

#### **Headteacher's Newsletter 3**

November 2024

As promised, here is the detailed newsletter explaining all of the events that we have coming up between now and the end of term.

### **Christmas Hampers**

For the past few years we have made and delivered Christmas Hampers for many families in our community as a result of donations received from parents and staff. Last year we were able to create 24 hampers and the joy and gratitude of the families was overwhelming. If you feel that you could help us to do this again this year, we would be extremely grateful. We would be asking for donations of the 'nice' additional things to help to make Christmas special, for example, boxes of chocolates or sweets, mince pies, Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, selection boxes, Christmas crackers. We will put the trolley out at the main gate in the mornings but would of course accept donations at any time. Thank you so much in advance — your kindness really will make a difference.

### **Christmas Cards**

The post boxes will be in shared areas from Monday! If your child would like to write Christmas cards for their friends, please could you make sure that the class is written on the envelope to make sure it gets to the correct child. If you need a list of names from your child's class, please ask in the office.

### Christmas Shop - Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th

The Friends of Loughton Manor have been extremely busy shopping, wrapping and writing labels for the Christmas Shop next week. If your child is taking part, please could you send in a carrier bag with their name and class on and give it to their class teacher between now and Wednesday. Your child will bring their gifts home on Wednesday or Thursday next week.

#### **FS2 Nativities**

The FS2 children are busily preparing for their Nativity which will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. We would ask that if you are a parent of a Zebra that you try to come to watch on the Tuesday, and on the Thursday if you are a parent of a Tiger. If you are unable to watch at the allocated time, please do attend on the other day. If you are attending, please ensure that you arrive in good time as the performances will begin at 9.30am. We would ask that if you have a younger child with you, that you leave the performance if they become upset as this can be distracting for the children and affect the enjoyment of other parents.

#### **Attendance**

Good attendance is 96% or above and this is our target. Our attendance is currently 95.8%

Tigers' Class had the highest attendance last week – well done!



### **Upcoming Events**

4.12.24 & 5.12.24 - Christmas Shop

10.12.24 - 9.30am - FS2 Nativity (Zebras)

12.12.24 - 9.30am - FS2 Nativity (Tigers)

12.12.24 - 10.45am & 2.15pm - Monkeys' Christmas Singsong

13.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.24 – Year Two to Loughton School's Winter Wonderland

17.12.24 – 6.45pm - Family Christmas
Carol Concert at Christ the Cornerstone
Church

18.12.24 - School Christmas Dinner

18.12.24 - Year Two Christmas parties

19.12.24 – FS & Year One Christmas parties

20.12.24 - Colonel Custard Entertainer

20.12.24 - LAST DAY OF TERM

6.1.25 - First Day of Spring Term

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### Monkeys' Christmas Singsong

This will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.45am and 2.15pm in the main school hall. If your child is an 'all day' child, you may choose which session to attend.

#### **Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be supporting Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day. Children may come in wearing non-uniform and a Christmas jumper. The suggested voluntary donation is £2. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, any red or green clothing would be great!

#### Last week of term fun!

As there are so many exciting things happening in the last week of term, children are able to wear their own clothes to school from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> onwards. Parties will be funded by the Friends of Loughton Manor – on these days children may choose to wear their party clothes if they wish!

## **Family Carol Concert**

Our Family Carol Concert will be taking place at Christ the Cornerstone Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Children will need to arrive in their **school uniform** at 6.15pm – please do not arrive earlier than this as staff will still be setting up and will not be available to supervise your child. The concert will start at 6.45pm. Monkeys' children are welcome to attend but we would ask that they sit with parents throughout the concert. The concert should last for approximately one hour. **Some** children in Year Two will be asked to wear different clothes. If your child comes home with a costume to wear, we would ask that they arrive at the church, already wearing their costume.

## Year Two to Loughton School – 17th December

Once again, we are incredibly lucky that Year Two Children have been invited to Loughton School's Winter Wonderland on 17<sup>th</sup> December. This will take place during the school day.

## Colonel Custard - 20th December

Colonel Custard the entertainer who is well-loved at Loughton Manor will be performing for all of the children on this day. We would ask that you make a voluntary contribution of £1.50 via Parentmail, to enable this to take place.

The last day of school is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and we return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

# **Safeguarding Team at Loughton Manor**







