

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Brown

### Christmas Concert

This year our Christmas Concert for Bears class: '**Winter's on the Way**' will be held on Tuesday **16<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. If your child does not usually attend on Tuesdays you are still welcome to join us, please arrive by 1.45pm so that we can dress your child in a costume.

### Christmas crafts and singalong session

Cubs class will be holding a Christmas crafts and singalong session from **9-11am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, all Cub's parents and carers welcome. If your child doesn't attend on Thursdays, you are still welcome to join us with your child.

Tickets have been issued for these events to avoid confusion as to which group your child is in. There is no charge for tickets. If you don't think you will be attending, please return the tickets to school so we can give them to other families and keep track of how many people will be attending.

### New Story Chair

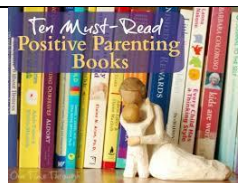
This is our new outdoor story chair which was bought to celebrate a former teaching assistant, Fiona Taylor who sadly passed away earlier this year. Fiona worked at Flagg for 42 years and was an amazing storyteller so we thought that this would be a fitting tribute to her.



### Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. All children are invited to attend – **if Wednesday is not their usual day** then children in Cubs class are welcome to join us for the morning session (until 12 am). Children in Bears class and Cubs already booked in for the full day on Wednesdays are welcome to join us for the whole day.

Children staying all day will need a packed lunch. There will be party food, games, a magician, and a visit from Santa. Tickets will also be issued for this to avoid confusion, 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.



### Parent Library

We have a large collection of helpful books and articles of interest to borrow on a range of topics ranging from potty training to supporting children with behaviour issues. The full list is on our website for you to look at on the parents' information tab. If you would like to borrow any of the items listed, then please just ask a member of staff.

### Governors Section

The two committees of the Governing Body (TLC: teaching, learning and community links committee and RMC: resource management committee) met on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Governing Body supports the head teacher in running the school by monitoring standards of education, finances, safeguarding provision, SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) provision, health and safety and the site itself. We currently have a full complement of governors but if you are interested in joining our governing body in the future, please let me know.

### Parent Pay and Funded hours codes

All charges for this term will be on ParentPay by 10am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that all balances are cleared before we return to nursery on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember to revalidate your eligibility code for funded hours before the 31<sup>st</sup> December for next term (January to April). You should have had an e-mail reminder from HMRC. Please go to: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to apply for funding and find out what you are entitled to.

### Packed Lunches

If you are stuck for ideas, there are some great ideas and recipes on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/#tips>

We will send home the food that your child hasn't eaten rather than throwing it away so that you can see how much they have had.

**We are a nut free nursery so please do not put peanut butter, cereal bars with nuts in or any other nut products in the lunch boxes. Please also remember to cut grapes and cherry tomatoes in half to remove the risk of choking (lengthways for grapes).**

Please make sure the lunchbox is named, young children don't always remember which one is theirs!



Children entitled to free school meals will receive a voucher towards the cost of food shopping. To check whether you are eligible for free school meals go to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or call 01629 536481 or you can scan the QR code on the postcard pinned to the noticeboard which will take you straight to the portal

### A Few Reminders

- You are welcome to leave a pair of wellies in nursery, we have a welly rack, please make sure that they are named.
- Please make sure that your child has indoor footwear as well as wellies, their feet become very sweaty if they spend all day in wellies.
- Please try not to bring small toys into nursery, children get upset if they can't find them at the end of the day and we have lots of places where they can be put down and get lost! We have the precious things boxes for larger toys and comforters.
- If your child is ill, please do not bring them into nursery, I realise that it is a problem if you need to be at work, but it is not pleasant for them and it also means that other children and also staff then become ill. Please remember that after sickness and diarrhoea the exclusion period is 48 hours.

### Bad Weather

If there is a heavy snowfall and we think that travelling to Flagg will be dangerous for parents, children and staff, we will send out an e-mail and a message on Class Dojo as soon as possible. We will also endeavour to have someone answering the school phone from 8am if you want to call. If you think the roads are dangerous the advice is: If in doubt don't set out. If it snows during the day and we are worried about children getting home safely we will follow the same procedure.

### Dates for your diary

Dates for the whole year can be found on the website

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1.30pm**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9am**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Bears class trip to see the panto at Taddington school  
Christmas concert: Bears class, parents welcome  
Christmas party with Santa and magician, all children welcome  
Christmas crafts and singalong Cubs class, parents welcome  
Break up for Christmas holidays  
INSET day, school closed for children  
Back to school