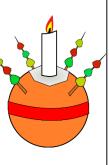


Year 2 Christingle Friday 2nd December

This year once again Year 2 will be conducting a Christingle service in St Mark's church. We would love to see as many of you as possible in the church for the start of the Christmas festivities in school. All parents are welcome not just Year 2 parents.

The Christingle service will start at 1:45pm and should be finished by 2:30pm. Once it has finished Year 2 parents are free to take their children home directly from the church. Any children remaining will be brought back to school to be collected as normal.

The Christingle is a lovely service and holding it in St Mark's church does make it that bit more special. We do hope that you can join us for this lovely service.



Upcoming Events

29 November 2016 Year 1 Milestones Museum Trip **30 November 2016** 2.45pm Year 1 Assembly 2 December 2016 1.45pm Year 2 Christingle Service at St Marks church 5-7.30pm FoBS Christmas Fayre 9 December 2016 5.15-6.15pm FoBS Infants Disco 13 December 2016 9.30am Year R Christmas Play 2pm Year 1&2 Christmas Play 14 December 2016 9.30am Year 1&2 Christmas play 2pm Year R Christmas Play 16 December 2016 **Christmas Jumper Day** Party Day 12-1pm Christmas Dinner 3.15pm End of term 3 January 2016 Inset Day 4 January 2016 8.45am Start of term

Goodbye Miss Keddle

Very sadly at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Keddle. Miss Keddle has been an amazing Year R LSA for the past five years and the school and the children have been very lucky to have her. Miss Keddles drive and enthusiasm to provide the very best experiences for our Year R children has made a huge difference to the school over the past few years. It is Miss Keddle that set up the mud kitchen in the Year R area and with the rest of the Year R team has continued to enhance and adapt the Year R areas to ensure children have the very best learning. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and the children at school. We wish her all the very best for her very exciting and incredibly busy new venture.

We are currently in the process of recruiting to fill Miss Keddles vacancy and will inform you as soon as we have found the right person.

Christmas Performance for Year 1 and 2

This year our Christmas performance is called 'Prickly Hay'. It is a lovely nativity based on a stable boy or girl trying to keep their small little stable clean and the hay fresh for all the animals. It is the special visitors that they get in their stable one night that helps show them how important their job really is.

For this performance each class will need different costumes. Anything you can help provide for your child would be greatly appreciated.

Tiger class will need brown, black or dark blue tops and a tea towel to use as a headscarf. **Kangaroo class** will need red, purple, gold or silver tops to be kings. If you can make a crown with your child that would be fantastic.

Elephants and Giraffes will need jeans and a top. As some children will be specific parts in the play, we will send out a full list next week.

Year R will be doing their very catchy 'Wriggly Nativity'. This is always a great performance and you will be singing the songs to yourself for weeks. Year R will send out a full list of what each child will need early next week.

Stars of the Week		
11 th	18 th	25 th
November	November	November
Fynlay	Caitlynn	Ellie-Mae
French	Jackson	Pavey
Martha-Mai	Dudley	Chloe
Hickman	Bristow	Johnson
Jamie-Joe	Harley	Max Owers
Shea	McAndrew	Cara
Tyler Parry	Leo Shadey	Nomuoja

Messy Play

For the next two Thursdays Messy play will be doing all sorts of Christmas crafts. So if you have a pre-school child and you are free on Thursday afternoon between 2 and 3 please do come along to the school hall for all of the fun. It is also completely free.

Messy Play will end for this term on the 8th December, that will be the last session. There will be no messy play on the 15th December.

After Christmas we will be changing messy play a bit and moving it to the mornings. We will let you know more in the coming weeks.

Year 2 Tank building

Year 2 had a fantastic time last week building World War 1 trench bridging tanks. This was all part of their topic on Remembrance and the First World War. The idea was to learn about different levers by designing a tank that could get troops across a trench.

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to help with the different afternoons. The time you as parents gave up really did make a massive difference to the children, so thank you.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

We currently have spaces every day for both Breakfast and Afterschool Club. This has not been the case for a few years so if you would like your child to start coming to either of these clubs please just pop into the school office or give us a ring.

Breakfast club starts from 8:00am and we provide the children with breakfast and offer a range of activities for £3 a morning.

Afterschool club runs to 5:10pm every day and costs £5. The children do a range of craft activities, inside and outside play or even read with staff if you would like them to. A snack and drink are also provided.