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### Important Diary Dates:

#### 2023/24 Inset Days:

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Year 1 Hearing Screening:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Emerald Christmas Show:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Shows will be 2pm & 6pm

**Music Performance:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm (in school hall)

**Christmas Lunch:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (1.30pm & 6.00pm)

**Choir singing at GCCA WOW Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

**Reception Vision Screening:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (info emailed home this week).

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 94.19% (of which 0.95% was unauthorised). The school target is 96%. We appreciate there are still a number of children ill this week. Hopefully, our attendance will be higher again soon.

The attendance for each class was:

- Diamond Class: 95.67%
- Emerald Class: 94.35%
- Zircon Class: 91.90%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.02%.

### Maths Whizz:

Congratulations to our Emerald pupils for winning the Maths Whizz trophy this week.

### Christmas Lunch: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

Many thanks for confirming your Christmas lunch order.

If any parents/carers would like to come and help during the lunchtime, please let Mrs. Thomas know.

### Staff Update:

We would like to inform parents that, from January, Mrs Knight will be reducing her hours, and will no longer be working on Fridays. Instead, the Diamond Class will be taught by Mrs Ellis on Fridays.

### Christmas Cards:

The Christmas Card post-box will be available from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure all cards are clearly labelled with first name and surname along with the child's class. Please post by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. The cards can then be given out to the children in the final week of term.

### Music Performance:

We are inviting all our parents to join us for a short music performance on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm, where all three classes will be sharing some of the amazing musical skills and songs they have been learning this term.

### Parent Pay:

As we are approaching the end of term, please could we ask that you check your account and balances, and make any necessary payments before the end of term.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

### Attendance Update:

Attendance at school is vital, and the statutory attendance legislation makes it clear that children are expected to attend school every day to ensure they benefit fully from their education.

We will be writing to all parents in the last full week of term to outline your child's attendance for this academic year so far. We may follow up with those children whose attendance falls below the national average. If you wish to discuss anything regarding your child's attendance, please let us know.

## After School Sports Clubs:

### High-5 Netball & Ball Skills Club:

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
(CANCELLED)

### Football & Ball Skills Club :

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Lego League Club: (for Y5/6 only):

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:

The Diamond and Zircon Christmas Show is taking place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm in The Old Chapel. Children will be expected to perform in both shows.

Tickets will be available for sale next week.

**Due to space constraints, each family will be allocated two tickets per show.**

Tickets will be £2.00 per ticket. We will be keeping a reserve list for any extra tickets if they become available.

## Emerald Christmas Show:

Just a reminder that the Emerald Christmas Show is taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. The times of the performances are 2pm and 6pm.

Each child will be allocated two places, per show, per child. Tickets will not be required, but please note there will only be space for two people per show (infants on laps is fine). Thanks.

## PTA Christmas Celebration:



## Coast Activity Xmas Holiday Programme:

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a funded meal for every child. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely funded for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.



## Crofty MAT Advent Calendar:

We're delighted to share the Crofty Active Advent 2023.

It contains 24 days of fun filled exercise, including Cosmic Yoga, Just Dance, Grinch & Elf workouts.

Please click [here](#) to open it.

## The Big Ambition – Have your say!

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England.

**The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

**The Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 15th December. Click [here](#) to open.