



Brookland Infant and Nursery School

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Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

In assembly this week, we focused on the important theme of keeping ourselves safe. As part of the NSPCC's *Speak Out, Stay Safe* programme, we talked with the children about recognising when something doesn't feel right and knowing who they can turn to for help. It was a valuable reminder that every child has the right to feel safe, supported, and listened to.

We also held a special assembly for Inclusion Day, celebrating the fact that while we are all the same in many ways, we are also all different—and that is what makes each of us unique. Our core message was simple but powerful: *We are all the same. We are all different. We are all unique. We should be kind to everyone.*

It has been wonderful to see so many “Golden Notes” and stickers handed out this week. Children across the school have been working incredibly hard and playing beautifully together outside. We hope that parents and carers who attended their consultation meetings this week left feeling proud of their child and the progress they are making.

Brenda McCafferty

Headteacher

Be Kind, Grow Together, Learn Forever

This Week in Photos

Please have a look at the week in photos.

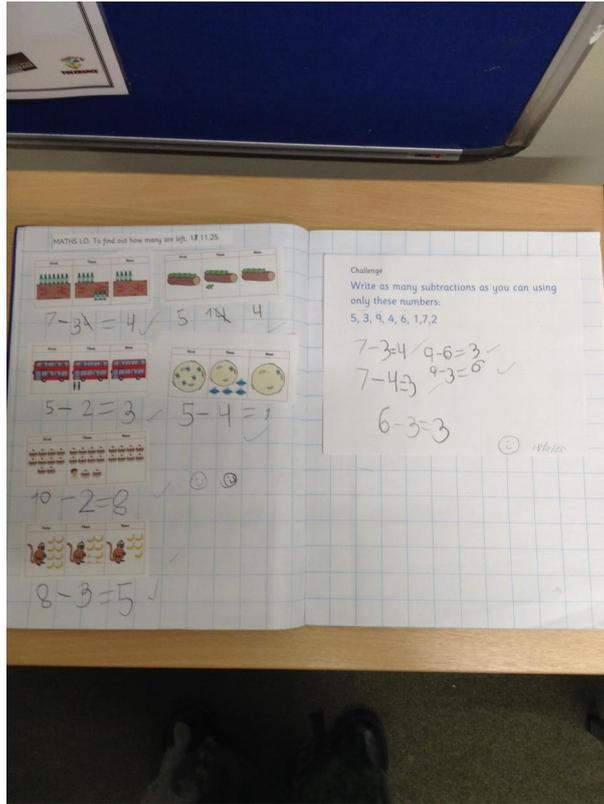


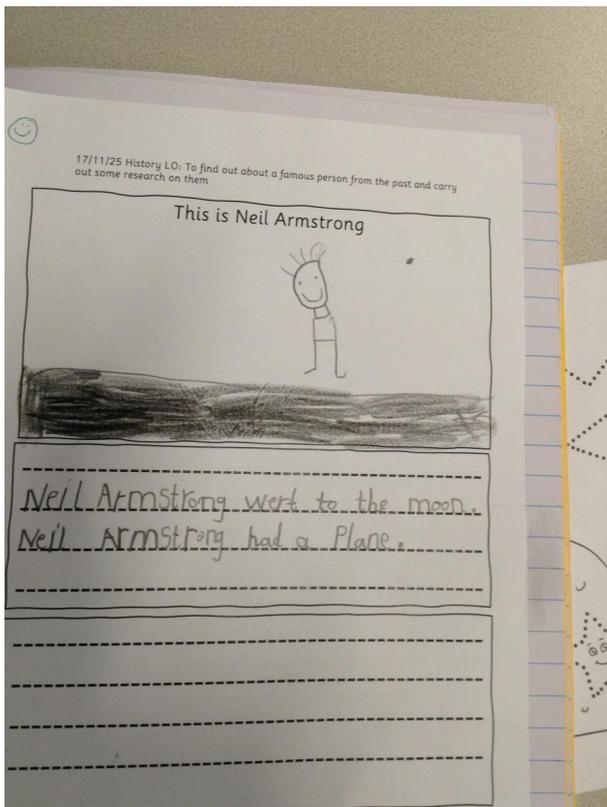














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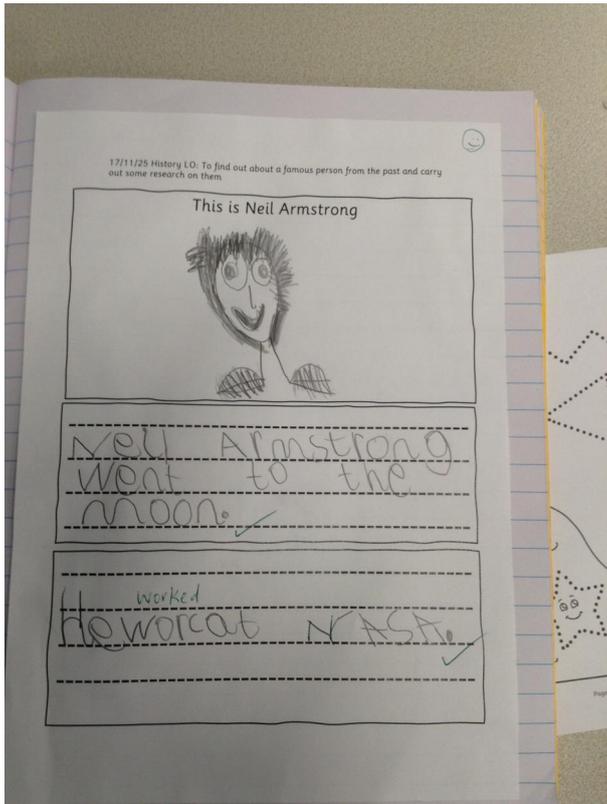
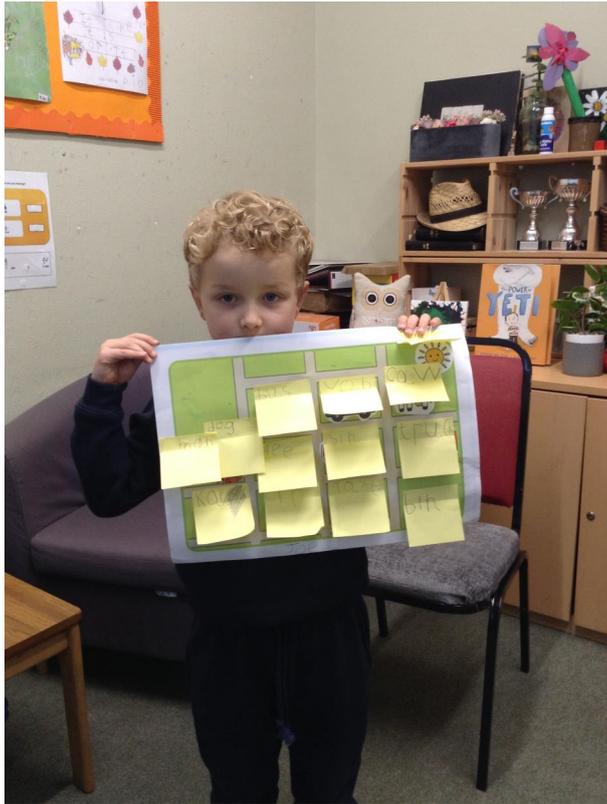
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Museum ①
Trafalgar Square

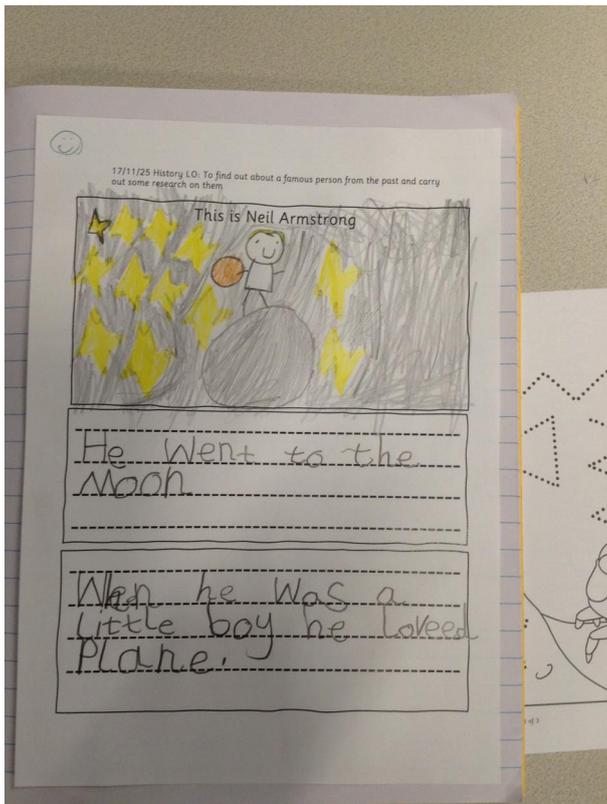
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Gold Book

The children have all worked very hard this week, but the following children's work has been celebrated this week in Gold Book Assembly. Well done to all these children.



1. Rex for mazing writing, retelling the story of the Lonely Beast. He used story vocabulary and remembered full stops and capital letters.
 2. Or for excellent effort in maths to solve subtraction number sentences and problems.
- Play Expert: Djawed for being a helpful friend in making sure everyone feels included.



1. Natalia for showing amazing progress in her reading and phonics and she is also showing some fantastic listening skills.
2. Ryan for being such a caring and kind boy. He always offers to help adults and his friends in class. He is also making great progress with his reading and phonics.

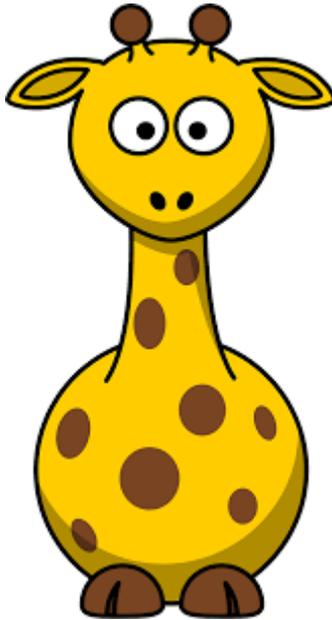
- Play Expert: Raife for organising lovely games outside to play with his friends.



1. August for working super hard in maths and having a Growth Mindset when facing new challenges.
 2. Layana for putting so much effort into her work and following the Golden Rules.
- Play Expert: Aum for playing nicely with his friends and following the playground rules.



1. Jozef for his brilliant retelling of the magic Bojabi tree, including fantastic expanded noun phrases.
 2. Enuar for becoming more confident to share his great ideas more during carpet sessions.
- Play Expert: Ayesha for always following the playground rules and for being so kind and inclusive.



1. Musa for improving his spelling and story writing and for including lots of noun phrases into his writing.
 2. Zoe for working hard on exchanging when adding two 2-digit numbers.
- Play Expert: Avyan for always following the playground rules and for being a good friend.



1. Diaco for his wonderful singing at the Barnet Infant Music Festival. He joined in with all the songs and actions really well.
 2. Aysu for her great work in English. she has been retelling the story of the magic Bojabi tree and writing sentences independently.
- Play Expert: Trixie for always following the Golden Rules and for being such a good friend.

Y2 Barnet Infant Music Festival

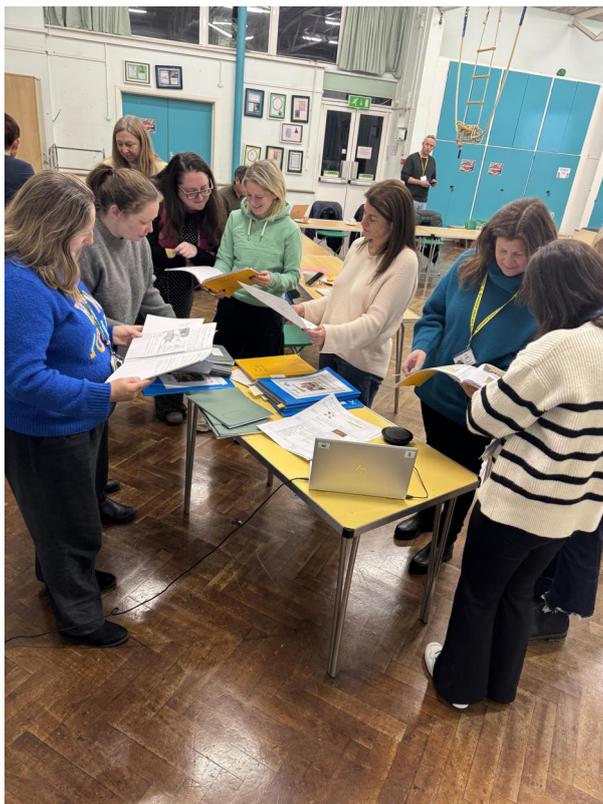
Y2 had a wonderful morning singing with other local schools at the Barnet Infant Music Festival. They sang with such confidence and made all the teachers feel very proud. Well done Year 2!

Next week will be Dinner Menu 3!

School Council Juice Sale

The School Council will be holding their juice sale on Monday. Please remember to bring in £1 if you would like your child to take part. All funds will go towards a new friendship bench in the top playground. Thank you to all parents and carers who have kindly donated juice boxes to support the event, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

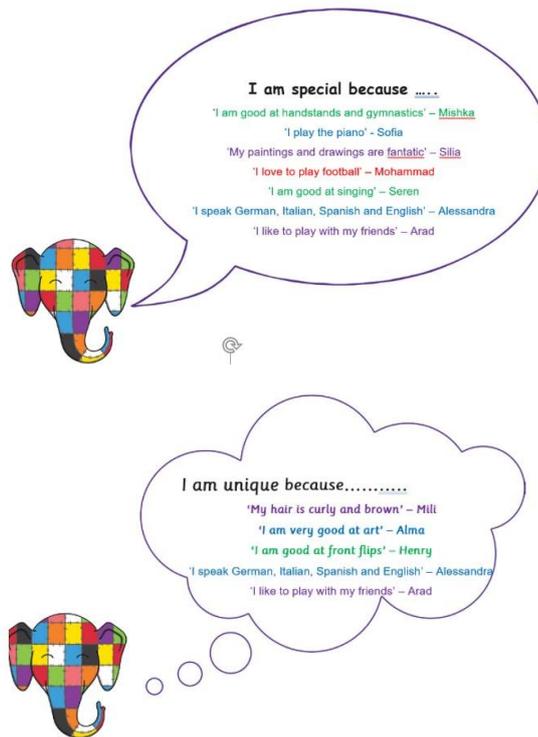
Spotlight on Governors



The governors met on Tuesday evening for a Full Governing Body meeting and took part in Ofsted training to ensure they are fully up to date with the new Ofsted framework. Both schools are working hard to make sure everyone understand the updated expectations and can confidently evidence the required standards. During the meeting, governors also had the opportunity to look through a sample of RE books from Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and

Year 4, gaining a valuable insight into how the new RE curriculum is being brought to life in classrooms. We would also like to thank Aimee Lipton as her term as Staff Governor has now come to an end, and warmly welcome Gillian Delaney, who has been appointed as our new Staff Governor.

Inclusion Day



'We are all different, we are all unique'

On Tuesday we held our first Inclusion Day for this year. In assembly we discussed that everyone is different and that it is okay to be different. We should be kind to everyone no matter what. We also discussed how we can help others who may be different to ourselves such as: helping them to join in our games, finding different ways to communicate, understanding that others may not like loud noises or people getting too close to them.

In class the children read the story of Elmer by David McKee and celebrated the fact that we all have our own special talents and they were able to talk about what makes them special and unique. The children also learnt the Makaton sign for unique.

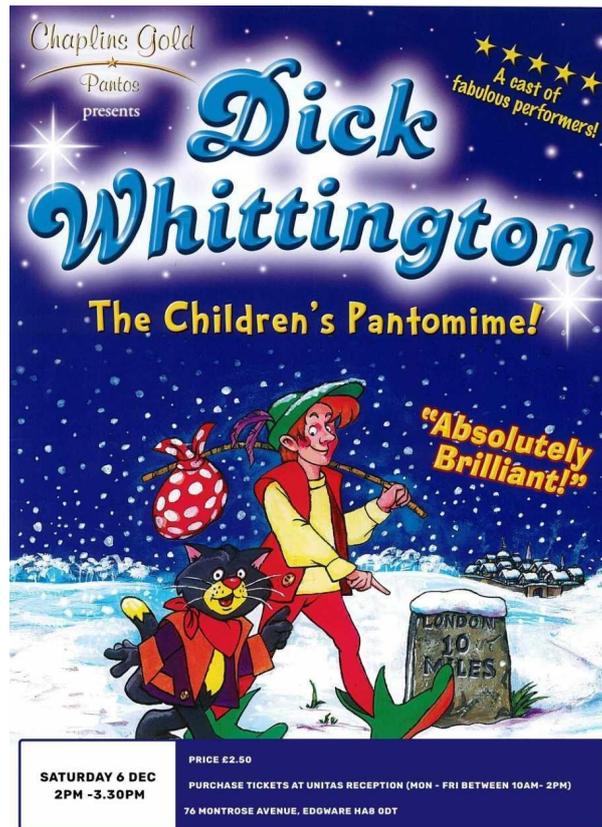
Winter lights switch-on at Brent Cross Town

Brent Cross Town's annual winter lights switch-on takes place on Wednesday 26 November, 4pm to 5.30pm at Claremont Park, Claremont Way, NW2 1AJ.

Join an afternoon filled with festive carols sung by pupils from local schools, a lively performance by Oompah Brass, as well as hot drinks and delicious seasonal treats. Don't miss out on the highlight of the event which will be the lights switch-on scheduled to take place at 4.15pm.

<https://transformingbx.co.uk/winter-lights-at-brent-cross-town/>

Upcoming events in Barnet



Chaplins Gold
Pantos
presents

Dick Whittington
The Children's Pantomime!

A cast of
fabulous performers!

"Absolutely
Brilliant!"

LONDON
10 MILES

**SATURDAY 6 DEC
2PM - 3.30PM**

PRICE £2.50
PURCHASE TICKETS AT UNITAS RECEPTION (MON - FRI BETWEEN 10AM - 2PM)
76 MONTROSE AVENUE, EDGWARE HA8 0DT



We are pleased to share information about some up-and-coming events.

- Unitas warmly invites families to their **Winter Wonderland and Pantomime Show** being held on Saturday 6 December 2025. Further information can be found on the attached flyers
- FAB (Fit and Active Barnet) team, in collaboration with some local sport and fitness organizations, is going to celebrate the **International Week for Disabled People 2025**. The week is running from the 1st to the 9th December. Every day there are one or more inclusive sessions for people to attend free of charge. There are sessions for different ages and for different needs.

All sessions need to be booked in advance. Regarding the sessions offered by BETTER leisure centre, people need to apply for FAB before booking. FAB registration is free of charge. Please see the programme attached or click the link below. [eawdr94itpzplcxlazkh.pdf](#) On the timetable you can also find the Big Inclusive Party. Please see the flyer attached in pdf. The party will take place on the 7th December, from 10 am to 2pm at Unitas. It will be an inclusive party for all ages, open to carers and families. Attendees can enjoy taster sessions, workshops and performances; interact with stalls holders and find out about opportunities in Barnet. You can also find all the above info clicking on the link [News and Events | FAB | Better](#)

Giving every child the 'Best Start in Life'

Becoming a parent is full of exciting firsts but it can also bring many questions and challenges. The government's Best Start in Life campaign aims to make that journey easier, bringing together trusted advice, practical tools and support for families - from pregnancy through to starting school and beyond.

The aim is simple - to help every child thrive by giving parents clear, reliable information and access to the services they need.

To start getting the right advice and support, visit:

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

Addictive Technology and the Family Environment

THE DROP IN.

ADDICTIVE TECH AND YOUR FAMILY.

Join Louisa Rose, award winning CEO of youth mental health charity Beyond and former social media professional for a casual, judgment free chat about the intersection of screens and family wellbeing.

The discussion around screen time and addictive technology can bring up feelings of guilt or shame for you and/or your family, with nuance often lacking from campaigns and headlines.

That's why we created **THE DROP IN.** A series of free events designed to support you wherever you are in the addictive technology journey .

Ask questions, share experiences and take away practical advice about how to navigate addictive technology for the whole family.

1st December

9AM

**BROOKLAND
INFANT SCHOOL HALL
HILL TOP
NW11 6EJ**

A PARTNER OF THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY
Beyond

Following on from the workshop we had last year from Nova Eden regarding "Smartphone Free Childhood", we are very happy to host another parent/carer drop in session led by Louisa Rose, award winning CEO of youth mental health charity Beyond. She will talk about screen addiction and the use of screens in schools. The meeting is open for parents and carers from the Infant and Junior school. We really hope to see lots of parents and carers there.

Lettings



School Hall Available for Hire

Looking for the perfect venue for your next event? Our versatile school hall is available to hire for community events, fitness classes, performances, meetings, private functions and more.

Featuring ample space, lots of natural light and on-site parking, it's an ideal setting for gatherings.

Enquire today to check availability and secure your date!

To Book:

- Email schooladmin@brooklandinf.barnet.sch.uk for a booking form and letting guidelines
- Check your requested date is available and wait for us to confirm if it is free to book.
- Complete the forms once a date has been selected as soon as possible so you do not miss out. You will be sent an invoice with the costs and what is to be paid.
- Costs: £50 deposit to secure the date, £148 to be paid 3 weeks before your event.
Total Cost: £198
- ***Please note: The hall booking times for the weekend are 10:30am-1:30pm only.***

Attendance Data

0 DAYS OFF 190 DAYS ATTENDED	100%	★ PERFECTION ★ "EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT"
4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	96%	NEARLY THERE
9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	95%	CAN BE IMPROVED "INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BETTER GRADES"
11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS "CLASSED AS A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE" referred to Education Welfare Service
30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	85%	RISK OF PROSECUTION "can be damaging to a student's social, emotional and mental wellbeing"
38 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR	80%	

Attendance for week beginning 17th November 2025

Overall attendance for the school was 93.75%

Reception Attendance

Turtle class: 84.4%

Dolphin class: 96.64%

Panda class: 95.31%

Key Stage 1 Attendance

Bear class: 95.56%

Elephant class: 89.51%

Penguin class: 97.24%

Giraffe class: 98.2%

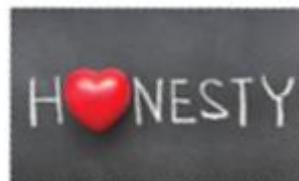
Hedgehog class: 96%

Owl class: 96.79%

Well done to the **Dolphin Class** for the highest attendance this week in EYFS.

Well done to the **Giraffe Class** for the highest attendance this week in KS1.

Brookland Values



RESPECT



TOLERANCE

Nut-Free School (this also includes after school clubs)



We would like to remind all parents and carers that our school is strictly *nut free* in order to keep children with severe nut allergies safe. This includes items such as nuts, cashew nuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, peanut puffs, hazelnut spread biscuits or dip pots, and other products containing nuts, including pesto, Nutella and Bamba snacks.

While nut allergies are not airborne, there is a significant risk from traces left on hands, play equipment, or classroom surfaces, which could cause a serious reaction in children with allergies.

We also kindly ask that no nuts or nut-containing items are brought onto the school site at any time, including at pick-up. We have recently noticed children with nuts as a snack to be consumed during their afterschool club activities.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in helping us keep every child safe.

Notice Regarding School Gates



FOR SAFETY REASONS
PLEASE DO NOT PROP THE GATE
OPEN!

Infant Main Gate Opening Times:

- **Nursery: Opens from 2:55pm** for 3:00pm collection
(by buzzer only)
- **Reception, Year 1 and 2: Gate is open from 3:00pm**

Reminder: Between 9:00am -3:00pm, there is no access for Nursery or Infant parents to walk across the Juniors Playground.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Dates for Your Diary

November

- Monday 24th 9.15 a.m. Y2 Performance Assembly
- Tuesday 25th 9.00 a.m. Chatty children workshop for parents and carers
- Tuesday 25th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Bear class Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Thursday 27th 4.00-7.00 p.m. Bear class Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Friday 28th 3.15 p.m. PA Cake Sale: Hedgehog class

December

- Monday 1st 9.00 a.m. parent workshop on addictive technology and the family environment

Tuesday 2nd Nasal flu vaccinations for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (catch up session)

Wednesday 3rd 9.00 a.m. Maths workshop for parents and carers

Friday 5th FS Special books to go home for the weekend

Tuesday 9th 9.00 a.m. SEND coffee and chat

Tuesday 9th 2.00 p.m. Y2 Christmas show

Thursday 11th 9.30 a.m. Y2 Christmas show

Monday 15th 9.00 a.m. Y1 Let Your Child Explain (in class)

Monday 15th 2.30 p.m. Y1 Christmas singing

Tuesday 16th 9.00 a.m. Y2 Let Your Child Explain (in class)

Tuesday 16th 2.30 p.m. Reception Christmas singing

Wednesday 17th Christmas lunch for all children (information only)

Thursday 18th Festive parties in class (am)

Thursday 18th Globe theatre in (pm)

Thursday 18th Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day - Children to school dressed in a festive jumper

Friday 19th Christmas singing with the Juniors

Friday 19th 1.30 p.m finish for all pupils. **School Term ends**

Friday 19th NO JELLY BEANS CLUB THIS DAY

Contact Us

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