



# The Grove Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

Well, Christmas is well and truly on its way here at The Grove. Our youngest children have performed in an amazing Nativity production and it has been so lovely to see the hall full of family and friends. I haven't had the privilege of hosting a Christmas performance since becoming Head here and I had forgotten how special these occasions are. Thank you for joining us and making such special memories.

As the term comes to an end, the children will be busy with various Christmas learning activities but will also have the option of watching a film during one of the afternoons. Watch out for any parent mail messages where we may ask you to let us know if you prefer your child not to watch a PG rated film.

I would like to take a moment to thank Mrs Ramsey for sorting out our trip to the panto this year. 281 children, staff and visitors left school at 9.30 on Tuesday morning and had an amazing time at the theatre. This also included Fledglings Class. Any school outing takes time to organise but taking the whole school is another endeavour entirely. Mrs Ramsey is taking a short rest before she starts to plan next year's!

I am also pleased to tell you that the ticket and raffle sales for our nursery festive singalong raised £138 which is amazing. This will be split between some new role play items in nursery and the local foodbank at the church where we held our event.

Finally, thank you all for your support this term. It has been amazing and seems to have gone past even more quickly than usual. From all of us here, please have a lovely break and enjoy Christmas.

See you all on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Miss Shaw

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	14:00 16:00	School closes for Christmas The Orchard closes for Christmas
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	ALL DAY	School Closed – INSET Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	8:45	Children return to school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	During school day	Individual School Photographs

## IMPORTANT – NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please may I remind you once again that **NO** nuts or nut products should be sent into school for snack or in packed lunches. Despite recent requests, we have still had instances of peanut butter and peanut M&Ms in school. Nut free alternatives are available e.g. 'Wowbutter'.

We have several children in school with allergies. I'm sure I don't need to remind you that allergies are potentially life-threatening and hence the importance of this request.



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## Attendance



lass Name	% attendance from Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
The Aviary	62%
Gosling	87%
Wren	93%
Ostrich	87%
Kookaburra	87%
Flamingo	86%
Kingfisher	86%
Toucan	88%
Hummingbird	90%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>87%</b>



On Tuesday, the Key Stage 2 Choir sang beautifully in Arbury Court for the switching on of the Christmas Lights. It was lovely to see so many parents there to watch. A big thank you to Mr Randall and Mrs Starkswood for their hard work in preparing the children and accompanying them on the day!



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Rosettes have been presented to:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Hummingbird: Khai, Jordon, Hallie

Toucan: Braden, Ellie

Kingfisher: Sophie, Riley

Kookaburra: Julia, Harshan, Sannidhi

Ostrich: Logan, Deanna

Flamingo: Gabriel, Arthur

Wren: Michael, Naotaro

Gosling: Mae, Jason, Chinua

Aviary: Zach, Lena

Fledglings: Mason



The children in our Orchard After School Club have been having lots of fun in the run up to Christmas.

Mr Kingsford meets the Elf and Safety Officer

Soaring through the Knight Sky!

If your child would like to attend the Orchard and you aren't already registered, details can be obtained from the school office.