

29th November 2024

CHRISTMAS AT WATERLOO!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is just around the corner and there is a great deal going on over the festive period in school. I have tried to put all the information that you need into one letter, but do ask any of the staff if you have any questions.

Nursery Stay and Play

The children and staff in Nursery are looking forward to sharing their Christmas Stay and Play with parents and carers on **Friday 13th December from 2pm-3pm**. All Nursery children are invited to attend, even if Friday is not one of their regular days in school.

Wiggly Nativity

The Reception children and their staff team are working incredibly hard to put together their Wiggly Nativity. The children are really enjoying learning the songs and trying on their costumes. There will be three performances for families of the Reception children, which will take place on **Tuesday 10th December** (Cherry Class), **Wednesday 11th December** (Willow Class) and **Thursday 12th December** (Oak Class). All three 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. After each performance, we will be taking a retiring collection in support of Brian House.

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 dinner, as well as those children who have specifically opted for a school Christmas dinner, will have their meal on the dates below. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, they will eat alongside their friends, so no one will miss out on the fun!

Christmas Dinner Dates	Year Groups
Monday 9th December	Nursery & Reception
Wednesday 11th December	Year 3 & Year 4
Thursday 12th December	Year 1 & Year 2
Friday 13th December	Year 5 & Year 6

School Council's Christmas Sale

The children on the School Council have asked me to let you know that they will be selling special Christmas items on Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th of December. They will have a stall on the KS2 playground and the Year 1 playground. They will be selling:

- candy cane reindeers
- reindeer food
- biscuits for Father Christmas

All items will be priced at 50p each and all the proceeds will go towards refurbishing our school library. This is a cause that has been chosen by the children, so please do go and support them if you can.

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
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 3

PE

PE lessons will continue until Friday 13th December, so children will need to come to school in their PE kits as normal. **There will be no school-based PE lessons in the last week of term, but swimming will continue for Year 5 as normal.**

Family Carols

On **Tuesday 17th December (6pm - 7pm)**, 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 part of our last week of term. 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. During the evening, we will be taking a retiring collection in support of Brian House.

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 19th 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 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 **Friday 20th December at 1.00pm** and will re-open on **Monday 6th January 2025**, at the normal time. This change to our normal hours means that **there is no Nursery afternoon session and no After School Club on that day**. The last day of term will be a non-uniform day for all children.

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

With warm wishes,



Jenny Brown
Head of School