



## Headteacher Newsletter November 2023

**Dear pupils and parents,**

With less than four weeks to go before the end of term I thought it would be a good time to bring you up to speed with events happening in school in the lead up to Christmas.

Firstly, the team wanted to thank all the parents who wished us well during our Ofsted inspection last week. Ofsted were very grateful for the high completion rate of the Parent View form. The report is now going through quality assurance and we hope to receive this before we break up for Christmas. The final report will be shared with all parents as soon as it is received.

We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few weeks including a trip to the theatre, Christmas Party Day and the whole school Christmas concert in church.

### Diary Dates

Please see below dates and events planned for the start of the new academic year.

Monday 4th December	Christmas Jumper Wearing begins!
Tuesday 5th December	Class 3 trip to Cromford Mill
Thursday 7th December	Pantomime Chesterfield Theatre
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Dinner and Party Day
Thursday 21st December	Carol Concert, Nativity and Music Performances in Church
Friday 22nd December	Inset Day
Monday 8th January	First day back to school

### Pantomime Thursday 7th December

We are delighted to inform you of our whole school trip Pantomime trip on Thursday 7th December 2023. The tickets and the transport has been fully funded by our wonderful PTA.

We will be having lunch at school before leaving at approximately 12.45pm in time for us to join the afternoon performance of Aladdin.

We have ordered ice cream or ice lollies (depending on dietary requirements) for the interval. Due to the trip being fully funded we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child to cover the cost. Payment to be made into the School Account Sort Code 601019 Account 95110143.

The coach will be returning to school at approximately 5pm (this time may vary). We will send out a message to let you know our progress.

Please ensure that children are wearing a school top with logo.

**If you haven't already then please complete the form below to confirm your consent.**

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### **Secret Santa is back!**

Here is how it works

If you would like to take part in this special event you need to bring two or more gifts suitable for someone's parents / carers into school over the next few weeks.

Then on Tuesday 12th December you can visit Santa's shop and choose for yourself a gift or gifts that you would like to give to your parents / carers on Christmas morning. Santa's helpers will help you wrap it and then you can take it home to hide until it's time to share presents on Christmas Day!

If any parents are able to help on Tuesday 12th December at lunchtime to help wrap presents then please let us know.

There is a small charge of £1 per gift which we will need to bring with you on the day.

#### Gift Donation Ideas

Toiletries

Chocolates

Gift biscuits

Books

Hats

Gloves

Scarves

Gift candles

Jams and chutneys

Picture frames

Mugs

Socks

And anything Christmassy!!

**Please could donations be handed to staff or brought to the office.**

### **Christmas Events (Yes - I know it's not even December!)**

Christmas officially starts in school on **Monday 4th December 2023** and from this date until

the end of term, children may wear Christmas jumpers / t-shirts as part of their uniform. This is of course optional.

### **Christmas Meal and Party Day**

This is booked for Wednesday 20th December.

Please could you look at the form on the following link and fill in if your child is on packed lunches on that day or would like to opt out of having a Christmas Dinner.

Thank you

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnDGmik56TAO6ampqYiWor7go4zQnF7cFEggsEbQgPWs6u2w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnDGmik56TAO6ampqYiWor7go4zQnF7cFEggsEbQgPWs6u2w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Children in Need**

Thank you for all your support with Children in Need on Friday 17th November we raised an amazing amount of £66.27.

### **Sept 2024 Intake**

If you have a little one who is due to start school in Sept 2024 you can apply now for a place via [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions).

If you have friends or family with a child due to start school in Sept 2024, please let them know they are welcome to contact us to arrange a tour of our school.

Thank you all for your continued support,



Kate Gemmell (Executive Headteacher)