



# RECTORY FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

During the last two weeks we have been visited by leaders from our Academy Trust who came to observe learning and teaching at Rectory Farm. Our visitors were highly impressed with the standards of education at our school and made the following comments:

*'Learning behaviours were very positive in all classes. There was an atmosphere of calm, purposeful learning. Children were either listening to the teacher or working independently on tasks. This was consistent across all classes.'*

*'Strong, positive relationships between children and staff were evident across the school.'*

From a sporting perspective, this term has continued to be as busy as ever with so many of our children participating in sporting events and competitions across the town. Our Cross-Country Team performed brilliantly at the Town Competition in Abington Park earlier in the month. In addition, children have competed in football, kurling and boccia tournaments. Congratulations to all involved!

A reminder to all parents to register on the Rectory Farm's Twitter Account as this is a great way to keep up to date with all that Rectory Farm Primary School has to celebrate. To find us search '@rectoryfarmpri'. Thank you.

It's hard to believe that we only have three weeks left until the end of term and as is usual for this time of year, the dairy is very full! Please see below for events in the run up to the Christmas break:

## **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Open Classroom for Rowan Class (Year 3)**

This is a wonderful opportunity to see you child learning in their classroom. This will be an English lesson. Please come along to the front entrance of school at 9am. The lesson will finish at 10am.

## **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Outfit Day**

On this day we are inviting everyone to come to school dressed in a Christmas theme e.g. a Christmas jumper, clothes of Christmas colours, add some tinsel to your hair etc. In exchange, we would like each child to bring contributions towards a class Christmas hamper. Themes for each class are as follows:

Reception- Chocolate

Year 1- Sweets

Year 2- Activities

Year 3- Pamper

Year 4- Battles

Year 5- Savouries

Year 6- Christmas

Raffle tickets will be sold on the playground each morning and after school and can also be bought from the school office. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Christingle Assembly on the last day of term. All procedures will go towards our next project which will be to paint some markings onto the playground.

### **11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception, Years 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity**

There will be two concerts at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets will be on sale, at a cost of £1 each, from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. They can be bought from the main school office and will be allocated on a first come first come basis. Due to limited seating capacity in the hall, tickets will be limited to two per child per performance. Thank you.

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Children who attend the after-school dance club will perform to parents at 4pm.

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Year 3 and 4 to visit Northampton Academy**

There is no cost for this trip. Children will be walking to Northampton Academy and will return to school in time for their Christmas lunch!

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Whole School Christmas lunch**

Please make sure that you have booked this for your child using School grid by 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please ask at the school office.

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Whole school trip to the Pantomime**

Children will have an early lunch and we will arrive back in school in time for the end of the school day.

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Christingle Assembly**

Children will be making their Christingles in school. This year school will be providing the oranges. The Christingle assembly will start at 9.15am to which all parents and carers are warmly welcomed.

**School closes for the Christmas holidays at 3.15pm and opens again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

Our Christmas post-box will be set up in our entrance area next week so if children would like to get writing Christmas messages to their friends, we are all set to go! Please remind you child to add the class name to the envelope.

The next few weeks promises to be a busy and exciting time for everyone!

Warm regards

**Mrs Sarah Heslop**  
**Headteacher**