

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## **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, so we have tried to put all of the information that you will need into one letter, but do ask any of the staff if you have any questions.

### **Nursery Sing-a-long**

The children and staff in Nursery are looking forward to sharing their Christmas sing-a-long with parents and carers on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm**. The sing-a-long is open to all Nursery children and their families, even if they do not normally attend Nursery on a Wednesday.

### **The Big Little Nativity**

The Reception children and staff team have been working incredibly hard to put together their Big Little Nativity - the children have absolutely loved learning the songs! There will be three performances for families of the Reception children, which will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** (Oak class), **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** (Cherry class) and **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** (Willow class). The performances will start at 9:30am in the Sports Hall. As the rest of the children in school will be busy working, we politely ask that anyone coming to watch the nativity, uses the Harris Avenue entrance to the Sports Hall. We will open the gates at 9:20am, which will give everyone plenty of 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**

Christmas dinner day is always lots of fun and a real highlight of the season. All children who normally have a school lunch, will automatically be included in the school Christmas dinner numbers. If your child normally brings a packed lunch, but you have returned the slip to say that they would like a one-off school dinner, they will also be included. If your child normally brings a packed lunch and they have not opted for a school Christmas dinner, they will need to bring a packed lunch from home as normal. **Please note, the Nursery lunch is only for children who normally attend Nursery on a Friday.**

Please see the table below for Christmas dinner dates...

<b>Christmas Dinner Dates</b>	<b>Year Groups</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; Year 6</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; Year 4</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 1 &amp; Year 2</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b>

### **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. **Please note, all Nursery children are invited to the Christmas party. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Wednesday, please bring them to school at 9:30am so that they can join in the fun. You can collect them again at 10:30am.**

Christmas Party Dates	Year Groups
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 & Year 3
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1, Year 5 & Year 6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery, Reception & Year 4

## PE

PE lessons will continue until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, so children will need to come to school in their PE kits as normal. **There will be no PE lessons in the last week of term.**

## Family Carols

On **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00pm - 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 **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be holding a Christmas jumper day in school. The children are invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper (or non-uniform if they do not have a Christmas jumper) 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 hearts 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 that 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 **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1:00pm** and will re-open on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** at the normal time.

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

With warm wishes,



Jenny Brown  
**Head of School**