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## NEWSLETTER – January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring 2025 term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break with your children. We are looking forward to a busy term of exciting learning and enrichment opportunities, which we very much hope you will share with us, through parent consultation meetings and Welcome Wednesdays.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

### Christmas Fair

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who came and supported our Christmas Fair last month. The majority of the stalls are made up of donated items and I know at times it seems like we are constantly asking for things, but it does mean that most of what we make on the night is profit and can go directly towards school projects to benefit the children. So, thank you for the tombola gifts, the bottles, the sweets, the toys and cakes and anything else you were kind enough to donate.



A lot of work goes into organising and running the Fair and we couldn't do it without all the helpers we get both in the run up to the event and on the night, running the stalls. A huge thank you to the team of staff, students, parents and other relatives for all the time they gave. In particular, a big thank you to Tash, Shereen, Natalie and Amy and their band of helpers from the PTA for making the event such a success. We would also like to thank Mr Chisnell for his special "appearance" on the night! Our thanks also to Bruno's mum in Oak Class who made over 90 gingerbread houses for the Year 2 children to decorate and then sell at the Fair. The children had great fun on the Friday decorating these. Thank you to those Year 2 parents who also came in to help them!



The PTA have confirmed that £3466.74 was raised which is an incredible amount of money. This will go towards funding our curriculum and enrichment opportunities for your children.



### Christmas Shop

Thank you to those parents who helped at the Christmas Shop on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The children loved buying their gifts and an amazing £236.87 was raised. Please look on our website as there are a number of photographs of the children enjoying the Christmas festivities including a visit by a 'special person' on the last day of term!



### Christmas Concert Collections

A big thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our Christmas concert collections. We raised £277.26 which we have sent to our link school in Kenya.

### St Richard's Church Christmas Tree Festival



Thank you to those families who visited St Richard's Church during the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Tree Festival, and for voting for our Year 1 entry. The tree did look beautiful. It was lovely to see some of you at the

carol concert too. We are pleased to announce that our entry won the competition for the second year running!

### Christmas Jumper Day

We had a lovely day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December wearing our Christmas jumpers to school. We raised £202.20 which we have sent to the "Save the Children Fund" appeal.



### Before/After School Clubs

Just a reminder that all clubs will be starting back during the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> January. Further information is available from the school office.

### Transfer to Juniors and Starting School Forms

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January is the deadline for applications for transfer to Junior School and also Starting School Admissions for the September 2025 Reception intake. Please ensure you have completed this on-line application if relevant to you.

### Parent Consultations

We are planning to hold parent consultation appointments during the weeks commencing 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February. Sign-up sheets will be displayed outside classrooms nearer the time.

### Henry Adams Christmas Competition

Many congratulations to the following children for their winning entries in the Henry Adams design a Christmas diorama competition:

Blanka, Albie, Elliot and Marlee from Ladybird Class; William from Butterfly Class; Milo from

Oak Class and Dexter, who was the overall winner, from Hedgehog Class. Dee and Gail from Henry Adams had the difficult job of choosing the winning entries at a special assembly on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Well done to everyone who took part in the competition - we were blown away with the amount of entries and the lovely designs.

They all looked amazing! Every child who took part received a candy cane and Dexter received a Lego construction set.



### Waterhaven Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to Holly and Layla from Sycamore Class for their winning entries in the Y2 Waterhaven Place Care Home Christmas card competition. They both won cinema vouchers to share with their friends. Holly's design was chosen as the overall winner across three schools, to become the official Christmas card for the care home so well-done Holly!



### Parking at School

Another gentle reminder - please do not drive into Hawkins Close at drop off and pick up times unless you have permission to use the disabled spaces on site. Last year we had the gates closed because things had got so dangerous. We have gone back to keeping them open but if we feel people are at risk of harm from the traffic, we will have to return to having the gates shut at these times.

## Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in Red)

Event	Date	Time
Christmas holidays	23 <sup>rd</sup> December - 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
Inset Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
Parent Consultation Week	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> February and 24 <sup>th</sup> February (more details to follow)	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	
Inset Day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
Book Week	w/c 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Reception classes visiting Willowhale Library	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	am
Maths Week	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
Year 1 classes visiting Willowhale Library	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	am
Year 2 classes visiting Willowhale Library	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March & Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	am
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.30 pm
Easter holidays	7 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> April	
Start of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Class Photos	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
Creative Week	w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> May	
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Walk to School Week	w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> May	
Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Half Term	26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May	
Inset Day	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Phonics Testing Week	w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Sports Week	w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
Reserve Reception Sports Afternoon	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	2.00 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 1 Sports Afternoon	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Reserve Year 2 Sports Afternoon	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 - 3.00 pm
Transition Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	All day
School Reports to go home	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
Summer Fair	tbc	
Welcome Wednesday/Open Afternoon	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15 - 3.15 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm
Year 2 Concert for parents (no babies or pre-school children)	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 am
Year 2 Leaver's Disco	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 - 5.15 pm
Outside Playday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	All day
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly (for parents)	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.00 am
Last day of Term	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

*Is your child registered for*  
**SCHOOL MILK?**

*Child*  
**UNDER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



*Child*  
**OVER 5**

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.


Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

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