

Newsletter 9th December 2022

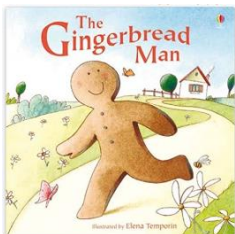
We have such a busy period coming up over the last few weeks of term, so please ensure that you read this newsletter carefully so you are aware of all of the key dates and activities in school.

Key things to remember for next week

- Remember to select your child's festive school meals for Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st December through Evolve <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>
- Tuesday 13th December- Reception trip to see Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Thursday 15th - Friday 16th December Year 1 & 2 Nativity at St Giles Church
- Please see the bottom of the newsletter for future dates

What's been happening in school?

In assemblies this week, we have been learning about the Christmas story, how Christmas is celebrated around the world and reading other Christmas stories. The children learnt many interesting facts about other traditions such as that in Australia Santa has six white boomers (Aussie slang for kangaroos) instead of reindeer to pull his sleigh.

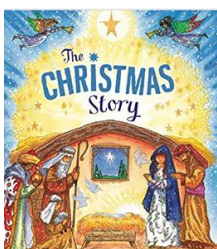


Reception

In Reception, the children have been listening to the story of The Gingerbread Man and doing related experiments with gingerbread biscuits to try to guess what will happen to the biscuit when dipped into drinks of different temperatures. In maths, they have been counting and ordering numbers and looking at one more, or one less than a number. They have also been practising segmenting and writing words.

Year 1

Our classes in Year 1 have been developing their writing skills by writing sentences describing the penguin from the Lost and Found book. They also created a lost poster describing the penguin. Using captions such as 'He has big feet.' 'His beak is yellow.' 'The penguin is lost and sad'. In maths, they have been doing subtraction and learning to take parts away from a whole.



Year 2

The Year 2 children have been retelling the Christmas story in their own way, by making their own books, or puppets and models of the story, or by taking photos of the Christmas Play. In English, they have been consolidating all of the things they have learnt including punctuation, expanded noun phrases, using the past tense correctly, using their handwriting and presentation and proof reading their work for spelling, grammar and punctuation. In maths, they have been describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Letter from UKHSA regarding increase in scarlet fever cases

Yesterday Ms Stevens wrote to all parents regarding the letter, which was issued by the UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency). Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community healthy as we approach the Christmas break.

Reception trip to see Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Reception classes are watching a production of Goldilocks and the Three Bears at Nottingham Playhouse on Tuesday 13th December. We are still requesting a voluntary contribution of £18.50 per child to allow the trip to go ahead which is live on <https://www.parentpay.com/> We still need parent volunteers to help, so if you are able to volunteer, please let your child's class teacher know.

St Giles Christmas tree festival

We are proud to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles Church, which runs today until 17:00 and will continue tomorrow from 10:00 – 17:00. We have donated a tree for the event, decorated with stars that the children have helped to make. The event is free and there will be refreshments and festive music too. Here are some pictures of our tree on display in the church. Please do go along to look at the many trees on display.



Junior School Christmas Community Sing

The Junior School is hosting its Christmas sing on Friday 16th December at 3.30pm. If you have a child at juniors and want to attend, you can pick up your child from Infants at 3pm on that day so you can get to the sing in good time. If you are planning to do this, please drop us an email to office@westbridgford-inf.notts.sch.uk

Staff appointments

We are pleased to announce that Clare Traquair has been successfully appointed as School Office Manager after a recent recruitment process. Clare moves to the position after spending three years in the school office as Office Administrator, so should be a familiar face to all. Commenting on her appointment Claire said: "I'm really excited for this new chapter as I love working here in such a nurturing school."

Pupil Premium and HAF (Holiday Activities and Food programme)

Although all children at Infants are currently entitled to free school meals, some children will be eligible for benefits-related free school meals beyond Infant School. If you think this could be the case for you, then you can find out more information via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. Once you have applied and successfully accepted you will be entitled to free school meals for your child for six years.

You will also have access to free holiday activities. Over the Easter, summer and October half terms, the programme has supported children with free access to holiday clubs and food. Nottinghamshire County Council recently launched its Christmas half-term HAF programme, details of which can be found [here](#)

Healthy Families Consultation

The Rushcliffe Healthy Families team wants to hear your views about health visiting and school health teams. Alongside this newsletter is a poster with the full details of how to complete the survey by the closing date of 16th December.

Dates for Christmas Events in School



Saturday 10th December- School Christmas Fayre

- The School Fayre will be held tomorrow from 13:30-15:30 at the school. There is still time to volunteer to help via this link <https://volunteersignup.org/MKDET>
- There are still a few Stories for Santa slots available to book <https://www.parentpay.com/>



Thursday 15th - Friday 16th December Year 1 & 2 Nativity

The children have been rehearsing their production of *Hosanna Rock* in readiness for their performances on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December at 10:00. The Performance will be staged at St Giles Church on Church Drive West Bridgford. There will be a ticket allocation of two per child/family and you can select whether you would like tickets for the Thursday or Friday, or one on each day. Tickets for these performances will go live on Tuesday 6th December. From today, please check your child's book bag for the tickets.

Spare Tickets

If you find that you have spare tickets for the play please can you return them to the office so they we can distribute them fairly. There has been lots of demand for the Friday date and we would like to ensure that parents who are unable to attend because of work and other commitments get an opportunity to come.



Monday 19th December- Reception Christmas Sing (classes 1, 2 &3)

The Reception Christmas sing for children, parents and carers is on 19th December from 14:15- 15:00. If you would like to arrive at 14:15 the PTA will be serving festive drinks and treats for a small contribution. Weather dependant, we will be holding this in the playground, so dress up warm!



Tuesday 20th December- Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 20th December, the children will be having a hot Christmas dinner at lunchtime in school. The menu has been updated for this day, so you will need to go back into Evolve and select their choice from the new Christmas dinner options <https://www.myevolvehub.com/login>. This is also our traditional Christmas Jumper day, so all children are welcome to come in wearing their jumpers on that day.



Wednesday 21st December – Christmas Party day

Our Christmas party day will be on the last day of term. Children can come to school in their party clothes, and will be enjoying a festive party lunch and will be participating in lots of fun festive games. As with the Christmas lunch, the menu has changed for this day on Evolve, so please log on and make your selections for this date. Children that normally bring in a packed lunch are welcome to order Christmas meals on both of these days.

Key dates

We have set as many dates as possible for the year ahead and we will try to honour these dates, however dates may have to be changed due to circumstances outside our control. More detailed information about individual events will be shared over the coming weeks.

2022-23	Monday 19 th December Tuesday 20 th December Wednesday 21 st December Wednesday 4 th January	Reception Christmas sing along at WBIS 14:15-15:00 Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Party day Last day of term – school finishes for Christmas break First day of Spring term
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