



# Newsletter No.7

Fri 8th December 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

I wanted to say a special thank you for the wonderful first Christmas Fair held last Friday. It really was a fantastic community event, reminding us of how important it is to work together for the best interests of our wonderful children. I know that lots of work goes on behind the scenes and on the actual day to ensure that everything runs smoothly. The children really enjoyed all the crafts on offer – from snow globe decorating, making Christmas decorations, to the gingerbread man icing and a visit from Santa and the Reindeer. Parents were also treated to some entertainment from our wonderful choir, whilst enjoying a glass of mulled wine. Some of you will have a lovely gift coming on Christmas Day, courtesy of our 'Elfridges Shop'. All in all a lovely evening enjoyed by everyone.

As we move towards the second week of Advent, the children have been busy practising for their Christmas concerts. Dates and times of these are at the end of the newsletter.

These are special events in the children's time at primary school so, if you can make a special effort to come and see your child, I can tell you that it will mean the world to them. And as you know children have great memories!

I know this is an extremely busy time of year so I hope you manage to have some rest in between all of the diary commitments and I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

Kind regards,

*Clare Campbell*



### **Anti-Bullying Certificates**

The following children were chosen by the adults in their classes to receive 'The Anti-Bullying Legend Award' as they personify the traits of a defender: they are loyal, brave and stand up for injustices while supporting those who need reaching out to. A huge congratulations to them all.



Vasileia (Nur), Zadie (RA), Paolo (RB), Amelia (1C) Jad (1D), Eadie (2E), Taijah (2F) Melissa (3G), George (3H), Alexander (4I), Neva (4J), Tom (5K), Oguz (5L), Ava (6M) and Joshua (6N)



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action



### **St Vincent de Paul collection**

This week the children have been collecting for the SVP. 'Love Service Respect Courage' is definitely evident amongst our families. Today was the last day for collection. The families who'll receive your donations will have a warmer and brighter Christmas thanks to you. Thank you again for your kind response.



# Christmas Jumper Day



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 SJA will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day! It's your chance to come into school wearing a festive jumper or top of your choice.

Two out of five Christmas jumpers bought are only worn once. Then they end up in a landfill. 95% of novelty Christmas items are made from plastics. We do not want that to happen just so we can celebrate Christmas Jumper Day!

Thank you to those who donated to the Christmas jumper stall. It was very encouraging to see that these previously worn jumpers were to continue to be enjoyed by others.

If you do not have a Christmas jumper, you can still join the fun and wear a festive coloured top.

**FOR EVERYBODY** - The rest of your clothing still needs to be the regular uniform.



## Christmas CONCERTS

**Thursday 14th December**

**EYFS & KS1 (Nur Rec Y1 Y2)—9am (Families of classes Nur A C E ) and 2pm (Families of classes B D F) —Large hall**

**Wednesday 20th December**

**KS2 (Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6) Christmas Concert  
2pm—Church**

## **EYFS / KS1 Christmas Performance**

In order for every family to be able to see their child, we kindly ask parents from the Nursery, Classes A, C and E to attend the **morning** performance.

The **afternoon** performance will be for parents of pupils in Classes B, D and F. It would be really helpful if each family could limit attendance to two per family.

## **Junior Carol Concert**

As the capacity in the church is much larger than the school, parents from all junior year groups are welcome to attend.



## Dates For YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December-

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December –

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December –

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December -

EYFS/KS1 Performance 9am & 2pm

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch

KS2 Carol Concert 2pm

School Mass SJA Church 9am

**School Ends 1.30pm**

## Uniform

Mr Fuiava will be sending communications regarding a strategy to improve uniform standards. This will launch officially on the first day of spring term.

No spoilers, but one of the first items on the agenda is footwear.

A reminder that the uniform policy states that branded trainers are not school uniform and that only sweatshirts and fleeces with the school logo are school uniform.



| December 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Thursday 21st Dec 2023**



## End Of Term Closure

Thursday 21st Dec.  
the school will close

at **1.30pm**. There

will be no after

school care

provision on this

day. Please ensure

your child is

collected at this

time.



## Winning Books

We would like to give a huge thank you to Ink84 and Nicolette Jones. Nicolette is a Highbury resident and children's book critic who recently ran a competition as part of Black History Month for a local primary school to win some new books. Ink84 very thoughtfully entered us and we were lucky enough to win. As you can see, the books are beautiful and represent characters and authors from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. We know the children are going to love reading them.



### **After School Provisions/ Extended Day Clubs**

As mentioned in my last newsletter, we would like ascertain future parental requirements for Extended Schools and clubs.

Please complete the questionnaire below to help with this.

<https://forms.gle/B236nXPgjAzrKxAc8>

