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All Children
deserve to feel...



To create a school where we all:
go further than we thought!
run faster than we hoped!
reach higher than we dreamed!
to become the people God meant us to be!!!!

Dated: 8th December 2016

Dear Parents & Pupils,

Here is newsletter number 13 for this academic year;

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2.	Christmas Parties
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1. The Nativity play will be taking place on Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm in the school hall, all are welcome.

FOSS ARE HOLDING THEIR AGM FOLLOWING THE NATIVITY, PLEASE STAY AND OFFER YOUR SUPPORT IN ANY WAY YOU ARE ABLE.

2. The children will be having their class Christmas parties on Thursday 15th December, they are invited to come to school in party clothes, but PLEASE could they bring warm coats as they will be having playtimes outside as usual. Also a warning that the children will be making party hats on Thursday morning so there will be an abundance of glue and glitter around, so please bear this in mind when your child chooses their outfit! Class teachers will be sending home letters before the end of the week regarding party food.

3. Children in Years 3-6 who will be starting swimming in January, please check your child's book bag for a letter giving details.

4. The Christingle Service this year, will be taking place at All Hallows Church on Sunday 11th December at 4.30pm, all are very welcome to attend. Each family will be given a candle money collecting pot, which they are invited to fill and then bring along to the service. All the money collected will go to The Children's Society. If you are unable to attend the service and would like to make a donation please leave your collection pot at the school office and we will arrange for it to be forwarded.

5. A reminder that the FOSS wreath making evening takes place on Friday 9th December at 6.30pm.



6. This year, the children's Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 13th December. I would like to encourage all children to join us for this meal. Last year almost all of the children took part and it would be lovely this year if every single child joined in, as this adds to the atmosphere when we're all involved! If your child is years R, Y1, Y2 school meals are free under the universal infant free school meal scheme. If they are in Y3-6 the cost of a school meal is £2.10



We are also inviting children to wear a 'Christmassy' jumper or top on this day to add to the festive atmosphere.

If children would like to wear their Christmas jumpers until the end of term they are very welcome, this will add to the festive feel around school.



7. Thank you very much to all the parents who have started using 'easyfundraising'. If you have not already registered but intend to do some of your Christmas shopping online this is a very easy way for us to raise money for school fund whilst you shop. School fund goes towards subsidising trips and swimming and is used for purchasing extra resources for the school.

easyfundraising
.org.uk

The easy fundraising organisation helps charities, schools, sports clubs and other good causes to raise money when their supporters shop online. It works in a similar way to nectar, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for the school fund. It's very simple - just visit

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sotfprimary/> to register and when you shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more the retailer makes a donation to the school. It doesn't cost you anymore to shop through easyfundraising and we would really welcome your support so that we can boost our school fund in this very simple way.

8. A Carol singing evening is being held this evening at THURSDAY 8th December in the village church from 6.15 pm - 7.15 pm, all are welcome. We usually have this event in the school hall but as the nativity play is in the hall this year we thought it would be nice to sing in the church. We hope that some of parents who were unable to attend our Christmas tree decorating assembly will be able to join us on this occasion. FOSS will be serving mulled wine and mince pies before the service, donations of mince pies will be gratefully received.



9. Instead of giving homework this week Mrs. Comito and Miss Hodkin would like the children in her class to learn their lines for the nativity play... thank you!

10. Well done to all the Year 6 children who cycled through the rain and all completed and passed their 'Bikeability' training. This training is carried out with our Year 6 children each year and aims to promote safe cycling.

11. For those children singing in the Young Voices Concert on 11th January there are now just 5 weeks to learn all the songs, so please continue practising