

## NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Koosa Kids

Meghan and Jack from Koosa Kids paid us a visit today to introduce themselves and share exciting details about the activities they'll be offering in the new year. They also expressed how much they are looking forward to being part of the Holmesdale family!

### Pets As Therapy Dog

We are thrilled to welcome Lottie, our new Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog, and her caregiver, Cheryl! Following Bernard's retirement, Lottie has joined us to spread joy and companionship. Today's visit was wonderful, and we're excited to get to know them both better.



### Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children

The children looked wonderful in their festive Christmas jumpers and had a great time enjoying their Christmas lunch! A big thank you for supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Your generous donations are truly appreciated and will make a big difference. If you'd still like to donate, you can do so [here](#).

### Class Christmas Parties

Thank you to the PSA, who are sponsoring popcorn and squash, for our end of term class parties. Please see the ingredients of the popcorn and squash below and let your class teacher know if you do not wish your child to have any popcorn or squash.

- POPCORN – SWEET AND SALTY
  - INGREDIENTS: Corn (59%), Sugar, Rapeseed Oil, Salt.
- ORANGE SQUASH
  - INGREDIENTS: Water, Orange Fruit from Concentrate (20%), Acid (Citric Acid), Acidity Regulator (Sodium Citrate), Natural Orange Flavouring with other Natural Flavourings, Sweeteners (Acesulfame K, Sucralose), Stabilisers (Cellulose Gum, Sucrose Acetate Isobutyrate), Preservatives (Potassium Sorbate, Sodium **Metabisulphite**), Emulsifier (Glycerol Esters of Wood Rosins), Natural Colour (Carotenes)
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### Cool Milk

We have been advised that the dairy is unable to deliver milk on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for those who have Cool Milk. If you currently pay for your child's milk, you will receive a credit on your account.

### School Term Dates

Please [click here](#) for the term dates for 2025-2026.

### **Follow us on Facebook/Instagram**

Stay updated on all the latest news, events, activities, and celebrations in our school! Follow us on Facebook [here](#) or on Instagram [here](#). Please invite family and friends to follow us as well!

### **Greensand Job Opportunities**

Please [click here](#) for current opportunities within Greensand MAT

## **NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS**

### **Thank you**

Thank you for joining us for our Nursery Christmas sing-a-long.

The children all looked fabulous in their festive clothes, and it was joyful performing for such an appreciative audience.

### **Tadpoles' children having school lunches**

Please note that payment for your child's school lunch is now due for the first half of the Spring Term. Please ensure that your child's SCOPay account has been topped up before **Monday 6th January 2025** to let us know that you wish to continue with school lunches.

## **NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS**

### **Thank you**

Thank you for supporting our Nativity performances. The children all looked fabulous in their costumes, and we were very proud of the courage and talent they showed during the performances.

## **NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS**

### **Nativity Performance**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Nativity performance at St. Mark's Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. It would really help us if you are able to get your child to school promptly at 8.45am that morning so that they can go to the toilet and get dressed into their costume, ready to walk down to the church.

If your child has a line to say in the performance, please support them with practising saying it loudly, clearly and slowly. Thank you.

## Home Learning

Thank you for engaging in the home learning 'Dip and Do' activities, the children were very excited to share their learning with their peers. We have sent home some more home learning activities for you to enjoy together if you would like to, this is due back on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

We have been learning to recite, read and write the days of the week. The children have created a weekly plan showing what we do at school e.g. library visits. There is another column for after school activities, please support your child with filling in any regular after school and weekend activities e.g. swimming lessons, visits to the library / park etc. You may like to display this weekly calendar somewhere that your child can see, so that they are able to refer to it when packing their book bag and getting ready for school. We hope they find it useful. Thank you.

## Hever Castle Visit

In the spring we will be learning about castles as part of our history curriculum. We will be visiting Hever Castle on the following days:

- **Otters:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- **Owls and Hedgehogs:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

We will be asking for volunteers to accompany us on these visits so we thought we would let you know the dates so that you can plan ahead if you would like to come! We do ask that volunteers have current DBS checks. These can take some time to organise, so if you would like a DBS check, please contact the school office. Further information regarding the visit will be sent out in the New Year, including information on how to register your interest in volunteering. We really do appreciate your support as it makes visits like this possible. Thank you.

## NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

### Nativity Performance

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Nativity performance at St. Mark's Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. Please could all costumes be in by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December if you have not already brought this in.

If your child has a line to say in the performance, please support them with practising saying it loudly, clearly and slowly. Thank you.

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This term we have been focusing on endangered animals and our environment. Please support your child to complete at least one of these activities. Thank you.