



24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

So – it's definitely beginning to feel like Christmas is just around the corner...! Please read this newsletter to find out about our plans for nativities, fairs, sponsored events and the big man's visit – to name but a few!

### **Christmas events and arrangements**

Most of the events below are already timetabled in our electronic calendar (available via our website – or clicking on this link <https://teamup.com/ksfjvfqm7uh79bp6mq>).

- **30.11.2023:** Friends' Christmas Film Night (YR to Y6) 3:30PM – 5:15PM in the school hall. Information regarding this event has already been shared.
- **05.12.2023:** Pre-school and Reception Nativity. Parents and carers will be welcomed into the school hall via the main entrance from 9:00AM: the performance will start at 9:30AM. Tickets are not required.
- **05.12.2023:** Christmas Dinner Day
- **07.12.2023:** Christmas Jumper Day – we'd love to see as many Christmas jumpers and any other Christmas accessories (tinsel, hairbands etc.) as possible! There is no donation required for this event due to the Christmas Fair entry fee.
- **07.12.2023:** Cheveley Christmas Fair – this is a joint Friends and school event. The main doors will open at 2:00PM and there is a £1 entry fee. The Friends will have a variety of stalls and refreshments set up in the school hall and are looking forward to welcoming as many parents, carers and family members as possible. Our children in Year 1 to Year 6 (including our EMP children) will sing at 3:00PM. Due to the number of children we have singing – and the number of parents and carers wanting to watch – the performance will take place on the school yard. Anyone coming to watch this event, will enter via the main entrance and through the school hall. There are no limitations on the number of parents and carers able to attend this event. Further information about the stalls on offer etc. will be shared on Facebook shortly. As always – our Christmas events are well attended and all profits made are directly reinvested into the children.
- **08.12.2023:** Team Cheveley's sponsored Santa walk! As in previous years, our Christmas themed sponsored event is in aid of St. Cuthbert's Hospice. This year we plan on walking from school, to Cheveley shops and back – as a whole school! This may not be a great distance – but it is no mean feat to take 230 children (plus staff!) on a walk, together, round the local area! We'd love it if parents and carers could support us as we walk the route and cheer us on. Sponsor forms and further details regarding this event will be shared very shortly.

***As it is important that school always holds up-to-date contact information for our pupils, please let staff in the Main Office know straight away if any of your personal details (phone numbers / addresses etc.) change. The same applies should you change your mind regarding your options on the photographic consent forms. Thank you.***



- **11.12.2023:** It's Pantomime time...oh yes it is! Children in Year 1 to Year 6 (including our EMP children) will experience a fantastic pantomime production in school.
- **12.12.2023:** Reception Christmas party (PM)
- **13.12.2023:** Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party (PM)
- **14.12.2023:** Breakfast Club Christmas party & Year 1 and Year 2 party (PM)
- **15.12.2023:** Pre-school Christmas party (AM) and Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (PM)
- **18.12.2023:** A special visitor arrives in school and meets all children...☺
- **19.12.2023:** Last day – school breaks up for the Christmas holidays

Teachers will send any relevant information for their class (regarding the above or any extra events, i.e. school trips) in their Friday emails – and any whole-school additional information will be sent via email or shared on Facebook.

We love Christmas at Cheveley Park and hope to see as many of you as possible over the festive period.

### **Parents' Evening**

What a fabulous turn-out we had at our parents' evening this year! Thank you. So many of you were able to book appointments with your class teacher. Our new additional parents' evening for parents and carers of children with SEND were also very well attended and positively received.

### **Arbor**

We can only apologise for the ongoing issues we are currently having with Arbor payments: this is affecting everyone and we fully understand the frustration it is causing. Please continue to bear with us – Karl is regularly in touch with colleagues from the LA and Arbor who are trying to rectify the problem for us. Please refer to the email Karl sent earlier this week regarding payments etc. Again – thank you for your patience with this.

### **Parking**

I continue to receive regular complaints from residents living around the school about inconsiderate parking from our parents and carers. Please make sure driveways are not blocked / partially blocked and cars are not double parked along the streets. It is vital that there is always accessibility to our main gates for emergency vehicles.

### **Non-prescribed medication**

Just to remind you that, in accordance with our revised policy and new guidelines, we can now administer non-prescribed medication to children in school. Being able to administer Calpol during the school day has often prevented a child having to be sent home poorly. Thank you to those who have already given consent via Arbor. If you need any help with this, please contact Karl in the office.

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible during our Christmas events.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes



Amy Goodwin (Headteacher)

***As it is important that school always holds up-to-date contact information for our pupils, please let staff in the Main Office know straight away if any of your personal details (phone numbers / addresses etc.) change. The same applies should you change your mind regarding your options on the photographic consent forms. Thank you.***