

# Newsletter - 6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is now in full swing at school. The children have all been busy practising their songs to perform to you at the Christmas Celebration and yesterday we had a fantastic secret shopping day run by the amazing Friends of Southbourne Schools team. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event so successful.

We want to congratulate Mrs Miller on a new job and a move back to Wales. Mrs Miller has worked at our school for 6 years and has made a big difference to many children. She will be missed by us all and we wish her and her family every success in their move back to Wales. We have staffing plans in place to cover the role that Mrs Miller had this term and will let individual classes know about these staffing changes. Good luck Mrs Miller, wishing you lots of happiness in your move.

**Christmas Post Box** — From Monday 9th December we will have the Christmas post box out in the office entrance if your child would like to write Christmas cards for other children in the school. These will then be sorted and handed out to the children in the last few days of term. **Please make sure the child's name and class are put on the envelope**

**Christmas Dinner and Jumper day**—On Friday 13th December Chartwells will be serving their Christmas dinner. This is always a lovely celebration at school and the luncheon is made special for those with a hot meal and those with a packed lunch. This is also our Christmas Jumper Day when we support Save the Children by asking for £1 donation for wearing Christmas jumpers. <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk>

**Year 2** — Just a reminder that you have to submit your application form for a place in year 3 at the juniors by **Wednesday 15th January**.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our families to the Christmas Celebration performances next week.

Mrs Lucy Whiffin, Headteacher



## NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, this is due to children with severe nut allergies. Please do not send any foods into school that contain nuts and read all food labels.

This also goes for junk modelling packaging sent into school, these should not be boxes that have contained nuts.

## Dates for your Diary

### December

#### Year 2 Christmas Celebration for parents to watch

Monday 9th December @ 2.30pm or Tuesday 10th December @ 9.00am

#### Year 1 Christmas Celebration for parents to watch:

Tuesday 10th December @ 2.30pm or Wednesday 11th December @ 9.00am (Forest school will run after the performance)

#### Reception Christmas Celebration for parents to watch:

Wednesday 11th December @ 2.45pm or Thursday 12th December @ 9.00am

Friday 13th December—Christmas Dinner Day/Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th December—Y2 Titanic Day

Wednesday 18th December—Reception Christmas Dance workshop (Please see separate letter about this)

Wednesday 18th December—Year 1 and 2 Christmas Disco after school—tickets from the office

Friday 20th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

### January

Monday 6th January—First Day Back

**Remaining INSET DAYS 2024—25**

Monday 24th February

Monday 2nd June

## Forest School

Forest school will be swapping back to **Badgers and Owls Class** in January.

**Forest School Day this term will be a Thursday.**

**Owls Class** will be on a **Thursday morning** and **Badgers Class** will be on a **Thursday afternoon**. The children are to come to school dressed in their Forest School clothes, and bring a change of shoes. Please see a separate letter about forest school clothing.

The first session is **Thursday 16th January** and the last on **Thursday 13th February**.

Please continue to dress your child in warm layers for the spring term, it can be very cold out, and ensure they have a change of shoes in school and not just wellies.