



## NEWSLETTER

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Quote of the week:** "Even if you're little you can do a lot. You mustn't let a little thing like "little" stop you."

Matilda

### Diary Dates:

#### December

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Y4-7 Matilda Show  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner Day  
Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Sing-a-long  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> - Y1-3 Cinema Trip  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - Y4-7 Cinema Trip  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> - Open afternoon and evening  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> - Choir Carol Singing  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - School closes half day for Christmas

#### January

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - School reopens for all children

### Matilda

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our pupils as they prepared for the show. I am sure you will agree it was a resounding success! Feedback from the shows has been overwhelmingly positive and we have enjoyed letting the children know. It's been an amazing experience for them all, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Special thanks to Katie Patton from Warwick Avenue Productions for getting the children show ready. From the initial auditions, through to castings, singing and dancing rehearsals. She managed the production schedule, ensuring that all the moving parts connected. Perhaps most importantly, she provided a unifying understanding of her vision for the production. What a way to

celebrate 20 years and moving into our new school. We are all so proud.

### Nursery Sing-a-Long

The Nursery pupils will perform Christmas songs on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am. Everyone welcome (no tickets required). Children can go home after the performance with their parents.

### Open Day

Open Day/Evening Information Sessions for parents/carers who are interested in finding out about Nursery and Yr1 for September 2025 will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm and 6.30pm in the school hall. To book your place please use the QR code on the advert on Facebook or Seesaw.

### Communicating with Parents/Carers

As you know we strive to ensure our communication is as clear as possible. However, recently it has become clear that SEESAW is not working for general communication. We know some parents, especially those who have more than one child in the school, find it difficult to locate previous messages on Seesaw. As a result, we are currently reviewing alternative ways to communicate to make it as easy as possible for families. Until we come up with a longer-term solution we plan to do the following:

From January will be changing the way we use Seesaw and the School Newsletter.

Seesaw - We will no longer use Seesaw for whole school messages. Teachers will send messages to their class only.

Newsletter - We will send the newsletter out on a more regular basis. The newsletter will be available on the school website, and we advise that you print/keep a copy on hand for reminders.

We will continue to use Facebook and the Teacher2Parents messaging service as we investigate alternative services.

### Christmas Dinner Day

We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 13th December when pupils will have their Christmas dinner. Pupils can wear Christmas Jumpers or something they already have at home and "Christmas-ize" it!

**Please do not buy anything new!** Add some tinsel, a Christmas hat or hair band to get into the Christmas spirit. We might even have a special visitor in school to see the children!

**Pupils will finish school early on 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Y1-3 - 12.30pm**

**Y4-7 - 12.45pm**

If you have children in both groups, you may wish to collect them at 12.45pm.

## **Cinema Trips**

Trips to the cinema have been organised for Yr1-Yr7. These will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December for Y1-3 and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December for Y4-7 at 10am. Pupils will get popcorn and a drink. The cost will be £7 and will be paid using the school money app.

## **Sacraments**

Please see dates below for sacraments:

First Holy Communion - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 11am

Confirmation - Sunday 2nd March at 3pm

## **School Holidays**

**Pupils will finish school at the following times on Friday 20th December.**

**Yr1-3 - 11.30am**

**Yr4-7 - 11.45am**

If you have children in both groups, you may wish to collect them all at 11.45am

**School will reopen for all children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

## **Child Protection Policy and Safeguarding Team**

If you have any concerns about a child, then please speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team: Mrs Watson, Principal

Designated Teacher: Mrs Martin (Y4 Teacher) and Mrs Conway (Year 5 Teacher)

Deputy Designated Teacher: Mr Kelly (Y7 Teacher/VP) Mrs McCrea (Y1 Teacher) and Mrs Henry (Nursery Teacher)

Please note, we talk to children in class and assembly about the staff who are members of the safeguarding team. We use age-appropriate language, so they understand. The team are there to speak to if they are worried about anything.

## **NSPCC -SCHOOL PROGRAMME**

As part of the preventative curriculum, we are working with the NSPCC to deliver their award-winning PANTS programme. Classes will take part in these age-appropriate lessons over the next number of weeks.

## **Pupil Council News**

So far this year we, the pupil council have had a number of meetings and discussed ways we can mark our 20th year celebration. This will be through activities and fund raising.

The council and whole school were delighted that we were awarded with our bronze award for Rights Respecting School Award. We are now well underway with embedding the rights of the child within our school environment and community.

## **Parents' Council News**

We have had a great first term of events. Thank you to all who organised and supported our Halloween disco, Multicultural event, Christmas Fayre and raffles. We are looking forward to the rest of the academic year!

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!**

**Keep this newsletter safe for dates!**

