



Christmas feels well and truly here now around the school with the children practicing hard for their performances and staff pulling their hair out checking that costumes and props are ready! I am trying hard not to go into the hall to see them rehearse as I am looking forward to seeing the performances and welcoming you all next week. Although we have had to limit tickets to two per child initially due to space in the hall, there are usually spare ones I am told and these can be requested from the office the day before the performance.

You will have already seen the letters regarding the outbreak of scarlet fever in the school. There are lots of colds and other ailments around at the moment too so please keep reminding your children to cover their mouth when coughing and to wash their hands to help minimize the spread of germs. We have sprays and hand sanitisers in school which we are using too.

In Celebration assembly last Friday, we congratulated our Star Powerful Learners who were: Isabel in Sun, Shea in Moon, Isabella in Jupiter, Leah in Saturn, Evie in Neptune, Hazel in Apollo, Bea in Galaxy, Kai in Milky Way and Lilly and Orla in Voyager. Congratulations to all of you.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at our Christmas performances.

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

Christmas Jumper Day: Your child is welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday 13th December in return of a donation which will go to 'Save the Children'. Underneath the Christmas Jumper we expect pupils to wear their school uniform, ie. Pinafore or trousers etc.

Cake Sales: Saturn Class raised an amazing £62 in their cake sale last week, well done Saturn Class! It is the turn of Jupiter Class tomorrow, if you are able to bake or buy some items for sale it will be much appreciated. Also, if you are able to pack or sell (it takes 15 minutes at either end of the day) please let Mr Edwards know.

Christmas Meal: The Christmas meal is this Friday 13th December. If your child usually has a packed lunch and you have ordered a meal, please ensure they do not bring one in. Thank you.

If you have a child with SEN needs please read the following information: The festive season is fast approaching and that means it will soon be the Christmas holidays. If you're a parent carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs, and/or Disabilities you may be able to access Short Breaks activities during the Christmas break. A child is eligible if they: Have a medical diagnosis of severe physical impairment, learning impairment or autism, and have a home address within Somerset, and have needs arising from their impairment that cannot be met by universal or targeted children's services. You can find more information by calling 0300 123 2224 or at <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk/025/get-booking-your-christmas-holiday-short-breaks/>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th December at 1.30pm - Yr 2 Christmas Performance (Neptune & Apollo)
Monday 16th December at 2.15pm - Yr 1 Christmas Performance (Jupiter & Saturn)
Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am - Yr 2 Christmas Performance (Neptune & Apollo)
Tuesday 17th December at 10.15am - Yr 1 Christmas Performance (Jupiter & Saturn)
Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm - Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (Sun & Moon)
Tuesday 17th December at 5pm - KS2 Carol Service at Trinity Church (Galaxy, Milky Way & Voyager)
Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm - Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (Sun & Moon)
Thursday 19th December - Class parties pm (no food required, just party clothes to change into)
Friday 20th December - Last day of school before Christmas holiday. **2pm finish.**
Monday 6th January - **INSET day**
Tuesday 7th January - Back to school

