

## Friday 6th December

We are now in December and our twinkly and festive decorations at school have all gone up. It is an incredibly exciting time for our children with so many extra and special events taking place. With this in mind, the last couple of weeks have been particularly busy with trips out, visitors, organising some exciting Christmas events and rehearsing for the FS/KS1 plays.

## KS1 visit to church

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children had a wonderful opportunity to visit the local churches for a series of engaging activities centred around the nativity story. The children explored the true meaning of Christmas through interactive storytelling, crafts and singing traditional carols. They loved learning about the journey to Bethlehem, the arrival of baby Jesus, and the significance of the nativity scene. It was a heartwarming experience that brought the festive season to life and helped deepen their understanding of this special time of year.



## Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously and it is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children are kept safe. Please contact us if you have concerns. Our safeguarding leads include Mrs North, Mrs Smith, Mrs Whitmore and Mr Colbert.

## Crucial Crewe

Our Year 6 pupils recently attended the 'Crucial Crewe' event, an interactive and informative trip designed to equip them with essential life skills. The children participated in engaging workshops and activities covering topics such as personal safety, internet awareness, and making responsible choices. This invaluable experience not only enhanced their knowledge but also boosted their confidence in handling real-life situations. The trip was both educational and enjoyable, leaving the children with important lessons they will carry forward.



## Sports Achievements

Our school's sports teams have been shining these last few weeks with some fantastic achievements! The girls' football team delivered an impressive performance, winning 7-1, while the boys' football team secured a strong 9-4 victory. Adding to the excitement, our tag rugby team showcased their skills and teamwork last night. They continued to play in the pouring rain, displaying their amazing resilience. A huge congratulations to all our players for their hard work and dedication!



## OPAL play

This term, our school is excited to begin our journey with the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) program! OPAL aims to enhance play opportunities for all children, encouraging creativity, collaboration and active play during break times. By introducing a variety of resources and fostering a culture of inclusive, imaginative play, we hope to enrich the children's school experience and support their physical, social, and emotional development. We look forward to seeing the positive impact this initiative will have on our school community!

To begin our journey, we are allowing the children play throughout our school grounds, allowing them free choice of a variety of activities. To facilitate this project, we will need to buy some new resources, move some things around on the playground and require some loose parts. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated into children's free play. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/casters
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets
- Nets and thick ropes
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators/mobile phones/desk phones/webcams/cameras that are no longer working
- Wooden pallets
- Metal frames

- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in a swimming pool)
- Pegs (to help set up dens)
- Large fabric (to create dens)

We will be holding a collection week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December. The sooner we do this, the sooner the children will be able to play with the items. It is also important that the children bring in suitable spare change of shoes (preferably wellies) and a coat as they will be out in all weathers.

## Key Dates

**Save the Dates**  
More information will follow for each date/event.

NOV 6	NOV 12	NOV 15
3:30-6:30PM Parents Evening	Anti-Bullying Day Wear Odd Socks	Children in Need Wear Pyjamas
NOV 22	NOV 29	DEC 2
No School Shoes Donations of tombola items - child and adult	Wacky Hair Day Donations of chocolate	Christmas Jumper Donations/Swap
DEC 6	DEC 11	DEC 13
Non Uniform/ Christmas Outfits - Donations of bottles	3:30-5:30pm Christmas Fair and Carols	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Christmas Play Dates		
NURSERY	RECEPTION	KS1 (Y1+Y2)
Tuesday 10th - 2:15pm Thursday 12th - 9:15am	Monday 9th - 2:15pm Tuesday 10th - 9:15am	Wednesday 11th - 9:15am Thursday 12th - 2:15pm

## Sustainability

As we enter the festive season, many of us are thinking about how to celebrate whilst being mindful of our impact on the planet. Small, incremental switches can go a long way to making our festivities more sustainable - and often save money too. Giki Zero have 6 effective switches you could make. Please follow the link below to find out more.

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