



TOGETHER WE CARE, TOGETHER WE SUCCEED.... December 2022



What a festive start we have had to December! The children have decorated Christmas trees around school with their wonderful designs and they have enjoyed seeing the trees that other year groups have created. The winning decorations from each class have been displayed at the tree festival at St Peter's Church in Pedmore; including the overall winner- Annabelle's (5A) beautiful robin bauble.



We all had a fantastic evening at the Christmas Fayre on Friday and it was so lovely to see so many families having a great time visiting the different stalls and taking part. Thank you very much for your support with this event. As always we are really grateful for the continued support of our HSA who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes for weeks to bring the event together and we are really pleased to announce we have raised over £2500. This week has seen the start of our Reception and Year 1 Christmas performances and the children have brought lots of festive joy to their audiences so far.



Finally, congratulations to Daniel W in Y3 who has achieved his Chief Scout Bronze Award (at 1st Halesowen Beaver Scouts) this is the highest award that can be achieved for a Beaver Scout and we are really proud of his amazing efforts!

Mrs Hannaway

Christmas Carol concert arrangements

Preparations are also well underway for our whole-school outdoor carol concert on the last day of term. Everyone is welcome to come and join us in this festive celebration which starts at 1.30pm and is held on the KS2 playground (off Heath Farm Road.) It is always an extremely popular event with almost every family joining us so we ask that you use both The Broadway and Heath Farm Road entrance and if you are travelling by car, please be considerate of our neighbours as well as other vehicles such as the buses which have to use the surrounding roads.

At the end of our carol concert (approx. 2.30pm) the children will go back into school to collect all their belongings and then they will be brought back out to you as quickly as possible, by their class teachers - in the same way as we hand over at home time every day. This will hopefully make it easy for you all to collect your children. All we ask is that you **collect your children from their usual playground** - you will be able to go back to The Broadway side to meet your children when they all go in to fetch their belongings and you will be able to use either Broadway or Heath Farm Road gates to go home.

Any children who aren't collected at the end of the carol concert or who normally walk home on their own, will of course remain in school until the usual end of day time (3.15pm or 3.20pm) and will then be dismissed in the usual way. Please remember that there is no OSCA club / after school sports club that day.

We look forward to seeing you all at this wonderful family event and hope that you will bring your singing voices with you! Remember - as we will be outdoors, there will be no seating available at this event and please make sure that the children have a warm coat, gloves and a hat.

Finally, we are collecting donations at the carol concert - so please look out for the collection buckets.

Upcoming dates:

Christmas Dinner- Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Party day- Thursday 15th December

Break up for Christmas on **Friday 16th December**

Spring term dates:

Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day. School reopens to pupils on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**

February half-term: Monday 20th - Friday 24th February, return to school Monday 27th February 2023.

Easter holiday- Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April 2023.

Summer term dates

Monday 17th April is an INSET day. School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

May Day Monday 1st May 2023 & Coronation Holiday Monday 8th May 2023

Whitsun – Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

Monday 5th June is an INSET day, School reopens to pupils on **Tuesday 6th June 2023**

Term Ends Tuesday 25th July 2023