



25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your patience and support over the last couple of weeks whilst we all get used to the new school times. The children now have over 2 hours a week of extra learning time so we have introduced a new maths initiative called daily drilling. This is where the children get to practice the 4 number operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will allow the children to improve their arithmetic skills and be able to access reasoning and problem-solving activities more readily. The staff are also able to fit in extra spelling and reading sessions too.

The Christmas festivities will soon be upon us and here are some important dates you will need:

9 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Christmas performance 2pm Please can we ask that just 2 family members attend per child to allow everyone to fit in the hall.
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas performance 9.30am and 2.00pm Please can we ask that just 2 family members attend per child to allow everyone to fit in the hall.
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas jumper and dinner day. Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper if they have one or non-school uniform. Information about ordering a Christmas dinner will be in a separate letter.
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) Christmas celebration performance, 2.00pm at Cottingley Community Centre, Littlelands, Cottingley. This is for KS2 children only. We will take your children to the community centre and then if you watch your children in the performance, you will be able to take your children home with you from there. Anyone not collected from the community centre will be able to walk back to school with the school staff.
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas party day. Children can come to school in their party clothes and each class will take part in many Christmas activities and games.

School will close for the Christmas holidays on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and reopen for the spring term on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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