**Friday 15th December 2017**

**Message from the Deputy Head and Headteacher**

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| What a week of fantastic performances! Spring and Winter Classes have been magnificent in their nativity play, and Summer Class performed wonderfully in their concert. We hope that you were able to enjoy and celebrate your child’s moment of glory. As ever, our immense gratitude goes to all the members of staff behind the scenes who have worked so hard to pull the shows together – so a huge thank you to Mr McCaldon, Miss Ritchens, Mrs Stainer, Miss Mortimer and Miss D.  Miss Ashdown popped into school this week to see everyone and enjoy a Keevil style baby shower (it was surprising how many children urgently needed to pop into the staff room that lunch time!) We wish her and her husband all the very best as they await their new arrival. And we will pass on the news to you all when we hear. In the meantime it has been lovely to welcome Mrs Brown back into Winter Class for the end of term. She has been enjoying getting the glitter out!  It just leaves us to wish you and all your family a very happy and healthy holiday, and hope you can all enjoy some special time together. We look forward to seeing you back at school in the new year, refreshed and raring to go. |
| **Acorn Education Trust**  The Trust recently set out its core vision and purpose and we thought it important to share with you. It's new website goes live in January and we will flag it up after Christmas for you. If you have any questions about the Trust please get in touch.  ***A****ctive and visible leadership*  ***C****are, support and challenge*  ***O****pportunities for all*  ***R****espect, resilience and recognition*  ***N****eeds of all are paramount* |
| **Children leaving school early**  We are very sorry for the confusion following the afternoon performance of the Nativity Play this week, where many parents were expecting to take their children home straight away and we asked for this not to happen. We operate a policy of allowing families to take children home early following services and events in which the whole school is involved. We are then able to facilitate some children leaving early without it disrupting any teaching and learning. In instances, such as the Nativity Play, where only part of the school is taking part, it becomes very disruptive to us to manage this, when over half the school are undertaking their normal lessons. We realise that this resulted in a high degree of inconvenience for many of you, waiting around for home time, and we are sorry about that. We will think more carefully in future about the start time of such events, to minimise this impact on you. Thank you for your patience with us on Tuesday afternoon. |
| **Christmas Service**  We hope to see many of you at our Christmas Service next Wednesday afternoon, and just wanted to advise you that we have moved the start time back to **2pm**. This is due to the fact that it is the same day as our Christmas Lunch, and we wanted to make sure that the children were able to enjoy this at their leisure in our usual way.  You will be welcome to take collect your children from their classrooms straight after the service.  Also we wanted to let you know that on this occasion the Church have decided not to offer refreshments after the service, as they felt that most people would be making the most of the opportunity to start their holiday a little early! |
| **Medicines in School**  We understand that on occasion and for a number of different reasons, children may need medicine administered to them during the school day. We are very happy to do this, and have recently up-dated our procedure in order to improve this service. However, we would ask for you to keep these requests to a minimum. For example, if a child needs 3 doses of medicine a day, this could be done before school, after school and at bedtime. The reason for this is that it takes adults out of the classroom, so means for that time they are not supporting teaching and learning in any way. If you are in doubt at any time, please come and talk to us and we can plan the best way forward together. |
| **PH Sports After School Clubs**  After school clubs will be running next Monday and Tuesday (18th and 19th December), but not on Wednesday 20th December. |
| **PE Next Week**  Winter Class will be having their usual PE sessions with PH Sport next Monday afternoon, and Autumn Class will be going swimming on Tuesday. But no other PE will be taking place in school next week. So please ask your child to bring home their PE kit for the holidays as soon as possible. |
| **Wisepay**  Please also find attached to this newsletter, details of our new Wisepay booking and banking system which will be coming to the school. User names and passwords will be issued in the new year. |
| **Dates**  January  4th January – First day of term  5th January - FOKS Panto  16th January NSPCC Assembles and parent workshop  18th January – Year 2 coffee morning  19th January – Go Green Day  February  1st February – Summer Sharing Worship  6th February – Parents Evening  8th February – Parents Evening  19th February – TD Day  26th February – Autumn Class Residential | |
| **In Mr Burr’s Good Learning Book are:**  **Winter Class:** Well done to all of the Winter Class for an excellent nativity and to Eli, Daphne and Iris; Mrs Brown has been especially impressed with your listening skills on the carpet this week.  **Spring Class:** Well done toThomas Q, Maisie, Maddison and Farrell for their seasonal art work and to Thomas W, Felix and Arwen for their excellent work in maths.  **Summer Class:** Full marks spelling goes to Henry S, Hallie, Felicia, Logan Bittner and Jasmine. Well done to Oscar for playing the saxophone solo so well at the Class concert. Pen licences go to Charlie, Amy, Ivie and Henry W.  **Autumn Class:** Well done toDaisy-May, William I, Mason, Euan, Jonah, Amber, Dylan, Georgia, Amelia and Edmund for passing their 99 club. | |