



General Information Newsletter 2021-22



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of the Autumn term and Christmas is now just around the corner! The school is looking very festive and it has been lovely to hear the children practising their Christmas songs for our performances this week. The reception children shared their Christmas Nativity at the beginning of the week and were absolutely amazing, sharing some wonderful singing and dancing which put everyone in the Christmas spirit! During this week the children across the school will be continuing to participate in our 'Carols around the Tree', on our outside stage. We would like to thank Paradise Park for their generous sponsorship of our outdoor tree and say a huge thank you to Mr Grounds for his enthusiasm and energy in putting together our outside Christmas scene as well as all our decorations throughout the school building. It is hugely appreciated. Please remember the children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers and other festive attire on the day of their singing. Thankfully the stormy weather seemed to pass by last week so hopefully it will stay dry for us!

On Wednesday 15th December the children will be able to enjoy our Christmas Dinner day. The children will need to please order their food as they normally would. All children in Key Stage 1 are eligible for universal free school meals and children in Key Stage 2 will please need to have £2.15 credited to their parent pay account unless they are eligible for free school meals.

Artsmark Gold Award.

We are delighted to announce that we have recently been awarded the Artsmark Gold award from Arts Council England. The award recognises the commitment of the school to providing a wide range of opportunities for our children to explore and excel in all areas of the arts. I would like to congratulate all our children and staff on their fantastic work and thank our Art Subject Leader Jo Quinn for her hard work and commitment through the application process. We look forward to continuing to further develop and widen experiences for the children in all areas of art, dance, drama and music.

I would like to congratulate the children for their hard work and enthusiasm across the curriculum this term. There has been some amazing learning across the school and you will have an opportunity to share this through our termly Curriculum Newsletter which will be coming out soon.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding as we move through the current stages of the Covid-19 pandemic and manage the high numbers of cases within the local community and nationally. We will continue to review our risk assessments and contingency plans in line with the emerging situation and will keep you fully informed of any extra measures that are required.

I would like to wish all our children, families, staff, governors and friends a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to continuing to work together in 2022 as we strive to provide the best possible care and education for all our children.

Take care and stay safe.

Chris Davey.



Term Dates.

The last day of Term 2 for the children is Friday 17th December 2021. The school is closed for an INSET day on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Therefore the children return for the start of Term 3 on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

New Reception Places September 2022.

The deadline for applications for Reception places for September 2022 is 15th January 2022. Please visit the admissions section of the East Sussex website to submit your application if you have a child starting school in the next academic year.

Lateness.

Please ensure that all children are in school on time in the morning to ensure they do not miss important introductions to their learning for the day. Key Stage 2 starts at 8.35 am and Key Stage 1 and Reception start at 8.45 am. Thank you for your support.