

Message from Miss Fendley . . .

As you will all know, we held an anti-bullying week last month, starting with a 'kindness day' of reflection on how we act and speak to each other. All went very well and we hope to be able to repeat this again next year. The school has a very festive feel with classrooms and the hall already decorated for Christmas. Children are becoming very excited and they are not the only ones watching the calendar fly-by until the actual day arrives! We do appreciate that there is so much for adults to organise and do at this very busy time of the year, although it would be lovely to see as many as possible at the Christmas events we have got organised - we hope you'll be able to join us?

School uniform orders from Stratfords - REF001

We have been informed by our uniform suppliers, Stratfords, when ordering uniform on-line, parents and carers need to log-in with a code, as quoted above, in order to make a purchase.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have received our certificate from RBL regarding our poppy collection and we are pleased to report that we collected in excess of £280! Many thanks to all those children making a donation.

Restricted vehicles on school site

Please refrain from driving onto the school site, **UNLESS YOU HAVE SPECIFICALLY BEEN TOLD YOU CAN DO SO**. This request is to assist with the safety of all of our pedestrian visitors, particularly our pupils and their siblings. If you hold a Disability Badge and would like to have vehicular access to school granted, we kindly ask that you provide the office with a copy of your blue badge; please note we only have one designated disabled parking bay, although other parking areas are available on site.

We are a 'NO DOG' school site

Unfortunately, we are getting quite a few families bringing their dogs onto the school site when they collect children from school. We must remind you that dogs are not permitted on our school site - with the exception of assistance or guide dogs.



Changes to menu and school Christmas lunch

If your child would like to have a Christmas meal, please book it on their Pupil Asset account, our **Christmas lunch at Reffley will be served on Wednesday, 13th December**. An email has already been sent out to notify parents/carers that this will be the only meal served by the canteen staff on the day (**there will be NO Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches available**). Option 1 is the main meat option and Option 2

is the vegetarian variety of the Christmas lunch. Also, we wish to remind you that on our last day at school, Wednesday, 20th the school kitchen will be serving fishfingers and chips instead of the roast meal as listed on the 3-week menu. We would also like to



draw your attention to an alteration to one of the listed meals when we return after the holidays. The Chicken Pie listed on Wednesday of week 2, will be replaced on a permanent basis by Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables.

Sending 'Good Cheer' to local Nursing Homes

Our school choir will be visiting some local nursing homes, to sing some seasonal songs and spend a little time with residents too. Hopefully, their visit will brighten their day and provide a little Christmas cheer! The choir will also be holding a concert to raise the spirits of family and friends, as well as gathering in some funds to assist with the cost of their visit to London's O2 Arena for the Young Voices festival in January.

Christmas concert and sing-a-longs

Children are busily rehearsing a seasonal selection of songs to entertain parents and carers.

- Yrs. 1 & 2 will be holding their festive-festival to adults on Monday, 18th at 2.30 p.m.
- Yrs. 3 & 4 will be singing on Tuesday 19th, again at 2.30 p.m. (both on FRONT playground)

Children and adults are encouraged to wear some warm Christmas hats and scarves if they have them.

- As with tradition, we have organised a Christmas concert for our parents & carers of Yr. 5 & 6 pupils to attend at St. Faith's Church, Gaywood on Tuesday, 19th at 10 a.m. The service, which is expected to run for approximately an hour, will be overseen by Rev. Kyla Sorensen, featuring readings and singing by our pupils. Extended family and friends are very welcome to join us at the Church.

REMINDERS AND PREVIEWS FOR DECEMBER

7th Christmas Jumper Day:- raising funds to support Save the Children Fund

8th Reception Nativity Play - admission by ticket only

13th Christmas Lunch for pupils & staff (please book on Pupil Asset)

15th School Christmas Fair at 3.15 p.m. - all welcome

18th On-line Panto being screened for pupils (Robin Hood)

18th Yr. 1 & 2 Songs to Parents & Carers at 2.30 p.m. on the FRONT PLAYGROUND

19th Yrs. 5 & 6 Christmas Concert at St. Faith's at 10 a.m.

19th Yrs. 3 & 4 Songs to Parents/Carers at 2.30 p.m. on the FRONT PLAYGROUND

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