



Spring Grove Primary School

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Parents Newsletter 7

14th December 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Committee of FOSGS for the successful children's discos on Friday. Well done to the children who have already performed their concerts to family and friends.

Events still to take place are:

Thursday 15 Dec = Junior Concert 9.15am for parents of year 3 and 5 children.
Junior Concert 2.30pm for parents of year 4 and 6 children.

Friday 16 Dec – Save the Children Christmas/Party jumper day
Children may wear a Christmas/party jumper to school if they wish, in exchange for £1 which will be donated to the Save the Children Charity.

Monday 19 Dec – Theatre Company performing Dick Whittington Panto in the hall for all children.

Tuesday 20 Dec – End of term class parties (Children may wear their home clothes to school if they wish. Please send your child's choice of party food in a named, small sandwich bag containing a drink and snack of their choice)

Wed 21 Dec – Last day of term. School closes at 1.30pm (No Extended Day Care in the afternoon). Children from Reception to Year 6 may bring in a toy or game for the morning, nothing that needs mains electricity please and something that can be played with other children. No mobile phones or i-pads please. All toys and games should be labelled with your child's name and sent in a named bag. All items brought into school are at your own risk.

Thursday 5 Jan 2017 – First day of Spring term for children. School opens at the usual time.

Please note that for all concerts and assemblies, we request that **all parents please remain seated during the performance.** Please leave all pushchairs outside as we do not have room to house them inside the school and they may block fire exits. **All mobile phones must be switched off as you enter the school building** – this is part of our school's Safeguarding policy and is the case on any visit. We ask that parents **do not take film or photograph the children during any performance.** If you take photographs of your own child along with any classmates at the end of the performance, we ask that you do not post them on any website or social media site without the other parents' permission – this is a sensitive subject and we thank you for your consideration.

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Safeguarding all of our pupils is of high importance and schools are required to draw everyone's attention to this. You will now see regular paragraphs in this Parents Newsletter relating to the different areas of Safeguarding that we are mindful of in school. A few reminders for everyone: adults entering the school building must report to the school office please. Adults should not walk around the school and enter classrooms unless they are accompanied by a member of staff. Adults who need to visit the toilet whilst in school must use the adult toilets only and should not enter the children's toilets. Please do not be offended by these reminders and requests; they are areas of site security relating to all children's safety which we have to take very seriously. Please do not think that members of staff are being difficult with you; we have no choice but to follow these guidelines and ask for your co-operation-thank you. If you have any questions or queries about this please see Mrs Chohan or me and we will be happy to talk it through with you.

A polite reminder to all parents, childminders, grandparents and friends who **collect pupils at home time**: infant children should be met at their classrooms and kept with you once they leave the classroom and junior children will come and meet you on the main school playground **at the front** of the school building. Please **do not** wait for junior pupils at the side of the school by the ICT suite and mobile classrooms – these areas become very congested and again, for the safety of all pupils, please meet them at the front of the school – thank you. Please remind your junior-aged children that if they ever come out to find that you are not there, they should return into school and report immediately to the office.

The school and children are in the process of applying for the **Gold level STAR** award for safety and school travel. To assist us with this we would like to ask that during the two week holiday you and your children practise age-appropriate, safe use of pavements and roads and talk through the Green Cross Code, pedestrian crossings, pelican crossings and how to stay safe whilst out walking. We will be covering more on this once we are back in school in the New Year but anything you can do to prepare for this would be very useful-thank you.

A huge thank you for your continued support for the school over the autumn term, as always, it is much appreciated. I would like to wish you a happy holiday and hope you enjoy the time with family and friends. Happy Christmas from us all.

Yours sincerely,



Head Teacher
Ms M.Buckby