



LAUREL LANE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# LAUREL LANE NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th December 2024 – Issue No 13



Executive Head Teacher – Mr C Cole

**Next week is week 2  
of the lunch menu**

Head Teacher – Mrs N Moffatt

## How to Contact us

In person: School office – open 8.15am to 4pm Monday to Friday

By Phone: 01895 462360

This week we have had the Reception class Christmas Extravaganza, the Christmas concert for Years 4 to 6 and Christmas dinner day. A big thank you to the parents/carers/relatives who were able to come along to the performances. All of the children were fantastic and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did. Thanks also to the staff in the kitchen who cooked a wonderful Christmas dinner and all those who helped clean up the hall during and after lunch. We enjoyed seeing the children pulling crackers, signing the music and having fun with their friends.

Santa and his Elf came to visit on Thursday to see the children and have his photograph taken with them. Details of how to purchase photographs have been advised on ClassDojo.

Next week the fun continues with the Christmas Concert for Years 1 to 3 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am and 2.45pm (please note the change of time) and the Choir and Piano concert on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Both of these performances will take place in the main hall. The Pond will be having their Christmas Extravaganza on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am and 2pm. Please go to The Pond main entrance.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding a school disco for all children from Reception class to Year 6. All discos will be held during the school day. Children can bring in a change of clothes (sensible clothing and footwear please) but please make sure all clothing has your child's name clearly marked so that we can return it if it gets lost. The charge for the disco is £3.00, which also includes a drink and a treat. The deadline to pay is today (Friday). If you have forgotten to pay, you can still do so on ParentPay. Any children who are not attending the disco will be taking part in other activities in school.

The **Laurel Lane postbox** will be closing on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December so that we have time to deliver the cards to their classrooms. Please make sure all cards that you wish to send to classes are in the postbox by this time.

**After school clubs** finish this week and new clubs will be announced on ClassDojo when we return in January. Please remember that children in a club this term will need to re-apply next term.

**Lexia Notice** – please be aware that from January, we will no longer be using Lexia, However, you can continue to use It until the end of the school holiday. Details of its replacement will be announced next Year.

Lastly, **a reminder that school closes at 2pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
– please collect your children promptly at this time.



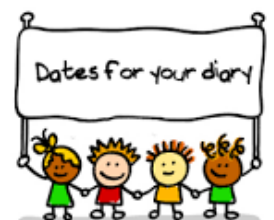
## Dates for Your Diary

### December:

16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert, Yrs 1 to 3, 9am & 2.45pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Pond class Christmas Extravaganza 10.30am & 2pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Choir and piano concert 9am  
19<sup>th</sup> Term ends – **school closes at 2pm**

### January 2025:

Back to school  
on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January



## Above and Beyond Winners

RML – Hamza  
1AK – Darcie  
1HS – Chelsea-Marie  
2HN – Darcey  
2ME – Ruby R  
3RB – Nelson  
3SH – Erfan  
4AM – Freddie  
4TS – Maciej  
5MG – Rhiannon  
5JR -  
6NM - Sofiane

## The Awards Wall



## Reading Champions

RML – Zainab  
1AK – The Whole Class  
1HS – The Whole Class  
2HN – The Whole Class  
2ME – The Whole Class  
3RB – Abbass  
3SH – The Whole Class  
4AM – Amary  
4TS – Nabeeha  
5MG – The Whole Class  
5JR –  
6NM – The Whole Class

### Get to know the staff at Laurel Lane

Name: **Miss Walton**

What I love about working at Laurel Lane: **The sense of community that we have and the many fantastic characters that make up our students, parents and staff.**

One thing you may not know about me is: **I took my Spanish GCSE at the age of 14 despite not being a native speaker!**

My favourite book when I was a child was: **The Wizard of Oz by L.Frank Baum**

### Attendance

**Congratulations to Class 5MG for 94.7% attendance during w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Total attendance last week – 84.3%**

**Number of lates – 112**

### Pupil Absence & Appointments

**Absence reporting by phone: 01895 462360**

**Absence Alert Text Number 07908 677175:** Please use this mobile number to send absence text & reply to absence alerts by text.

Evidence should be sent to [attendance@fraysacademytrust.org](mailto:attendance@fraysacademytrust.org)

**Appointments** – We understand that it can be difficult to get a G.P appointment at the best of times but please try to obtain appointments for yourself or your child outside of school hours. Being late into school or leaving early disrupts their day and can hinder their learning. We will require evidence of the appointment if it falls within the school day or the absence cannot be authorised.

**Sickness** – If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, please do not send them into school. Please allow 24 hours after the vomiting has stopped before they return and 48 hours for diarrhoea. Because it can be difficult to obtain a G.P appointment, you might find that your local pharmacy (chemist) can offer help and over the counter medications that could save you from needing a doctor.

**Medication in school** – If your child requires medication more than 3 times a day, please bring it to the main school office to hand over the medicine and complete a permission form. Please do not give the medication to the class teacher. Under no circumstances should you allow your child to bring medication to school themselves. If you are in any doubt whether they should be in school, please click on this link for more advice; <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

# Important Information Regarding Children's Health

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reminding parents of the simple steps they can take to reduce the spread of stomach bugs and winter illnesses.

We are now beginning to see cases of flu and norovirus increasing as we head into the winter months, with norovirus activity more than double the 5-season average for the same 2-week period and flu steadily increasing over the past few weeks.

## Teaching good hygiene habits

Parents are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

## Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay home if they're displaying symptoms such as having a fever (they should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend) or diarrhoea and vomiting (children should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up).

## Stopping the spread of stomach bugs

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, washing your hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important that all children are given the opportunity to start the year in good health, which is why it's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



SKIPZ PRODUCTIONS CIC PRESENTS

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME 2024



**FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN**

**Paying children also welcome!**

 **LUNCH PROVIDED**



DECEMBER  
**27**

to:

DECEMBER  
**30**



**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HILLINGDON COUNCIL**

**SOUTH RUISLIP YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE, VICTORIA ROAD, SOUTH RUISLIP, HA4 0JE**

**ST MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROWAN ROAD, WEST DRAYTON, UB7 7UF**

For more information and to register please visit  
<https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhafhillington>

## Family Hubs and Children's Centres



Are you a parent/carer of a child aged 0-19yrs  
and want to help shape services  
for children, young people and families?

**Then we need you!**

We are looking for parents to join our  
welcoming monthly Family Hub Parent Group  
(creche provided)

**Interested?**

Call 01895 250 533 or email  
[uxbridgefamilyhub@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:uxbridgefamilyhub@hillingdon.gov.uk)  
for more information



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champions



[www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk)



## YIEWSLEY AND WEST DRAYTON BAND CAROLS ON THE GREEN

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER

7:30-8:30PM



BREWERY TAP COTTAGE  
THE GREEN, WEST DRAYTON

WITH SPECIAL GUEST, THE WORSHIPFUL MAYOR OF HILLINGDON,  
CLLR COLLEEN SULLIVAN

A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN  
FOR THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES

For families caring for individuals with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND) and their siblings accompanied by their parent/carers



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Email: [events@sendfs.co.uk](mailto:events@sendfs.co.uk)  
Charity Registration No 118313

To book & read the event guidance go to:  
[www.sendfs.co.uk/santas-grotto-christmas-market](http://www.sendfs.co.uk/santas-grotto-christmas-market)



## Santa's Grotto and Christmas Market



This year's SEND Family Support's Santa's Grotto & Christmas Market will be at Oak Wood School, Sutton Court Road, Uxbridge, UB10 9HT  
We are looking forward to seeing as many SEND Families as possible and we know Santa has missed you all too!

Entrance to the **Christmas Market** is free but there will be charges for using the bouncy castles and other attractions/stalls. You can purchase Bouncy Castle Access Passes in advance or on the day and collected from the sign-in table.

Entrance to **Santa's Grotto** is £5 per Child/young adult, in return they will have a choice of a present donated from Hasbro or a £5 Gift Card from SEND Family Support and a selection box donated from Anna Kennedy Online & SEND Family Support. As Always, we at SEND Family Support appreciate and understand that some SEND children/young adults may not be able to cope with the noise and excitement of the Christmas Market, so there will be an option to visit **Santa's Grotto ONLY** (with a separate quieter entrance).



**Inside the Christmas Market** - there will be Christmas Castles and Snow Globe managed by the Big Bounce Theory ~ Meet Elsa ~ Music Performances from Nicky Fisher Entertainment ~ SENDFS Lucky Dip ~ Sensory Play ~ Arts & Crafts ~ Christmas Market Stalls.

**Outside the Christmas Market** - Information and Support from SEND Family Support ~ Anna Kennedy Online ~ P3 Navigator ~ Family Information Service ~ Hillingdon Children Centre's ~ All Things Inclusions & Autism ~ and more still to confirm.

You will be able to purchase Cakes and Cookies from Tanpreet, as well as Hot Food from Spicy Fusion & beverages too, should you wish to.



QR Code 1

QR Code 1: for both the Christmas Market & Santa's Grotto with the option to book Bouncy Castle Access Passes too: [www.sendfs.co.uk/christmas-market-santas-grotto/](http://www.sendfs.co.uk/christmas-market-santas-grotto/)

QR Code 2: for Santa's Grotto Only (quieter entrance): [www.sendfs.co.uk/santas-grotto-only/](http://www.sendfs.co.uk/santas-grotto-only/)

When you have booked you will receive an automated confirmation email with payment methods for the Santa's Grotto & Bouncy Castle Access Passes. If you do not see this email, please check your spam and/or junk email folders.

Please don't forget to book in advance so Santa can update his nice list. You don't have to pay when booking but reserving a space is important. If you can pay for the Santa's Grotto before the date of the event, we will be better able to guarantee a gift for your child/ren & young adult/s.



QR Code 2



Any questions please email us on [events@sendfs.co.uk](mailto:events@sendfs.co.uk) or call/whats app us on 07752 169849

ONLY families that have signed up for SEND Family Support can attend our events, so if you would like to sign up please go to [www.sendfs.co.uk/sign-up-for-send-family-support](http://www.sendfs.co.uk/sign-up-for-send-family-support)