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Dear Families

We have had a Christmas theme in school this week. Our children in Reception and KS1 delivered three exceptional Nativity performances. They were amazing. They had lots of songs, lines, dances and choreography to learn and this was an impressive feat!

The message from the Nativity was quite powerful as it makes us think about how everyone is important to God and all the little things people do matter and can make a difference.

Our PTA have also been in school this week running Elfridges. Children have been buying their Christmas gifts for family members. Thank you to the PTA.

Best wishes
Jane Sharrock

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This year's Christmas Service will be held in our school hall on Wednesday, 13th December at 9.15am. Oak Class will be leading the service and you are welcome to join us.

REMINDER – YEAR 3 MUSIC CONCERT

You are welcome to come along to see our Year 3 children sing and play their ukuleles next Thursday, 14th December at 1.10pm in the school hall. We hope you can join us. The children who have private lessons will also be performing at this concert.



REMINDER - ROWAN CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 13th December, at 2.45pm, Rowan Class will be presenting a Class Assembly. We would like to invite you to join us to hear some of the fantastic work that has been written by the children and to find out about the brilliant things we have been doing in class. We will be sharing learning from English, History, Science and RE. We hope that you can join us!



CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

We will be shopping for the children's party lunch early next week, so please don't forget to send in a voluntary contribution of £2 to help towards the costs. Many thanks.

CHOIR CLUB – AFTER SCHOOL ON MONDAYS

On Monday 8th January 2024, Choir Club will be just for children going to the O2.



There is a church service that the school choir will be leading on 3rd March 2024, which Year 2 children upwards can also take part in, as well as the Easter Service. Next term, we will send out more details about when Choir Club will begin for Year 2 to Year 6 children.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Early next week, we will be sending out information about some exciting new clubs starting in January. Below are details of the **current clubs**, which will be continuing in January.

- Chelsea Football Club starts Friday, 5th January 2024 – KS2 children
- O2 rehearsal with Mrs Wellby – Friday 5th January (ends after the concert on 30/1/23)
- O2 Choir starts on Monday 8th January – O2 children only (ends after the concert)
- Dani Dance starts on Tuesday 9th January – Year 1 to Year 6
- Boys' Vocal Club starts on Tuesday 9th January – Year 3 to Year 6
- Instrumental Club starts on Thursday 11th January – Year 3 to Year 6

IMPORTANT - CHARTWELLS LUNCHES



Please remember to order meals via ParentPay in time for the children's return to school on Wednesday, 3rd January. The cut-off date for ordering is Thursday 21st December.

AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

This month's author of the month has been chosen by Mrs. Griffiths. She has chosen Tom Fletcher, who has written a Christmas series for Key Stage 2 children called the Christmasaurus. Tom also has a series of picture books, co-written with Dougie Poynter, one of which is the Dinosaur who pooped Christmas.



NEWS FROM THE PTA

The Elf trail takes place around Findon Village between 16/12 - 23/12. Elves and clues will be put up around the village for people to follow on a map, collect the codes and answer on their map.

The maps and trail bags are available to be purchased from the Findon Village shop between 16/12 - 23/12. We hope this will be a fun activity for all the family.

We are looking for homes who are willing to display an 'Elf' outside their house in Findon Village and also, for people who are willing to display an estate agent's board advertising the trail.

Please contact the PTA if you can help: findonpta@gmail.com



RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Before and After School Club booking forms are now available for Spring, first half-term.

DATES FOR 2023/2024

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Tues 12 December	Walking Nativity – Choir will be singing
Wed 13 December	Christmas Service at school (9.15am) Rowan Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Thurs 14 December	YEAR 3 – Music concert for parents in the school hall (1.10pm)
Fri 15 December	School Christmas party lunch – non-uniform day (Chartwells lunch not available)
Sun 17 December	Nine Lessons and Carols at St John the Baptist Church (4pm)
Tues 2 January 2024	INSET day
Wed 3 January	Back to school
Wed 10 January	PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SCHOOL (6pm)
Sat 18 May	SUMMER REVELS