



### **Christmas Festival**

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to everyone involved with last weekend's Leigh on Mendip Christmas Festival - staff, FOLS, stallholders, Father Christmas and all those other people who helped make it such a success. On Friday evening the messages were flying around regarding the incoming storm and in the end we had to make a decision to postpone the event as we did not want to risk anyone's safety. However, thanks to all of those people mentioned above, we were then able to move the event to Sunday and it was such a great success. We sold more Christmas trees than last year, had an overwhelming number of children visit Father Christmas and also had fantastic feedback from stallholders. I know the staff are already looking ahead to next year to make the event even bigger and more successful!

### **Robins Preschool**

We are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Devoney Payne, our preschool leader, who will be moving on to a different role after the Christmas break. She started with us at the end of April this year and has brought in many new ideas to the preschool, while also having such a kind and caring nature with all of our youngest children. I would like to thank her for all she has done in Robins and wish her the very best as she moves on.

### **Pantomime**

Shortly before writing the newsletter, we saw two coachloads of excited children heading off to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch this year's pantomime, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. This is becoming a really popular annual tradition, enjoyed by all our pupils and staff. I'm sure you will all look forward to hearing all about it later.

### **Next week's events**

As always, the last week of term before Christmas is jam-packed with different events and performances. This starts in the Memorial Hall on Monday afternoon with the Starlings, who have been busy practising their nativity. On Wednesday not only do we have Christmas Jumper Day, as well as our school Christmas dinner, but we then also have a carol concert in the afternoon with the children in Goldfinches and Swallows performing a wide range of Christmas songs. Then on Thursday it is the turn of the Kingfishers, with our Reception and Year 1 children performing their nativity, before the FOLS movie night in our school hall (please see below). Term finishes on Friday but not before the classes have had their Christmas parties.

Finally, a reminder that Term 3 starts on Tuesday 7th January for the children (there is an In-Service Day on Monday 6th January). Hope you all have a great weekend.

**Mr Turull**



### Diary Dates

#### December

Monday 16th

Wednesday 18th

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Thursday 19th

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**Friday 20th**

Starling Class Christmas Nativity 2-3pm - LOM Memorial Hall

Swallows/Goldfinches Carol Service and short play 2-3pm - LOM Memorial Hall

**Christmas Lunch Day - Children are able to wear Christmas Jumpers**

Kingfisher Class Christmas Nativity 2-3pm - LOM Memorial Hall

FOLS Movie night

**End of Term 2**

### Notices

- **FOLS Christmas Movie** - Held after school on Thursday 19th December. Please see poster in reception for more details.
- **Christmas Jumpers** - Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday 18th December.
- **Clubs** - There will be **no clubs** during the last week of school - 16th December - 20th December.
- **Seesaw** - Can we ask that urgent/daily messages are sent to the office rather than Seesaw. Teachers don't always see messages on Seesaw during teaching hours and therefore messages can be missed.
- **Swimming** - Goldfinch and Swallow class will be swimming as normal next week. After Christmas, it will be Starling's turn to swim. Details are now on Parent Pay.
- **Book Fair** - We would like to thank everyone for supporting our book fair. We have been able to raise over £400 to spend on free books!!!

**FOLS**

**easy christmas**

**£5 per child for drinks & snacks**  
**(veg/fruit, popcorn/crisps & sweets)**



**Thursday 19th December LOM School Hall**

**3:15pm - 4:30pm**

**Children can bring a teddy and a blanket**

**P.S we are showing something festive!**

**Please note: Robins children, MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian.**

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### FOLS 100 Club

We are excited to announce our 100 club winners!

1st Place (£30) - Number 16 - Shaun Farrow

2nd Place (£20) - Number 3 - Emma Leat

3rd Place (£10) - Number 27 - Emma Brooks

If you would like to be included in the next 100 club draw, please contact the school office or a member of

FOLS.



Save the Date!



Sign up sheets coming home in bookbags on Monday.



### News from the Classrooms



This week in Robins we have been talking about Christmas and doing a lot of Christmas activities. We had great fun playing in Santa's Grotto



This week, Kingfisher class have worked very hard to complete their phonics and maths assessments. We wrote letters for Santa and we also shared our dreams in writing. The reception children are very excited to go on their first school trip tomorrow!



Starling Class were very excited to be awarded their marble jar treat this week. We changed into comfortable clothes, watched this film, ate popcorn/crisps and enjoyed a cup of squash. The children have worked so hard; they really deserved this treat.



Goldfinch class have started their new RE topic, Christianity. They have been learning all about the Christmas story and Christian beliefs. As a class they were able to order the different parts of the story and retell it as a class.



Swallows have been putting their sewing skills to the test to create a stuffed toy. They have been using blanket stitches to sew the two sides together and running stitches for their appliqués. I have been really impressed with their skill and perseverance especially when threading the needles.

