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*Give your best, expect success!*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had some guests with us on Monday. Four of our Governors visited us, Mrs Fincham, Mrs Lamb, Mrs Dhadwal and Mrs Cook, and they enjoyed some lesson visits and also chatted with some children about school life, especially reading. They have sent some very positive comments back to us. Following a pupil conference and some input from Mrs Lucas, our reading for pleasure approach was described as “inspiring and valuable”. Across the day, children “expressed their confidence” in the being part of a “calm and supportive atmosphere”. Lessons were “engaging” and conduct was good. We’re looking forward to our next visit.

Next week is a busy week of Christmas events and activities so we hope you all have a restful weekend ready for the Christmas buzz to ramp up!

Mrs Lewis

**Key Stage 1 Nativity Performances:** We have 2 KS1 performances next week. A reminder that we requested that each family bought just 2 tickets in total, there has been some confusion as Arbor allowed more tickets to be purchased and we appreciate those of you who did inadvertently buy more that have now exchanged them for a refund or extra tickets for the Hamper Raffle.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** the performance will start at **2.15pm**. Please line up at the hall doors. A little before the doors open, you will have the chance to buy some more raffle tickets if you’d like to (50p each or £1 a strip). We are aiming to open the doors at 2.10.

If you are attending the afternoon performance, **please do not drive onto site**. The car park will be closed as we will use this space for queueing and leaving, and we need the drive clear for the end of the day. The performance will finish close to the end of the school day for our younger children so there will be parents and children walking on site.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** the performance will start at **9.45am**. **Please do not drive onto site**. The car park will be closed as we will use this space for queueing and leaving. Please line up at the hall doors. A little before the doors open, you will have the chance to buy some more raffle tickets if you’d like to (50p each or £1 a strip). We are aiming to open the doors at 9.40.

**Carols by Candlelight:** On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we will be holding our family event, Carols by Candlelight. This will be led by our KS2 children and so we would like as many of the children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to stay after school for this event.

If you would like to come along, please gather on our main playground ready to start at about **3.40**. There will be a chance to buy extra raffle tickets if you would like to. We will then be entertained by the children singing some festive songs and there will also be an opportunity to join in with some traditional carols. Please bring your torches and lanterns!



If your child is not staying, they can be collected as usual. **If your child usually walks home alone and is not staying** please let us know so we know to release them as usual.

After the singing you will be invited in to collect a warm drink (non-alcoholic mulled Wine or hot chocolate) and a mince pie or biscuit. There will be limited seating but hopefully, weather permitting, we'll be able to add more outside.

During this time, Year 6 will be selling small gifts, some that they have made, like some hot chocolate cones, and some that have been donated, like the festive mug gifts we have once again been given.

To end the event, the Hamper Raffle will be drawn. We anticipate that the event will end no later than **4.30**. If you have different collection arrangements for you child, please let the office know before the event.

**Panto!** We are all getting very excited about the Panto Trip so a few reminders;

The coaches will leave school at **9.30**. **They will then pick up at 1.15**, so we anticipate the children being back at school at around **2pm**.

Children should bring a packed lunch, including drinks, with them.

Children should wear school uniform so they can be easily identified. Year 1 and Year 2 children who are going to the Disco straight after school, can wear their disco outfits with a purple sweatshirt or fleece on top.

Parents may collect at 2pm, you can also pick up siblings if that would be helpful. Please let the office know if you will be picking up at this time. If there is not an adult there to collect them, the children will stay at school until usual pick up time.

**Christmas Disco!** Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the discos.

**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will go to their Disco straight from school. Their Disco finishes at **4.45**. Children do not need to bring any money with them as snacks and novelties are included in the ticket price. Please come to the hall doors to collect.

The Disco for **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** will start at **5.15** and finish at **6.30**. There will be tuck shop selling mixed sweetie bags, larger sweets and crisps. There will also be novelty items for sale at 50p each.

The staff car park will be closed so please do not drive into the waiting area.

**Celebration Assembly:** we didn't gather today as instead we were treated to the dress rehearsal of the KS1 Nativity - it was wonderful! Some certificates were still awarded in classes.

**Attendance:** Whole School attendance for the week got back to 95% but out top attenders were Year 2 again with a fabulous 98%

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
21	30	28	24

Well done to Sapphire who were our weekly winners but also, by just 4 House Points, our termly winners! Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December will be a Sapphire Colours Day.



**Dates for your diary:** (Full details and booking etc to follow)

- 16<sup>th</sup> December** – iRock Concert am
- 16<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity 2.15pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Carols by Candlelight 3.40pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity 9.15am
- 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Dinner
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Panto! Years 1-6
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Disco
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – **Nursery** last day of Term
- 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Sapphire Colours day
- 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term for rest of school
- 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – INSET day
- 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Term begins for pupils

