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Week 9 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Everything went very swimmingly last week and all of the new clubs kicked off in style, we now look towards lots of exciting learning and festive fun over the coming weeks. The Hallowe'en events were a roaring success and thank you for your contributions to the disco too! We raised roughly £150 after costs which will really help our school funds...thank you again! This week's newsletter is much less busy than the last, in fact we have just one big announcement to make!

Christmas 2022: We are delighted to announce that our Christmas plans will be **free** to pupils this year! Our recent surveys demonstrated how much our families appreciate the way in which we work hard to spread the cost of visits and other school events across the year. It was also noted that we make many things optional or donation based and we don't 'overdo' things like sponsorship costs either. There are so many things we would like to do to add to the *Cultural Capital* offer in school but we must consider costs to families in these difficult times and provide a balanced offer. We're delighted that this is recognised and appreciated already. Thank you. We all know that Christmas is a magical time to have young children and the enjoyment that the festive period can bring is probably the highlight of the year! It is brilliant to work in schools and enjoy these times too with several hundreds of young people. It can be a very stressful time for families though with costs rising and so much to consider...food, parties, gifts, etc. With this in mind we have created a completely free Christmas offer to all pupils. We are using a combination of funds to provide this: money raised last year through our Christmas raffle, some money donated by a very kind family member recently to provide 'fun things' for the children (how lovely!) and also money raised by our school staff supporting other local schools recently. We rarely write about this on these newsletters but it really does make myself and the Governors so very proud, not only do our staff run an excellent school for our pupils but we also support other local settings to improve rapidly. The school receives some funding when we release staff to fulfil this role and we save it up to spend on (or heavily subsidise) exciting activities for our pupils.

Our Christmas events include:

- A visiting pantomime experience for all pupils- includes nursery to Y6- this is on Thursday 8th December in school. All nursery pupils normally in the PM session should come for the 8.40-11.40am session please. 30 hour pupils can still stay all day. We won't reveal the name of the pantomime until the moment it begins to keep that excitement bubbling!
- A gift of a new reading book, delivered by a special guest (but only if you've been good) in the final week of term
- A cinema visit on Monday 12th December (F1-Y2) in the morning- again we would like PM nursery to attend in the AM session on this day. We would also offer that F1 parents can drop off at and collect from the venue if they prefer that day (more details about timings, etc, to follow). KS2 pupils will all attend the following morning, Tuesday 13th December. All pupils will receive an ice cream treat too- or similar if they have dietary needs.
- A party during the final week- see diary dates for precise times and days- games, party food and prizes will all be provided. Pupils can wear their party clothes all day on their party day. The nursery party will be on the final day of term (Friday 16th December) in the AM so could all pupils please attend 8.40-11.40am on that day. Our nursery will close for Christmas to all pupils at 12.10pm on that final day too due to staff training in the afternoon.

We also have our Christmas lunch on Thursday 15th December- all F2/KS1/free school meals families will receive their meal free as normal but for non-FSM KS2 pupils you would be charged as normal for a daily meal. A special Christmas menu/order form is coming home to families very soon. Our Christmas shows will also run in the penultimate school week of the term and all parents and carers are encouraged to come along and watch! There will be two tickets, per child, per show to share with you. These can be used as you see fit across your family. Please return any tickets that aren't required for any larger families who may enquire about spare tickets. The tickets are free but all that we kindly ask is that you support our Grand Christmas Raffle as much as you can to make a start on paying for next Christmas! If anyone has any donations or raffle prizes to share please let us know- they would be very gratefully received!

Have a good week everyone,

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher

Mini-Diary and School Statistics (Week 8 and averages)

Attendance for the year so far: 97.3%	Attendance last week: 97.8%
Late marks last week: 0	Class of the week for attendance: Y5 Proud Pentagons 100%
GOOD to be GREEN 2022/23 average: 99.1%	GOOD to be GREEN last week: 99%

What is happening in school this week? (Week 9)

Weekly themes: Music- Queen; Wellbeing- Remembrance; Week 2 of new dinner menu

Monday 7th: Sports Award visit (assessor may speak to pupils and parents about clubs)

Tuesday 8th: F2 visit (return late) and KS1 workshop in school (Great Fire of London)

Thursday 10th: Y1/2 multi-sports competition (selected pupils) after school

Friday 11th: Star of the week and lunchtime DISCO, Val in school, Y2 Hanukkah Day

