



**17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

## Christmas is coming

Christmas is a very special time in school and it is wonderful to see the children's excitement as this special time approaches.

It has been lovely to hear the children singing the songs for their Christmas Productions and how well the preparations are going. I hope you can join us for some of the special events that we have planned.

Thank you for your continued support

Katherine Muncaster



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### Key Dates

**24<sup>th</sup> November-** Year 3 Class assembly-  
9 am start

**29<sup>th</sup> November** 6pm- Reading Workshop  
for KS2 parents

**1<sup>st</sup> December** 2.30pm- FOTB Santa Dash

**7<sup>th</sup> December-** FOTB Christmas Disco

**12<sup>th</sup> December-** KS 1 /Reception  
Performance 1.30pm

**13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS 1 /Reception  
Performance 9.30am

## Friendship Week

This week in school we have been celebrating being a good friend through our Friendship Week as part of our approach to antibullying.

We started the week with an assembly and a fantastic discussion on what makes a good friend. Children have had the opportunity to nominate and write postcards to other children who they think have been a great friend. They have also completed follow up activities in the classrooms.

We will share the assembly on google classroom as it uses a wonderful story to encourage children to reflect on how they treat each other.



# Project Playground

Our School Councilors have all been working hard to gather our children's ideas and opinions for our playground development. They have shared the children's ideas with a number of playground design companies and all of the children in school have cast their vote for their favourite design.

The School Councilors met with representatives from FOTB and shared the children's chosen design. FOTB are funding this exciting project and it should be completed before Christmas.

The chosen design includes Duck, Duck, Goose, Mirror Me games, a map of the world, a sensory trim trail around the edge of the playground, 3 hopscotches, a hundred square and some surprises!



## Developing a love of reading

On **Wednesday 29th November at 6pm** at school we will be hosting a workshop for parents of children in KS2. The session will be led by Dawn Robertson who is an amazing English consultant who will share her wealth of knowledge of children's books.

The session will focus on-

- Supporting your child to read widely including recommended books.
- Practical strategies to support your child to develop their comprehension.
- Sustaining a love of reading with your child.

