

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Brown

Christmas Concert: "Winter's on the Way"

This year our Christmas Concert will be held via Zoom and will hopefully be recorded. It will take place on Friday 11th December at 10.30 am. I will e-mail the invitation to you. If your child doesn't usually attend on a Friday you could join in at home! Please do not share the link with anyone else and remember some children cannot have their image circulated in public so do not take a screen shot. We will take photos of your children in the costumes and send them to you. Thank you.

Friends of Flagg: Christmas Raffle

- Due to the fact that we can't hold our usual Christmas Chocolate Bingo event, we have decided to have a Christmas raffle instead. We have had prizes donated from :
- Kirsty Price (Maddison's mum) – outdoor family photo shoot
- Carriages restaurant & Bar (Newhaven) - £20 voucher
- Chatsworth – Garden ticket 2 adults & 3 children (excludes farmyard)
- John Hattersley Wines - £10 voucher
- Bull I Thorn - £25 voucher
- Tarmac - £25 One4All gift voucher
- Peak wildlife Park – 4 children's day tickets
- Pamper hampers
- Local artisan produce hamper (Robin's mum)

Three books of raffle tickets are being sent to every family. The tickets are £1 each but please remember that there is no obligation to buy any. Please return all money, stubs and unused tickets to nursery by Monday 14th December. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 15th December. All money raised will be spent on Christmas gifts for the children and the Christmas party.

Charlie Stayt (Robin's mum) has also made some Flagg Christmas chutney wearing PPE (see photo to the right). This is on sale at £3.75 per jar, all profits go to Flagg Nursery School: it does contain alcohol!



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who donated and joined in with the fun on "Children in Need" day. We raised £50.50 to help children less fortunate than ourselves.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday 16th December**. All children are invited to attend –N1 (children not in their pre-school year) class for the morning session until 12pm (unless they usually attend all day on a Wednesday) and N2 class (going to school in September 2021) for the the whole day. **There will be no school dinners and children staying all day will need a packed lunch.** There will be no nursery charges on this day for funded children but there will be a charge if you normally pay for your sessions. There will be party food, games, a magician called Kimmo and another special visitor...I think I can hear sleigh bells!



Christmas Jumper Day

You are welcome to send your child to nursery in a Christmas jumper on party day: Wednesday 16th December and to bring £1 to donate to Save the Children **or** a small new and wrapped gift for the High Peak toy bank.

Christmas Dinner

The school dinner service are providing a Christmas dinner on Thursday 17th December. If your child attends on a Thursday and normally has sandwiches, you are welcome to order a Christmas dinner, please let us know the week beforehand.

Online Safety

I am aware that the online training course in online safety that I e-mailed you about yesterday is already fully booked. I have asked if another course will be planned and will let you know as soon as possible.

Mrs Simpson's Section

- Please let us know if you would like to increase your sessions next term: sessions for January are almost full
- Please let us know if you have a sibling who would like a place so that we can add them to our waiting list
- All charges for this term will be on ParentPay by 10am on Thursday 17th December. Please ensure that all balances are cleared in full before we return to nursery on Monday 4^h January.
- Our charging and remissions and bad debt policies can be viewed on the policy page of our website. Please remember that we will charge if your child is ill or if you choose to have a day off. This is because our costs remain the same whether your child attends or not and the place is booked for you. If however we close the school due to snow or Covid19 then you will not be charged.
- If you are paying for sessions and you work then you may be able to save money on your childcare costs with tax free childcare. Go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out
- If you would like to claim more than 15 hours of funding in the Spring term (with a 30 hour code) you will need to ensure that you have a valid code before the 31st December. You may need to revalidate an existing code as they only last for 3 months.

Governors Section

- This term the Governors have monitored progress including that of vulnerable children and children with SEND. All children have settled in well and are making progress. They have monitored the budget to ensure that we provide value for money and that we manage our finances efficiently.
- Governors have also carried out Headteacher Performance Management, the annual Health and Safety check and the annual safeguarding audit this term.
- Governors have agreed the School Improvement Plan. This year we will be looking to improve:
1 Personal, social and emotional development (PSED) and good mental health within our school community
2.Support for families with home learning and ICT
3. The outdoor curriculum and environment
- The Governors have agreed that we can spend some money on developing the outdoor resources. We are going to buy a new sheltered mud kitchen, sheltered sand pit and water play. This will mean that children will be able to spend more time outside in adverse weather which is beneficial for PSED and is also advisable during a pandemic.
- There is an Annual Governing Body statement on the website which explains the vision, structure and purpose of the Governing Body.

If you are interested in joining our friendly and highly effective Governing Body, please let me know.

Applications for a Primary School place

Parents of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 need to apply for a place at Primary School, even if you wish to attend your catchment school. This can be done electronically at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions or by phoning Call Derbyshire on 01629 537499 for a paper copy. Closing date for applications is midnight on **15th January 2021**.

Dates for your diary: Dates for the whole academic year can be found on the website

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| Friday 11th December | Christmas concert via Zoom at 10.30am |
| Wednesday 16th December 9am-3pm | Christmas party day: Kimmo and Santa visiting. Wear your Christmas jumper. NO school dinners, everyone needs packed lunch if staying all day |
| Thursday 17th December | School Christmas dinner. |
| Friday 18th December | INSET day, staff training (communication and language) |
| Monday 4th January | Back to school |