

2nd December 2022

CHRISTMAS AT WATERLOO!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has arrived this week at Waterloo and school is looking lovely. The children and their teachers have produced some beautiful Christmas displays and there was much excitement at the arrival of the Christmas trees.

There is a great deal going on over the Christmas period in school, so we have tried to put all the information you need into one letter, but do ask any of the staff if you have any questions.

Nursery Singalong

The children and staff in Nursery are looking forward to sharing their Christmas singalong with parents and carers on **Wednesday 14th December at 2:30pm.**

Wriggly Nativity

The Reception children and their staff team have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks to put together their Wriggly Nativity. The children have loved learning the songs and trying on their costumes. There will be two performances for families of the Reception children, which will take place on **Wednesday 7th December** (Oak Class) and **Thursday 8th December** (Cherry Class). Both performances will start at 9:30am in the Sports Hall. As the rest of the children in school will be busy working, we are politely asking anyone coming to watch the Nativity, to use the Harris Avenue entrance to the Sports Hall. We will open the gates at 9:20am, which will give everyone time to be seated ahead of the performance.

If you have a child in Reception and you have any questions about the Nativity, please do speak to a member of the teaching team who will be happy to help.

Christmas Dinner

As part of our festive celebrations, we are offering every child in school a free Christmas dinner. Christmas dinner day is always lots of fun and a real highlight of the season. If you have not returned the slip to say that your child would like to opt out, then please see the table below for Christmas dinner dates. If your child normally brings in a packed lunch from home, they will not need one on the day of their dinner.

Christmas dinner dates	Year Groups
Wednesday 14th December	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
Thursday 15th December	Year 5 & Year 6
Friday 16th December	Year 3 & Year 4

Christmas Cards

Children are able to bring Christmas cards in to share with their friends, should they wish to do so. In order to ensure that they are delivered to the correct person, please put the recipient's name **and** class name on the envelope. Your child should hand their card/s to their class teacher.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties are another highlight of the festive period and the children are already looking forward to them. On their party day, the children are encouraged to come to school in non-uniform/party clothes.

Christmas party dates	Year Groups
Monday 12 th December	Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday 15 th December	Nursery, Reception, Year 3 & Year 4

PE

PE lessons will continue until Friday 16th December, so children will need to come to school in their PE kits as normal. **There will be no PE lessons in the last three days of term.**

Family Carols

On **Monday 19th December from 6:00 - 7:00pm**, we will be holding a family carols evening in the Sports Hall. It will be a very relaxed event, the school choir will be performing and there will be the opportunity to share in some carols together. Please do come along and join in with what should be a lovely launch to our last week of term as a school family. We will open the Harris Avenue gates at **5:40pm**, but please refrain from parking on Harris Avenue, as we do not wish to upset our neighbours.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Tuesday 20th December**, we will be holding a Christmas jumper day in school. The children are invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper/non-uniform in exchange for **£1 each or £2 per family**. All the money raised will be donated to Brian House. Brian House is a local charity, who provide specialist care and support for babies, children and young people who have a life-limiting condition. They are a local hospice, and this particular charity holds a special place in the heart of the Waterloo staff family. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

End of Term Arrangements

This term has been an extremely busy one in school. The children and the staff have worked incredibly hard and we are extremely proud of all they have achieved. Your children really are taught by the most wonderful staff team and we are grateful for all their dedication and hard work. A reminder that school will close for Christmas on **Wednesday 21st December at 1:00pm** and we re-open on **Wednesday 4th January 2023** at normal time.

As a staff team, we are really looking forward to celebrating Christmas with your children.

With warm wishes,



Jenny Brown
Head of School