



SCHOOL NEWS

Last newsletter for this term - Happy Christmas!

☆☆ Nativities ☆☆

Well done to our Early Years and Year 2 children for their wonderful nativity performances over the last 2 weeks. The children spoke confidently, sang beautifully and performed their dances with lots of enthusiasm! My thanks to the hard work of all the staff for going the extra mile to put on these performances and also to parents at home who have helped with learning lines, songs and costumes.

Our Year 5 have also been performing once again and put on a beautiful carol service at the United Reform Church in Heald Green. We were so impressed with the singing and the very talented soloists. Thanks for all the feedback we have had - it has been lovely to receive these messages.



Our Performance Club also performed for parents this week. It is a great opportunity to use those drama, singing and dance skills. Next term, the club will be rehearsing Matilda, so if your child would like to join, sign up for the Spring Term (information opposite). We know there is a lot of hidden talent amongst our children so sign up if they would like to take part (Y3-6).

Nativity Hamper Raffle

207

The nativity hamper winning ticket was ORANGE 207. If you are the lucky winner please come to the school office with the ticket to claim your prize. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and for the PTA for organising.

Reception 2024

A reminder that the closing date for Reception places for children starting in September 2024, is the 15th January, 2024. If your child currently attends our Nursery, they still **must** apply for a Reception place. Applications need to be made through the Local Authority. Click [here](#) for the application form. The last opportunity to visit the school is Thursday 11th January; please phone the school office to check availability.

Extra-Curricular Clubs for Spring 2024



A letter will be emailed home on Monday with booking details for clubs running in the Spring Term. Booking will be available from Tuesday next week. Please read the letter carefully to see which clubs are available for your child's year group.

Parent Council

Our Parent council met for the first time this week. We still have some gaps for certain classes. If you would like to represent your class, please drop me an email. We have planned 3 further meetings for this academic year; the dates are as follows:

Tuesday 23rd January, 4pm

Tuesday 23rd April, 4pm

Tuesday 25th June, 4pm

If you can't make every meeting this is okay as you can pass on questions and feedback via email. We have enough parents on the council for us to go ahead with meetings with some absentees.

Class reps will be getting in touch with parents via email and WhatsApp so watch this space.

Class	Parent Rep
Nursery	Alejandra Vicente
RR	Vacancy
RH	Nikita Wright-O'Donnell
1M	Vacancy
1P	Dita McCormick
2W	Jen Flitcroft
2VK	Joanne Booker
3TL	Iram Anwar
3R	Nakisa Ibrahim
4C	Faz Khan
4L	Vacancy
5C	Kirsty Coveney-Winter
5W	Sabina Khan
6C	Vacancy
6W	Vacancy

Christmas Dinner

Many thanks to Angela, our school cook, and the kitchen team, for cooking 350 Christmas lunches today for the children and staff. What an amazing effort! 😊. Our Mid-day team also worked tremendously hard to decorate the tables and organise the children so everyone was able to have their festive meal.



If you still haven't returned your slip and £2

donation for the Freddy Fit Christmas session next week, please could you do so by Monday morning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for the support and engagement this term. We've certainly achieved a lot and I think everyone is ready for a well-deserved rest! Our last day is next Thursday, 3.15pm pick up. Have a happy holiday when it comes and we'll see you back in school on Monday 8th January, 2024!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff

