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**Newsletter: 4th January 2023**

### **Happy New Year!**

Many thanks to everyone for your patience at the end of last term when the school heating and plumbing failed due to the cold weather. The pipes have now been repaired and the heating is currently running. I fully understand how difficult it is for families when school has to shut and I would like to assure you that this decision is never easy. Many thanks to FOLS for putting on the event in the church at the very end of term

We are looking forward to a busy term ahead including the Young Voices concert coming up soon and various sports fixtures and trips. A warm, Longney welcome to our new pupils and their families who have started with us today.



### **Thank You and News From FOLS**

FOLs would like to say a massive thank you to everyone for last term. The Christmas Fayre was a lovely event, seeing everyone back together again and raising over £350. Thank you to all the helpers, it was great seeing so many people join together for the school. We had so many donations for the Fayre and the raffle which makes a big difference to the money raised.

After a slight change to proceedings we managed to still get most of the children's' Christmas presents out. A little event at the church when we had a last minute visit from Santa and were able to draw the raffle. Any children who couldn't attend will receive their present from school this week. Raffle prizes are also available from school, please contact FOLs for more details.

We are looking forward to another busy term, with our first event being the famous quiz night but before that we would love to receive any unwanted Christmas gifts or Christmas jumpers, we will leave a box at school and please think of donated to FOLs when you are spring cleaning, we will put it all to good use for future events. See you all soon!

### **Advice for parents and carers on common winter bugs and viruses from the Local Authority**

There is understandable concern amongst the public following reports of children and young people with Strep A or Scarlet Fever going on to develop serious illness. However, health leaders are reassuring people that Scarlet Fever is usually a very mild illness that can be easily treated with antibiotics, and it is very rare for children to go on to develop the more serious illness known as invasive group A strep (iGAS).

Please read the poster and information found on this link:

<https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/news/scarlet-fever-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

### Our Living Values



This term we are thinking about the values of Perseverance and Justice. Please find Home/School Value activity sheets attached with this newsletter so that you can explore these values with your child/children.



### After School Club

Wow what a busy term we had in After School Club! We enjoyed the bright weather at the beginning of term and spent most of our time outside in the adventure playground, making dens, collecting autumnal items for art work and playing games. When the weather cooled we moved inside more, where we celebrated the passing of Queen Elizabeth by making Eton mess and used lots of fruit and leaves to create some Autumn themed art. We also made some great bonfire night food and pictures, and Diwali candle holders. Then we spent the last few weeks getting ready for Christmas, the children did a great job of decorating the big tree in the hall and making some wonderful food. I can't wait to see what this term brings, one of our first things will be celebrating Chinese New Year.



### Forest School – Term 3 Tuesday mornings

10th January:	Fox Class	31st January:	Rabbit Class
17th January:	Squirrel Class to Wick Court Farm	7th February:	Fox Class
24th January:	Hedgehog Class	14th February:	Squirrel Class

Please ensure your child wears long trousers and has a long sleeve top and waterproof clothing for Forest School.



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Wednesday 4th January	Back to school for Term 3
Monday 9th January	Squirrel Class Swimming
Tuesday 10th January	Fox Class Forest School
Monday 16th January	Squirrel Class Swimming
Tuesday 17th January	Squirrel Class to Wick Court Farm
Monday 23rd January	Squirrel Class Swimming
Tuesday 24th January	Hedgehog Class Forest School
Thursday 26th January	Young Voices Concert
Monday 30th January	Squirrel Class Swimming
Tuesday 31st January	Rabbit Class Forest School
Monday 6th February	Squirrel Class Swimming
Tuesday 7th February	Fox Class Forest School
Saturday 11th February	FOLS Quiz Night
Monday 13th February	Squirrel Class Swimming
Tuesday 14th February	Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection Squirrel Class Forest School
Friday 17th February	Last day of term
Monday 27th February	Inset Day
Tuesday 28th February	Children return to school for Term 4