



## Diary Dates:

### December:

3<sup>rd</sup> FOL Breakfast with Santa  
7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch  
7<sup>th</sup> FOL Discos  
13<sup>th</sup> KS1 Performance 2:00  
14<sup>th</sup> KS1 Performance 10:00  
16<sup>th</sup> School Sports Academy RFM  
16<sup>th</sup> Awards assembly  
16<sup>th</sup> FOL Xmas Extravaganza  
19<sup>th</sup> /20<sup>th</sup> Class parties  
21<sup>st</sup> Carol service 1:00  
Collect children 2:00 at church

### January 2017:

4<sup>th</sup> Children back to school  
6<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 6D  
13<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 45P  
20<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 4M  
26<sup>th</sup> YR Health screening  
27<sup>th</sup> Sport skills academy 3R

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents,

First of all, my apologies for the lack of letters in November. Normal service has now been resumed!

### The force is strong with them:

Congratulations to Oliver Charleson and Harry Corcoran both in Year 6, who are joint winners of the 'Star Wars' Christmas card competition organised by Chris Tinsley estate agency. Their winning designs will be used by Chris Tinsley estate agency as their Christmas card for this year. In addition, the school received £250 and the Y6 children will be able to enjoy a free visit to the Star Wars exhibition at the Atkinson. Look out for their photo in the Visiter!

### Remembrance:

1M had a visit from a very special guest on Remembrance

Day. Miss Meadow's grandfather, Jim Johnson, is the standard bearer for the Royal Signals and he paid a visit to school with the regimental standard that he carried at the Remembrance Day parade. The children had the opportunity to look at Jim's medals, and those of his own grandfather, which he also wears. The children also learned about the symbolism of the poppy and constructed poppies of their own. Nan, Marion, is also pictured, holding the other end of the flag.



### School Ambassador Peer mentors:

We are delighted to welcome our new Ambassador Peer Mentors to their posts. Jack Craven, Matthew Waddington, Joshua Lamprecht Lily Perry, Jack Sephton, Sophie Askew, Kate Duffy, Ruby Horner, Nathan Johnson, Oliver Charleson, Myles Horner and Dan Schober all impressed Mrs. Rawstone in training and are already doing a fantastic job, supporting children on the playground.

### Children in need:

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise £350 for Children in Need this year.

### Carol Service:

We will be rounding the school year off in style with our Carol Service, which will be on the last day of term this year. As normal, we will take the whole school to Emmanuel Church. The service will start at 1:00 and will be finished by 2:00. All children should be collected from Emmanuel at 2:00 to go home. There will be no after school club. I hope you will be able to join us for this celebration, but if not please ensure you are at the church at 2:00 to collect your child.



**School Spider App:**

If you have an apple or android phone, please download the School Spider App. This will enable you to receive updates to the school website, together with instant messages from school and will also give you access to some new features we will be introducing next year, such as online booking for parents evenings, surveys and electronic forms. Currently we have 143 users registered for the service, which is about half the number of children we have.

**Lego plea:**

If anyone has any Lego at home that they no longer need, we would love to have it. We are hoping to start a lunchtime Lego club in the New Year and need to have plenty of Lego to get started. Please pass any donations to the school office.

**Reception Health Screening:**

The school nurses will be with us on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February to carry out health screening checks for our Reception children. Questionnaires will shortly be sent home, which should be completed and returned to school ASAP.

**Singing club shines:**

Our singing club stole the show at the Churchtown village Christmas Fair last Friday. We were one of several local schools invited to sing at the event and I was very proud of the both the standard of our singers and the number of parents that were there to support us.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. J.D. Ward  
Headteacher

