



A huge well done to all the children who participated in the Sportshall Athletics competition on Tuesday. There were lots of brilliant individual performances and **lots** of amazing team work! We are very proud of them all. It was a very close competition, with only 10 points between first and second place – we are thrilled to say that we won! We are now looking forward to the next round which takes place in February 2024!

The PFA Christmas Fair is happening on Saturday 2nd December from 11 – 1.30pm. There will be stalls, tombola, refreshments (including vegan options) and a raffle – there are some fantastic prizes this year. Santa has confirmed that he will be attending and is looking forward to meeting the children.



To book a time to see Santa, you will need to text the oldest child's name, class and how many children will be in the visit to **07999 361 688**. Bookings will be made on a first come – first served basis. Once you have sent your details, you will receive a provisional booking which **can be confirmed by sending payment** to the PFA via the office, tickets are £3.50 per child and include a small gift from Santa and a photo of the visit. Any bookings not confirmed will be offered to the next person on the waiting list. Please note that confirmation texts will be sent out once the majority of time slots are allocated, which will take a few days, **the response will not be immediate**.

Raffle tickets have come home with the children this week. Due to last year's demand, we have sent two books of five tickets home with each child. There is no pressure, please only buy the amount you would like; we just ask that you send any unused tickets back into school by Monday 27th November so that we can make them available to parents who are asking for more. If you would like to buy more, or sell them to family, friends and work colleagues, there are a few available from Mrs Buttler in the office.



Festive Fridays are here! Each Friday until the end of term, the children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to school if they wish to do so. If your child has grown out of last year's jumper there is no need to buy a new one, we would be happy to see any ordinary jumpers decorated in a Christmas theme. For this first Festive Friday, if possible, could you please send a small prize or bottle for the tombola stall on Saturday, e.g. Chocolate Santa, bag of chocolates, box of biscuits etc. If you would like to send any prizes containing alcohol, e.g. a bottle of wine, please make sure an adult drops these off at the office rather than send them in with the children. Thank you.

We will be Carol Singing in Tesco after school on Monday 11th December from 4pm - 4.30pm. This is open to anyone who wants to come along and join in. Parents will need to collect their children from school, meet us at Tesco and collect their children again at the end. Parents are also very welcome to stay and sing along with us!



YR, Y1 & Y2 are working very hard to learn songs and words for their Christmas nativity plays. The children will be performing their plays for their parents on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to share our nativities. Times are as follows:



	YR	Y1 & Y2
Tuesday pm	2.15pm	2.45pm
Wednesday am	9.30am	10am

We are trying to hold ticketless performances this year to save resources. However, to ensure everyone's safety, we still have to abide by fire regulations which limit the number of people we can have in the hall at any one time, so we really need your support and co-operation to make it work.

As YR perform their own Nativity, we have space for 4 adults per child at each performance. However, Y1 & Y2 join together for their Nativity play, which reduces the capacity to 2 adults per child at each performance. We do have two performances, so hopefully we will be able to fit everyone in over the two days. Younger siblings are very welcome to come along and sit on parents'/grandparents knees. We do ask though, that if your young child becomes upset or agitated during the performance, please be considerate to the children performing their play and step out of the hall until your child is settled again.



Y3 would like to invite their parents to join them at their Christmas Church Service, where they will be telling the Christmas story through readings and carols, in St Paul's on Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm.



Thank you very much to everyone parking so safely and considerately in Green Lane. There has been a huge difference in this last three weeks. The children have been able to cross safely and confidently as they can see both sides of the street clearly. Thank you!

Clubs are drawing to a close for the term. Judo and badminton have now finished and the last session of multi-sports will be next week, Wednesday 25th. Art and Chinese Whispers have three more sessions and will finish on Thursday 14th December. Clubs will start up again in the second week of the spring term, w/b 16th January.



We are receiving lots of donations for Welcome House, the safe centre for asylum seekers and refugees. I have left the information on this week as we are still collecting until Thursday 14th December. This is so that we will be able to organise the gift bags and send them to Welcome House in the last week of term, making sure that the children receive them in time for Christmas. Thank you to everyone that has donated already.



Welcome House try to give each child a small bag of age-appropriate, pre-loved gifts. This is very similar to the shoebox appeals that we used to take part in, but instead of a shoebox they use recycled gift bags. For most of the children, this is all they receive, so these gifts are very precious. If you were thinking of having a clear-out before Christmas, we may be able to help each other. Welcome House are looking for any of the following:

- Any spare gift bags, of any size (pre-used is absolutely fine)
- Small toys, cars, dolls and games that your children have grown out of or no longer use,
- Puzzles, colouring books, crayons, felt tips, sweets, bobbles, hair brushes, socks, hats, gloves etc. These do not have to be new, although being in good condition would be good. These children have absolutely nothing when they arrive, so everything is very much appreciated and will make a huge difference.
- Toiletries and hygiene products are also very much sought after for the adults. If you have any unwanted or unused gift sets, or even 'hotel' sized bottles of shampoo/body wash etc., please send them in and we can put them to very good use.

As a school, we would like each class to be able to make up several of these gift bags which we can then pass on to the children at Welcome House. Anything you can contribute would make a huge difference - as well as give you that much needed space back in your cupboards. Please help if you can. Thank you.

School Achievements:

Children mentioned in Good Work assembly:

(This can be for a good piece of work in any subject, good effort or for showing resilience etc.)

YR: Ariella, Y1: Oscar, Y2: Taylor, Y3: Sam, Y4: Cole, Y5: Henry F, Y6: Harry

Children mentioned for demonstrating any one of our values:

YR: Florence, Y1: Daisy & Holly, Y2: Rory, Y3: Haydn, Y4: Louisiana, Y5: Toby, Y6: Skyler

Judoka of the month: Sam C & Seth L

Judo medal for the term: Bella PC

Governor Contacts:

Chair: Helen Brierley: governor.chair@tickton.eriding.net

Feedback: We do appreciate your feedback as it helps us to improve our school further as well as celebrate the things that have gone well, so if you are happy - or not - about something, please let us know.

Parental Feedback:

Date:

Feedback/ Issue:

Name:

Would you like an appointment with Miss Brown to discuss this further?

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