



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an extremely busy term and I cannot believe that tomorrow is our last day! It was a shame that we had to make the decision to cancel our Christmas Fayre and Breakfast with Santa but I hope that you understood our reasons for this.

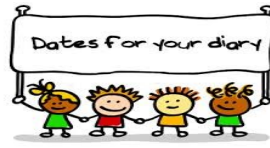
Last week, the whole school thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the pantomime. They behaved impeccably during the walk there and back and throughout the performance and staff at the Woodville Halls said that they had been the most enthusiastic audience so far (oh yes they were!).

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 did fantastically with their Christmas productions; a big thank you to the staff for their hard work and to you, the parents, for your support. The costumes were lovely and the children learnt their lines and songs superbly. I hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we did!

Today, we enjoyed Big Maths Beat That, a brilliant St Bot's Got Talent (expertly hosted by Mr Stanton) followed by class parties. We are really looking forward to the KS2 Carol Concert at the Church tomorrow, although are sorry that parents are unable to join us this year.

I would like to wish you all a safe, healthy and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in 2022!

Kind regards  
Mrs Amy Chitty  
Head Teacher



### TERM 2

- Thur 16 Big Maths Beat That (am)  
St Botolph's Got Talent (pm)  
Christmas Parties  
Fri 17 9.30 Carol Service at Church  
**1.30 End of Term 2**

### January

- Tue 4 **Staff Development Day**  
Wed 5 **Start of Term 3**  
Fri 7 9.30 Epiphany Service at Church  
Fri 14 9.00 Eucharist—Y3H  
Mon 17 Tu B'Shevat (Judaism)  
Thur 20 American Day Lunch  
Fri 21 FOSB Pyjama Day  
9.00 Eucharist—Y2M  
Fri 28 FOSB StoryTime (YR/1)  
9.00 Eucharist—Y1P

### February

- Tue 1 Chinese New Year (Tiger)  
Fri 4 9.00 Eucharist—Y6E  
FOSB February Discos  
Mon 7 E-Safety and Anti-Bullying Week  
Tue 8 Safer Internet Day  
Thur 10 **End of Term 3**  
Fri 11 **Staff Development Day**  
Mon 21 **Staff Development Day**  
Tue 22 **Start of Term 4**

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

We have been informed that, due to essential gas works, Robinia Avenue will be closed to traffic from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for approximately 6 weeks. Access will be maintained for residents and a signed diversion route will be displayed. Our 'top gate' will still be accessible by foot but please take additional care whilst the works are in progress.



### Termly Attendance

We continually monitor attendance and punctuality and pupils with persistent lateness and unauthorised absence will be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

**Well done to Year 5 Chestnut Class, who have had the best attendance this term at 97.5%.**

### TERM DATES 2021—2022

#### TERM 3

5th January —10th February 2022

#### TERM 4

22nd February —1st April 2022

#### TERM 5

19th April —26th May 2022

#### TERM 6

7th June —22nd July 2022

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

4<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2022  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (Trust Day)  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### TERM DATES 2022—2023

#### TERM 1

1st September—20th October 2022

#### TERM 2

2nd November—16th December 2022

#### TERM 3

4th January —10th February 2023

#### TERM 4

20th February —31st March 2023

#### TERM 5

18th April —26th May 2023

#### TERM 6

5th June —21st July 2023

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

30th September 2022  
1st November 2022  
3rd January 2023  
20th March 2023 (Trust Day)  
17th April 2023  
3rd July 2023

**DON'T FORGET THAT SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM TOMORROW!**

**(ST BOTS CLUB WILL RUN UNTIL 3.00PM)**



### Author appreciation

Our Reader Leaders' team have chosen Enid Blyton as their second author to promote reading for pleasure.



Their recommendations are:

[The Magic Faraway Tree](#)  
[The Enchanted Wood](#)  
[Five on a Treasure Island](#)  
[First Term at Malory Towers](#)  
[Secret Seven Adventure](#)

### Three great offers this Christmas to support families with children eligible for benefit related free school meals

- A free two-week bus pass for unlimited travel on Kent's buses between 18th December 2021 and 3rd January 2022. Full terms and conditions are available on the [Reconnect website](#).
- Supermarket vouchers. Families will be emailed an eVoucher for £15 per child per week. (Vouchers are also going to be available for the Spring half term and Easter holidays in 2022!)
- A chance to enrol children in The Holiday Activities and Food Programme. Full details and information can be found via the following link: [Christmas Holiday Fun with the HAF Programme \(theeducationpeople.org\)](#)

If you think your child might be eligible for free school meals, please contact the School Office, who will be able to check for you.

### ST BOTS CLUB

Could we please ask that parents go to the Studio to pick up their children from our St Bots Club and not wait in their cars.

Don't forget that the Club will only run until 3.00pm tomorrow, Friday 17th December.



### Forest Bots

Children across all year groups have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School classes this year.

We have had some really positive feedback from parents and are so grateful that we are able to offer this valuable experience to our pupils.



### A polite reminder ...

Once again, could we please urge parents/carers to show respect for local residents when parking. We have had a number of complaints of blocked emergency access routes and driveways, particularly in Watercress Way.

Thank you.

### Thought for December ...

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."*

Mother Theresa

### Sports News!

Congratulations to the following children for gaining Star Awards for their sporting achievements since October!

Abbie	-	Karate
Amy	-	Swimming
Caitlyn-Rose	-	Boxing
Charlie	-	Swimming
Eliza	-	Theatre School
George	-	Karate
Harlie-May	-	Gymnastics
Jacob	-	Rugby
Katy	-	Dancing
Lilly	-	Boxing
Lily	-	Boxing
Livvie	-	Football
Rylan	-	Karting
Sophie	-	Boxing
Tiana	-	Gymnastics
Victoria	-	Walking
Zenith	-	Karate

Also, a big well done to Year 4 for improving their swimming skills since September!



### BBC Radio Kent's Community Carol Service

We recently submitted recordings of our choir singing at the Mayor's Carol Concert to BBC Radio Kent and are delighted to let you know that they will be using our recording of 'Do You Hear What I Hear' as part of their Community Carol Service. This will be broadcast on Christmas Eve at 5.00pm and on Christmas Day at 6.00am and 1.00pm. Our recording may also be played across their programmes from 17th December.

You can also listen to the recordings on our School website at: <https://www.st-botolphs.kent.sch.uk/news/the-mayors-carol-service>

