



# Parent Newsletter

Autumn Term 12 – Wednesday 30th November 2022

We have survived wet and windy November and now head towards, what the Met Office are telling us, will be a colder December with some wintry showers! We love snow at Mayfield 😊

On Monday, Mrs Ayliffe had the pleasure of taking 80 children to the area cross country competition. We were so proud of all of our children who ran the course – which was long, muddy and hilly! We came back with two gold medals and a bronze, so well done to all who took part and thanks to the parents who came and helped too.

We are all looking forward to the many Christmas events over the next three weeks. Lots of preparations taking place in school – singing, costume making, and decorating robins! The Christmas trees have also arrived today and our advent calendar is ready in our office.

**Paula Ayliffe and Sarah Stepney**

## Rudolf Run



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Arthur Bear, or his substitute - Reindeer Ayliffe (!), will be joining us to support the children as they run laps of the field to raise money for the Arthur Rank Hospice.

The Hospice are providing a pair of antlers for every child to wear when they run and they get to keep them as a souvenir! If your child would like to come dressed in red or brown for the day to complete the Rudolph look then that would be great.

Donations for this welcomed via your child's ParentPay account.

## KS2 Christmas Carol Concert




Up until the year of the pandemic in 2020, KS2 have been performing a Christmas concert at St. Matthew's Church, St Matthew's Street, Cambridge CB1 2LT. We have once again been invited to host our 2022 concert at the church on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30. The concert usually lasts an hour and a half with mince pies, mulled wine and juice to follow.

If your child is performing, with their class, choir or orchestra, then they will need to be at the church by 6.15pm. Although this will not be a ticketed event, we do request that no more than two adults accompany your children to this event. Class teachers of KS2 classes are currently rehearsing songs with the children to perform at St. Matthew's. Foundation Stage, Years 1 and 2 have their own events at a different time.

## Bike Access in the School Car Park

Bike and scooter stands are available for children to use in both playgrounds. They are accessible both before and after school. Please use these locations to store your child's bike or scooter - even if they are in Reception or attending an after school club - and refrain from using the stand in the car park where staff have a priority.

Now the work on the roof has been completed and this area has been made accessible again, it has become over congested and footpaths blocked.

<b>Use of School Grounds After School</b>	<p>Families are welcome to use the school grounds after school; the KS1 playground gate is closed around 4.30pm. However, please note that all children should be in the care of their adult at all times, and should not be using the equipment outside classrooms or stored in the boxes on the playground. There have been occasions when equipment left out has needed to be tidied away by staff in the morning, and box lids have been left open overnight making the contents very wet and unsuitable for use that day. The school works hard to keep the grounds safe for the children to work and play. Please be considerate.</p>
<b>Celebration Cards</b>	<p>We are due to get the delivery of the celebration cards ordered, this week. We will sort out the delivery as soon as it arrives and distribute orders to their classes.</p>
	<p>On Friday 9th December, the Year 5 PTA bake sale with <b>festive</b> themed sweet and savoury goodies to buy will take place. All dietary requirements will be catered for, as long as those goods are donated. The sale will take place in the KS1 playground from 3.15pm. Bakes will be sold from 50p and it is cash only. Proceeds will go towards class budgets for extra learning resources. We look forward to seeing you there.</p>

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 performance, 2-3pm in the large hall
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception performance, 2-3pm in the large hall
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Rudolf Run
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 Bake Sale
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 2 Christmas songs and poems, 2.45pm in the large hall
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Carol Concert, St Matthew's Church, 6.30-8pm
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Children's Christmas Lunch
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Last day of term