



Newsletter



Autumn term

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24th November 2023



Dear Parents / Carers

We are very proud to have been invited to take part in the Gingerbread Trail in the Grand Arcade in Cambridge. Our art club created Forest School Fred who is now on display in the shopping centre. There are only 6 entries and The Gingerbread design with the most votes will win vouchers for their school.



Year 4 hosted their class cake sale today, what a great selection of yummy treats to choose from. Thank you for all your contributions which will help to support activities for the classes.

Edward and Hania from Kingfisher class shared some of their learning in assembly today and talked confidently about the work of archeologists and facts about Tutankhamun that they had learned in their history lessons. Well done to both of them!

Also in assembly, representatives from the School Council announced the winners from last week's Children in Need competition-Alyssa won the dog after guessing the name Honey and Thea correctly guessed the number of sweets in the jar.

Bedford Foodbank has awarded us with a certificate for coming second place in the school's harvest collection for 2023. Our donations totalled 445.08kg which will help to support many needy families locally.

We were overwhelmed with offers to sponsor our Christmas tree this year-thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. We look forward to sharing the festive display at our Christmas performances.

Mrs Headland

School Lunches

The menu on school grid is now available for you to pre order up until the Easter holidays 2024. Please could we kindly remind all parents / carers to pre-order your child's dinner in advance, ideally half termly. The kitchen has noticed an increase in orders not being put through. If this continues your child will be asked to wait until the end of service and receive what the kitchen has left. Thank you for your support.



Diary Dates

- 1st December—Bikeability Level 1 Yr3&4
- 4th December—Coffee Morning 8.45am-10am
- 6th December—Christmas Dinner
- 6th December—Christmas Jumper day
- 7th December—Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm-3.30pm
- 11th December—Final week of after school clubs
- 15th December—Christmas Parties
- 18th December—Christmas Performance Yr 3-6
9.30am
- 18th December—Christmas Performance Yr R-2 2pm
- 19th December—Christmas Performance Yr R-2
9.30am
- 19th December—Christmas Performance Yr 3-6 2pm
- 19th December—Last Day of Term
- 3rd January—Inset Day—School is closed
- 4th January—Return to school
- 4th January—Coffee Morning 8.45am—10am



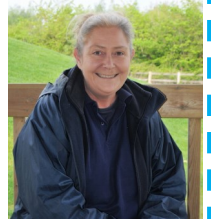
Attendance

A big well done to Woodpeckers class last week with 98.3% attendance and Kestrels class this week with 99.1%. The whole school attendance is 96.6% but we are aiming for 98%!



Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning with our family support worker Mrs C will be on 4th December 8.45am—10am. Please feel free to pop in for a chat and a cuppa.



Ink Cartridges Please feel free to bring into the school office any empty ink cartridges and post them in our Recycle4Charity box. We will receive money to go towards school resources and you will be helping the environment.



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Children In Need

Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed towards our Children In Need appeal. We all had a brilliant time in our yellow or spotty clothing and managed to raise a whopping **£514.00** which will be split equally between the school and the charity.



We would like to offer a big well done also to Alyssa from Skylarks for guessing the name of the bear which was Honey and also to Thea from Falcon Class for guessing the number of sweets in the jar.

Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to confirm we managed to raise **£279.60** for The Royal British Legion through our poppy appeal and in recognition of our Armed Forces during World War I.

Thank you to everyone who supported this project.



Christmas Jumper Day

This year children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday 6th December for Christmas dinner day.

Prior to this, if you have a Christmas jumper that your child has outgrown and would be willing to donate, please can we ask that you bring it into the school office, washed and in good condition by Thursday 30th November.

We will then have a table out the front of the main office on Friday 1st December and Monday 4th December where you may be able to choose a bigger jumper in exchange for a donation to the Save The Children Fund. You will find an honesty pot on the table.

Thank you for your support



Year 4 Cake Sale

It was Eagles and Falcons turn to host the cake sale today! They did a great job of providing the cakes and selling them to the children in school. They raised an impressive amount of money which will go towards their class funds. An exact figure will be confirmed in our next newsletter.

Thank you for all of the donations and kind support!



It's Christmas!!!!



Christmas Parties
15th December



Christmas Jumper Day
6th December



Christmas Dinner
6th December

Christmas Concerts
18th & 19th December

Christmas Celebration

As part of our Christmas celebrations this year, the children are performing a concert as per the following:-

- Monday 18th December: Year 3-6 @ 9.30am
- Monday 18th December: Year R-2 @ 2pm
- Tuesday 19th December: Year R-2 @ 9.30am
- Tuesday 19th December: Year 3-6 @ 2pm

Tickets for Year R-2 have completely sold out. However, we do still have a few remaining for the Monday morning performance for Year 3-6.

We Look forward to welcoming you to our school.

