

Dear Parents,

### News from Classrooms

#### Class 1:

In our number work we have been using tens frames for adding groups of objects and sharing amounts with our friends. We continue our "Uniqueness" themes by sharing stories about being helpful to each other and how Elmer the elephant helped his friends feel happy and content.

#### Class 2:

This week Class 2 have done some fantastic story writing based on the story 'The Princess and the Frog'. We looked at adjectives that our reader would really like to hear. In science this week we have looked at how we grow and how to stay healthy. We did an investigation looking at our pulse rate when we did any form of exercise. We also looked at food groups and what foods help our bodies.

**Maths next week:** Measures.

#### Class 3

This week Class 3 have been writing similes to create a setting description in literacy. We have also been making life-sized drawings of the digestive system. In maths, we have continued with division – using arrays and bar models. We also practised for the Christmas performance.

**Maths next week:** Problem solving.

#### Class 4

This week in literacy we have been working on relative clauses and held a 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' SPAG edition. We also looked at how we can make sure that we are staying safe online, particularly on social media. Please continue to check this with your children.

**Maths next week:** Problem solving.

### Internet Safety

A gentle reminder about monitoring your child's internet usage. I heard on the news this morning about a report that has been issued which states that five year old children prefer using YouTube to watching TV. It highlighted the importance of restricting settings on devices your children may access to avoid exposure to inappropriate materials and all inappropriate usage.

For resources and advice please go to  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

### Christmas Performance

This year, our Christmas play will link to the theme of memories. To create a display, we are asking children to bring in a picture of a Christmas memory. This could be a picture of something like a mince pie or even a traditional family photo. Please could these be sent in to school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December?

We are also asking for volunteers at the Christmas performance to organise coffee and mince pies. If you are interested in helping us out, please get in touch with Mrs Copeland.

### Christmas Decorations

If anyone has any unwanted Christmas decorations that they would like to donate to school, we would really appreciate this.

### R.E. Parent Questionnaire

You will find an R.E questionnaire in your child's book bag today. This is to help us develop our Religious Education and collective worship further. Please could you complete it and send it back by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### Play Park Questionnaires

If there are any remaining questionnaires to be returned, please send in to school by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, as they are being collected. Thank you.

### Cross Country

Good luck to our runners who are attending the cross country at Prestwold hall tomorrow.

### Barkestone Church News

Saturday 2nd December 10am-12.30pm Church Café & decorating church

Sunday 3rd December 2.30pm Messy Church - arts & crafts, dressing up and special guest... Hohoho!

Sunday 10th December 3.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 8pm Holy Communion -plus quiet time for reflection, lighting a candle from 7.30pm

### Letters going home this week:

Y5/6 basketball tournament (named letters)

Hearing tests Y1/2

Melton lights switch on Y4

Christmas dinner

Yours sincerely,

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