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Paddox Primary Newsletter 16
December 2022

A message from Ms Guymer



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

It is hard to believe that a term has already passed this academic year. After so much disruption, it has taken time to remember what a 'normal' Autumn Term looks like. Recent weeks have been full of lots of great experiences – brilliant sporting events, the Year 4 Roman day, several FOPS events including the magical Polar Express evening to name but a few. Christmas dinner was a massive job for the kitchen but they did it very well and it was super to see the Christmas jumpers out last Friday. This week it was great to see Reception on stage for the first time bringing us the joy of the Nativity and with a touch of snow on the ground, it really does feel a little bit Christmassy! With that in mind, I would like to thank everyone for helping me to settle in and wish you all a great festive break. See you in 2023.



1 - Christmas Jumper Day raised almost £300 for Save the Children - many thanks for all your donations and it as fabulous to see so many festive jumpers!



2 - Children at The Orchard have been doing lots of festive activities, too!



3 - On Thursday 15 December, a team of 'professional actors' (you might recognise them), directed by Mrs Farmer, put on a surprise Christmas Pantomime for all of Paddox. The children and staff absolutely loved Cinderella with a Twist, and certainly won't forget Mr Hammond, Mr Beeston and Mr Hickling in their wigs, frocks and make up! Thank you to the huge team of staff who put in the time and effort to make the performance possible.



4 - Given the tragic recent events in Solihull, the link **below** offers useful safety advice about risks of ice and never to go onto ice.

[¹https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/ice](https://www.rospa.com/leisure-water-safety/water/advice/ice)



5 - Please note that Rugby Food Banks distribution sessions will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 12:30 and 15:00 through out December until the dates described below:

- **Last Foodbank session before Christmas** - 23rd December 12:30 - 15:00
- **Closed - Boxing Day Bank Holiday Monday 26th December**

¹<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rospa.com%2Fleisure-water-safety%2Fwater%2Fadvice%2Fice&data=05|01|stephenheight%40warwickshire.gov.uk|8e53c19e9faa4073435c08dadea0f090|88b0aa0659274bbba89389cc2713ac82|0|0|638067080052837640|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWJoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikh1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D|3000||&sdata=cbnv6WObvXVcCmYi8b0VYKWq5wGxkesKESoFv8WlQXY%3D&reserved=0>

- *Closed - Wednesday 28th December*
- *Open - Friday 30th December 12:30 - 15:00*
- *Closed - New Year Bank Holiday Monday 2nd January 2023*
- *Reopen in the New Year from 4th January 2022 - 12:30 -15:00*



6 - Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022. We raised £925.89.

Festive PE Activities







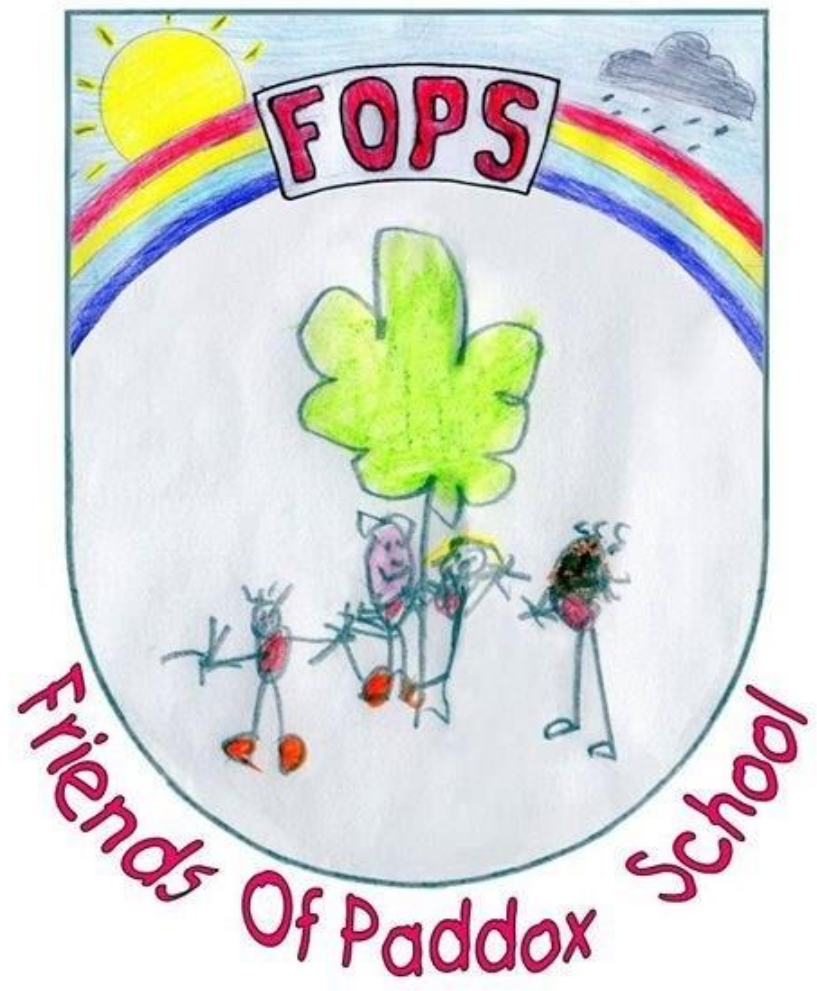


Every child took part in a **Santa Dash** last Friday. They arrived ready to run laps of the playground in their Christmas jumpers and followed a snowman trail. There were also festive puzzles and quizzes to solve!



7 - Year 6 have been teaching KS1 some dance moves to some festive tracks yesterday lunchtime! The mid-day supervisors have said that the children loved spending time with the older children, getting active and were thoroughly entertained!

FOPS Christmas Update



FOPS finish 2022 with a profit this term of almost £1900, which includes over £800 from our recent Christmas events. We'd like to thank everyone who got involved with a FOPS event this term in any way; from buying preloved uniform or Christmas cards and donating your old clothes to helping at the disco or joining in the singing at the Community Carols. The experiences offered and the money raised make a real difference to our children and it couldn't happen without you all. Merry Christmas and we look forward to more fun and fundraising in 2023!

A smart resolution!



It feels like January is a good time of year for us to lift our uniform standards. We want our uniform to demonstrate the pride that we feel in our school and show the high standards that we expect. Therefore, when we come back in January, we will be having a big focus on uniform so please have a think and a check that your child's uniform is as it should be. Below you can see some great examples of what we expect. Even on PE day, we should see smart looking children in PE uniform without variations and certainly not football kits. On club days now, we would like the children to bring a change of clothes for the end of the day. It helps the children to follow two of our rules – of being ready for the school day and being respectful of our school community.





Staffing update



We wanted to share with you that from January, Mrs Pearson will be stepping back from her Assistant Headteacher role but fortunately, remaining with us as a class teacher. Although she will be missed in this role hugely, she understandably wants to be able to give more time to her young family. Mr Goodbody will be undertaking the role in an acting capacity for the time being and will therefore take over responsibility for behaviour and join us on the senior leadership team. A thorough handover has taken place and he is very excited to be taking over this important area. We would like to thank Mrs Pearson for all the time and endless energy she has put into this very important role and wish her every happiness with her new priorities.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 4 January: All children return to school

Friday 6 January: All pupil profiles sent home

Monday 9 January: Year 6 Health Needs Assessment

Tuesday 10 January: Reception Vision Screening

Wednesday 11 January: FOPS Preloved Uniform sale

Christmas Holiday: Monday 19 December to Tuesday 3 January inclusive (including Teacher Training Day) - children return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2022

Important Reminders



Contact Details: Please make sure your contact details - telephone numbers, email addresses and postal addresses - are kept up to date with school. You can amend your own details by using the app SIMS Parent Lite, emailing admin2625@welearn365.com² or popping into the school office.

²<mailto:admin2625@welearn365.com>

Best wishes to everyone for the new year

