



Fritchley CofE (Aided) Primary and Nursery School

December 2023

Thank you all for your continued support of the school this term. I know at times it has been incredibly busy! As always, the children at Fritchley have been a delight and the adults in school have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them. From everyone here at Fritchley, we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year. Mrs Turner

Staffing

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to our caretaker Mr Kimberley. He will be well and truly missed by all but hopefully we will all get to see him when he collects his grandchildren from school. Mr Shaw (not related to Mrs Shaw) will be starting with us in January.

Mrs Shaw has also been offered a fantastic secondment opportunity to take up the position of Co-Headteacher at Ashbourne Primary School from April–December. Mrs Hurton, a very experienced Early Years Teacher, is very excited to be joining our team. Over the last term, she has worked as a supply teacher across the school so is well known to the children. She is passionate about learning through play, using the outdoors and forming strong links with families. During the Spring term we will organise some stay and play sessions so families can get to know her better.

The Friends of Fritchley

Thank you to all those who brought their children to the Winter disco and either worked on a stall or enjoyed the loudness of Mrs Devonport's awesome DJ set. This event was the busiest that it has ever been and it raised £444.68! Also a huge thank you for all the donations that we received to create the wonderful hampers and to Katy Heavens for putting them all together. The raffle will be drawn at the Nativity on Wednesday evening and prizes will be sent home on Thursday 21st.



Haddon's Fund raiser

Haddon class still have some Christmas Bulb gifts left.
Tulips and Hyacinths £3
Daffodils £1



Crib service at St. Mary's

On December 24th at 4pm, a Crib service will be held at St. Mary's led by Lynn Penson and friends. This short service is an opportunity for families with children to spend an hour engaging with the story of the nativity in a way that is suitable for all ages as we approach Christmas day.

Bring your family to school

After the success of the last 'Bring your family to school' event we would like to have another. We have introduced new writing strategies this year in school and the children and staff would like to share these with you. These sessions will take place on:

Monday 29th January—Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5

Wednesday 31st January—Reception, Year 2, Year 4, Year 6

It is a lovely opportunity to come and join in with your child's learning. However, if you are unable to make this, don't worry there will be another one in the Summer term.

January 8th INSET day 9th Open to children 15th Swimming starts 15th Boys futsal comp 25th Girls futsal comp 29th Bring Your Family to School morning 29th KS1 dodgeball comp 31st Bring Your Family to School Morning	February 5th Y3/4 dodgeball comp 15th Y5/6 dodgeball comp 15th Bikeability 16th Bikeability 16th Last day 26th Open to children	March 4th World Book Week 7th World Book Day 7th KS2 Gymnastics comp 20th Chatsworth residential 21st KS2 Tag rugby comp 25th Last swimming 28th Cross country comp 28th Last day	April 15th INSET day 16th Open to children 22nd Swimming starts
May 24th Last day	June 3rd INSET day	July 8th Last swimming 16th Reports 23rd Last day (Tuesday)	September 4th INSET day 5th Open to children (Thursday)

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact - Mrs. Turner: Designated Safeguarding lead or Mrs. Shaw: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tel: 01773 852216

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