



20 December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

We have finished the term on a Christmassy high. Class or year group parties, carols, Christmas songs, playground disco and playground carols for charity. And everyone looked so festive in their Christmas clothes. Thank you so very much for all your support with our complicated calendar of events to make the season bright for the children.

There are a few reminders for next year. We return on Thursday, January 4th 2024. There will be no swimming on 4th or 5th, but full swimming timetable from Monday January 8th. Please look in the children's communication books or newsletter to confirm PE lessons for the spring term – there are a few changes.

Packed lunches – a reminder here about no sweets or chocolate please. Chocolate covered biscuit / cereal bars are fine, if you wish your child to have these, but no chocolate bars please. Playtime snacks should not be sweets, chocolate or crisp and crisp type products. A list of snacks allowed at playtime can be found on our website. Could we also ask that water bottles only contain water. We are aware that some sugary, flavoured drinks are sneaked into school, but we will have to tip them away if we find them. Tooth decay is a huge problem across the country, but apparently it is particularly bad in Southend. Could we also remind you that Air up bottles are not suitable for school due to the number of leaks they suffer.

When we return in January, please ensure that the children are in full uniform – please contact Mrs Robertson in the school office if you want to look at pre-loved uniform. The holiday is an opportunity to buy plain black trainers or school shoes please.

IMPORTANT - Please sign up to National Online Safety!

Next term we will be targeting the resources to individual year groups which would involve all of our parent community signing up for an account. It's easy and quick!

Once you're set up, you'll be able to choose 'Parent/Carer' as your user type and get instant access to all the training and excellent resources.

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The children have given their very best to school this term, academically, musically, sportingly and so much more. We can see that they are tired and need a break. We are sure you need one too, but Christmas can be such a busy time. We hope it is full of joy and fun and we wish you and your family a peaceful and healthy 2024.

We hope Santa visits you all.

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