)**

**Term starts:** Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

**Half-term runs from:** Mon 19<sup>th</sup> to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2024

Term ends: Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024

#### Summer term 2024

**Term starts:** Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Bank holiday (school closed):** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Half-term runs from:** Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Term ends: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**PD Days: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024** (children not in school)

### TERM DATES FOR 2024/25

#### Autumn term 2024

**PD Days: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> & Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024** (children not in school)

Term starts: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

**PD Day: Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 (children not in school)**

Half term runs from: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2024

Term ends: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

#### Spring term 2025

**Term starts:** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

**Half-term runs from:** Mon 24<sup>th</sup> to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

Term ends: Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### Summer term 2025

**Term starts:** Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Bank holiday (school closed):** Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**PD Day: Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**Half-term runs from:** Mon 26<sup>th</sup> to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Term ends: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**PD Day: Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025** (children not in school)