



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all those that attended our Christmas Fayre today. It was lovely to see everyone at school once again and enjoying the festive season. Thank you to FoSM for all their hard work and support in organising this event for the school.

**Illness**

Please continue to be vigilant to symptoms of illness which may be linked to Covid. Please do not send your child to school if they have a high temperature and you feel they are not well enough to attend. Here is the current guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

**Scarlet Fever and Invasive Group A Strep Advice**

Please find attached information for parents and carers. We have had one confirmed case of Strep A in Class 4 this morning. Please be vigilant if your child becomes ill.

**Additional Newsletters this week!**

We are sending additional newsletters this week to update you on our Rights Respecting work and our Reading in school for the term. Lots of information here to highlight what the children have been learning, please do take a look and read through. Thank you to Mrs Gibbs for these.

**Christingle**

All classes (including Pre-school) will be making Christingle's next week and will be thanks go to Adam's Mum (Class 1) for donation of oranges from Tesco's in Cinderford.



bringing them home. Many arranging the

**Christmas Cards**

The Christmas Post Box will be put out for the children to post their Christmas Cards to each other at the start of the Christmas week on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Please ensure that names are clearly marked with the class number. Many thanks



**School Calendar 22/23**

Term 2  
31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Term 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jan to 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Term 4  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb to 31<sup>st</sup> March

Term 5  
17<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> May

Term 6  
5<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Days:**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Jan**, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Diary Dates**

**December**

12<sup>th</sup> Pre-school Pantomime Trip  
13<sup>th</sup> Pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity Performances (9:30am and 5:00pm)  
15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day  
16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties & Carol Service – 1:30pm

**January 2023**

3<sup>rd</sup> Inset Day  
18<sup>th</sup> Reception & Y6 Screening Vision & Measuring height & weight  
25<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.  
Rags to Riches Collection

## Pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Tickets have now been issued and there is 1 ticket remaining for the morning performance at 9:30am. FoSM will be selling refreshments as part of their fundraising. Please contact Miss Agg with any queries.



## Christmas Dinner – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

We have ordered all of the Christmas dinners from our caterers, AiP and look forward to a very festive meal! Please could you ensure that you make payment via ParentPay, the extra charge applies to all children except those in receipt of free school meals. Many thanks.

## Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget that this day is also our Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Christmas Jumper to be worn instead of school jumper, other clothing as per school uniform please. £1 donation is requested please. Thank you.

*Linked to : Articles 38/ 22- Protection from war/ refugee children*

## Christmas Party Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Children are welcome to come to school in their party wear, no collection for this day.

## Carol Service – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

The KS2 Carol Service will be taking place at 1:30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this event which is not ticketed. Please be mindful that we may have to restrict numbers in the hall due to fire safety. FOSM will be selling hot chocolate and cakes after the service. Children are welcome to be collected after the Carol Service which will end at approximately 2:00pm.

## Prostars Club

A new Prostars letter was sent home last week for the term 3 club. Also to remind those who are attending this terms club that there are **no Prostars Clubs** w/c 12<sup>th</sup> December as per your original letter. We have also made the decision to cancel Prostars Club for KS2 on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December due to the Christmas Fayre, Miss Agg will issue a refund for 1 lesson to your ParentPay account.

## Class Snippets

**Pre-school** – The children have been very busy making their 2023 calendars and ABAB pattern candy canes using their fingerprints. They have also decorated Christmas trees using lots of sparkly and shiny loose parts.



## Head Teacher Certificates

### Pre-school

**Tiago** - showing a 'can do' attitude during the Christmas play practice.

**Ada** - being more confident and out-going in social situations.

### Class 1

**Bella** - for always being fantastic

**Brody** - for trying really hard in maths

### Class 2

**Khloe-Mae** – for great work in maths, really focused work this week.

**Ava** – for always trying her best in phonics and making sure she sounds out words when writing.

### Class 3

**Noa** – participating well in class discussions.

**Elsa** – putting 100% effort into all of her class work.

### Class 4

**Willow** – for an improved can do attitude and belief in herself.

**Oly** - for trying hard in all areas of learning

**Class 1** - We have had a very exciting week in Class 1. On Tuesday, we had a visit from the Gloucestershire Fire service, who chatted to the children about people who help us and fire safety. We then all took turns in getting into the fire engine, and trying on the fire fighter helmets. Wednesday, we had a visit from Harold the Giraffe, who taught us all about keeping ourselves clean and healthy. The sound we have been working on this week is Cool Blue 'oo'.

**Class 2** - We have had a very, very busy week in Class 2 this week. On Tuesday we were lucky to have a visit from Gloucestershire Fire Department! The children had a great time exploring the fire engine and spraying the water. They really enjoyed when the siren was played for us - though it was quite loud! The children were very impressive with their knowledge of the Great Fire of London - they have absolutely loved this topic. On Wednesday we were also very excited to see Harold the Giraffe again. We had a great time during the afternoon thinking about how to be a good friend.



**Class 3** have been finishing off all of the writing this week. They have written a set of instructions in English and thought carefully about the features of these. In history, they have written amazing non-chronological reports to showcase their knowledge of the Stone Age- Iron Age topic. The children are experts and have been using subject specific vocabulary such as, domesticated, settlers, prehistory and hunter-gatherers.

**Class 4** have enjoyed conducting science experiments with tables turned into ramps so they could test the friction between different materials. The children did really well with this and worked well in their teams. The children really impressed us Monday in their PSHE lesson and had some thoughtful discussions around scenarios which could be considered appropriate, inappropriate or illegal. We were also lucky enough to have a visitor on Wednesday to speak to the children about 'Friends' and what being a good friend looks like.

### **Breakfast Club and After School Bookings**

Please ensure you complete a new booking form if your regular Breakfast Club or After School Club days are changing or let Miss Agg know if you wish to finish your booking. Otherwise, all current bookings will be rolled over to the New Year to continue.

### **Help!**

We have a parent of a Year 6 child who is hoping to find a willing parent to help with transport for their child. It would be home-time only from Monday-Thursday and both morning and home-time on Friday's. The child lives on the High Street in Cinderford and the parent is happy to contribute towards fuel costs. If you are able to offer assistance please contact Miss Agg.

### **Young Voices**

All parent tickets and children's t-shirts have been ordered and Miss Agg will inform you when these are ready for collection from the school office. **Please ensure that you go onto ParentPay to pay for**



**your child's contribution to the cost of the coach, £12.50.** Please contact Miss Agg if you have any questions.

Here is also a link for the songs for children to practice at home if they wish and we have attached further instructions:

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=MYgpp4E5pCRbTFiG>

You can also pre-order a DVD of the children's performance using these details :

**Discount code **SCHOOLS23****

**Pre-order your concert video today!**

Web address **yv23film.co.uk** and the discount code **SCHOOLS23** (which makes makes the video price discounted to £9.99).

The YV concert film is a great souvenir of your special night and you can watch them at home the day after your concert! You and your family can re-live the concert for years to come. Don't forget to apply your special \*discount code **SCHOOLS23** on purchase.

Featuring edited footage from your concert, some of the children and coaches arriving in the morning and a peek at the rehearsals and backstage interviews!

Here is your **link** to pre-order your concert video, then the very next day after the concert you will receive an email so you can watch it straight away.

Check out this link <https://youtu.be/1y89gG29bkk> to see a taste of the films we made in 2022!



*\* concert films are normally £12.99 and the discount code applies until 1st January 2023*

### **FoSM Parent Coach – Young Voices**

FoSM are looking into booking a coach for the parents to travel up to the Young Voices concert. Please could you contact Louise Bent if you are interested in taking up this offer, the cost would be £8.50 each.

Email: [mikerbent@btinternet.com](mailto:mikerbent@btinternet.com)

### **Winter HAF 2022 is coming!**

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) will be returning this December to provide you with exciting, festive holiday fun for your family. See below for all the information you need to know.

Click here to watch our latest HAF video! <<https://youtu.be/4Fk3OI8zuSc>>

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a Department for Education funded initiative to provide free activities and food for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

When is HAF happening?

HAF will be running for 4 days between 19-22 December.

When will bookings go live?

HAF bookings will go live from 1 December

What do I need to do in the meantime?

To make sure you're ready to book your activities this December, you need to need to do the following things:

1. Make sure you're registered on our Children's Activity Booking Site (CABS). This is important as this is the booking system you will use to book your HAF activities. You can register by clicking [here](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/) and completing your

2. If you're already registered to CABS, make sure all details are up to date on your account. This is important as it helps us to make sure we are providing appropriate activities for children attending HAF, and that any additional needs are catered for. We want to ensure children and young people have the best experience possible.

Will food hampers be available?

Food hampers are not available this December, but we will share more details about the Holiday Free School Meal Voucher scheme with you soon.

How can I find out more information?

For more information, you can visit our website at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf)

For general queries, you can email us at

[HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Families who receive free school meals can also subscribe to our seasonal, bi-weekly newsletter by clicking

here. [https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE\\_287](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287)

### **FREE family workshops and cooked lunch on Tuesday 20th December at The Wesley, Cinderford**

We are a charity which runs hands-on science and engineering activities in schools and from our centre at Berkeley, based around the Bloodhound land speed record car.

On Tuesday 20th December we are running free activities for families at The Wesley, as part of the HAF programme which includes a free hot meal for the whole family. It is being funded by Gloucestershire Council. Attached is a flyer with more information.

### **Furniture**

We still have a couple of chairs and some tables which are excess to requirement. Please contact Miss Agg if you are interested in giving them a home.

*As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.*