



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hosted our first open evening for prospective parents. Thanks to you all for spreading the word. You might have heard us on NUSOUND radio. I was impressed to see children engaged in Literacy this week, finding out about the story of the birth of Jesus. Children are preparing for their Winter Festival (KS1) and Nativity (Reception classes). Please see below dates for your diary. As we have a small space, tickets will be issued and limited to two per child. Please see next week's newsletter for the process.

Have a good weekend, James Biddulph, Head Teacher

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Christmas Festivities – a Festive Season of Light**

After success and requests from families, children have been learning about the meaning of Christmas and light. The festival of light explores different religious traditions and the meaning of light – from Jesus as light of the world to Hannukah. This is the programme for your children:

**Christmas Lunch** – 10<sup>th</sup> December (in school)

**Winter Festival of Lights KS1** will perform songs to you (**Max 100 parents in each**)

16<sup>th</sup> December – for parents of children in Green, Blue & Azul 2.15-3pm

17<sup>th</sup> December – for parents of children in Niebieski & Neela 2.15-3pm

(all children will perform on both days although parents can only attend on the day allocated to their child's class. 2 tickets per child because we do not have sufficient space for more adults)

**Nativity (Reception children)**

18<sup>th</sup> December (2 tickets per child) which will be given to each child. 2.00-2.30pm

**Pantomime** – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.45pm (Mother Goose)

**Winter Wonderland** – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec & Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013

3.15 – 5pm (Gym) £1 – children £2 – Adults (under 3's free) Venue - School Gym Hall; Tickets - Adult - £2 and Children aged 3 and over - £1

FOAC members are selling these tickets before and after school.

**Many thanks to Chirag Shah, Director at Specsavers in Barkingside. He donated high visibility jackets so that children can go on trips bright and visible. This is another example of how the local community is supporting the work of the school.**

**Remember...should have gone to Specsavers!!  
Thanks again!**



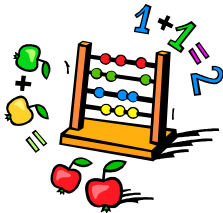
Dear Parents,  
Here are a few ideas to reinforce your child's maths learning at home. A few questions on one of the following topics a few times a week is all that's needed – perhaps while you're driving along in the car, or cooking tea – I'm not suggesting long pencil and paper sessions!



One of our recurring topics is one more than, one less than. We encourage the children to think of the 100 square, then look for the number one back, or one forwards. Alternatively, they may count backwards or forwards.

Once they are confident with this, we move on to 10 more than, and 10 less than. We encourage the children to find the pattern of looking above or below the number to find 10 more or less than their starting number.

We also do lots of work on number bonds. The children are challenged to find as many ways as they can to make 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10. Two common things they forget are – to reverse ways (eg  $3+2=5$ , so another way is  $2+3=5$ ) and to include 0 (eg  $5+0=5$ , and  $0+5=5$ )



With practice, your children will probably start finding these questions easy – in which case, up the stakes a little! Can they find ways to make 20? How much change would they get from a 20p, or a 50p coin? Ask them to add three amounts together instead of 2. What coins would they need to pay?

Thank you again for your support – it really is invaluable to your children, and the results do show in the classroom.

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We raised £215.86! Amazing!



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*We have now finished our round of Senior Leader sessions to answer your questions and hear any concerns you have. Now we refocus our work on children's learning. As the school grows and with the enormous scope of building and potential inspection, the Head Teacher must necessarily focus on learning and teaching. His availability is reduced because of this. Please follow our agreed communication strategy as seen on the website. This will allow all members of staff to do their job efficiently...we thank you for your continued support.*

**Quote of the week: "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales." Einstein**