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Fernielea Features

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Darker Nights

Now that the clocks have gone back and the days are getting shorter, please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing to school so they are warm and dry when outside – hat, scarf, gloves (all named please). We would also encourage you to pop some spare socks and spare trousers/leggings in their bag just in case they get wet when outside.

Staffing

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Prouse, our new Senior Early Years Practitioner who will be joining us very soon in our early years classes. We also extend a warm welcome to Ms Nicol, who is joining us to train as an Early Years Practitioner in our early years classes.

Christmas Arrangements

SHOW

This year we will be performing our Christmas Show 'Sparkle' on **Wednesday 11th December** (9.30am & 1.15pm). Due to fire regulations and the fact that it is a whole school performance, tickets will be restricted to **2 per family** for the Christmas performances. This means that there will be no waiting list for extra tickets as we are going to struggle to fit everyone into the 2 performances.

As we don't charge entry to our shows, there is always a collection at the end of our performances. The staff and pupils have agreed that any money raised this year will be donated to Home Start – a charity that supports many of our families.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Friday 13th December**, the school aims to raise money for Save the Children by inviting everyone to wear a Christmas jumper to school in return for a small donation. **This is also the day of our Christmas Lunch.** The kitchen will serve a traditional Christmas lunch and an alternative of a baked potato on that day.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

All class Christmas parties will take place on the following dates.

Monday 16th December Nursery & all P1 pupils (with a special visitor!)

Tuesday 17th December All P6 and P7 pupils

Wednesday 18th December All P4 & all P5 pupils

Thursday 19th December All P2 & all P3 pupils

Children can either wear their party outfit to school or take party clothes to change into at lunchtime. Please ensure your child is still dressed appropriately for playing outside.



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PANTOMIME

On the morning of **Thursday 19th December** the whole school will be entertained, in our assembly hall, by a theatre company who will be performing 'Aladdin'.

CHURCH SERVICE/NATIVITY

On **Friday 20 December** we will, as usual, go to church for our Carol Service at 9.30am. The P6L class are organising the carol service along with the P1 classes. Parents and families are welcome to attend the church service.



Sponsored Bounce & Slide

On the 7th October we held a sponsored Bounce & Slide in our gym hall. All through the day, children had fun bouncing and sliding down the gigantic inflatable slides. The staff had great fun joining in too! We would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting the school with this. We raised a staggering £3523.89!!! We are delighted to be able to fund our senior citizens' tea party/Christmas Show and to start repairs on our playground equipment.

Parent Council AGM

We had a very successful Parent Council AGM at the start of October. We recruited a healthy number of new members and now all classes are represented. Sadly a few office bearers stepped down from their positions this year. We would like to say a huge thank you to Jenna, Lynn and Kerry-Ann for their support over the years. Our new committee is as follows:

Chair	Louise Gibb
Secretary	Lisa Elrick
Treasurer	Debbie Hutchison

School Uniform

Our Uniform Recycling (UNI-Cycle) is up and running now at the front of the school. Thank you to Lisa Elrick for donating a clothing rail. Please feel free to help yourself to any of the items on the rail. Please also drop off any clean items in good condition – just hang them up on the rail.

We are also looking for any hats, gloves, scarves, wellies or winter coats that your child no longer needs. Hang them up or pop in the box under the rail.

Upcoming Dates

Fri 8 November – P5 Remembrance Assembly 9.15am – Poppies will be on sale next week in classes

Tues 19 November – Kindness Day – including the launch of our School Anti-Bullying Policy

Thurs 21 November – Inservice Day – School closed to pupils

Fri 22 November – Inservice Day – School closed to pupils

Wed 27 November – P7 trip to ABSAFE

Thurs 28 November – P7 team Rotary Quiz – 3pm Hazlehead School – come and support them

Thurs 5 December – Senior Citizens Tea Party – let us know of any local senior citizens who would like to attend.

Wed 11 December – Whole School Christmas Show – 9.30am and 1.15pm

Thurs 12 December – Election Day – School Closed to pupils

Fri 13 December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 18 December – School Choir – Evening Express Carol Concert (Evening)

Fri 20 December – Church Service/Nativity 9.30am (END OF TERM 2)