



Photos: Year R decorative Rangoli patterns made after their visit this week – to welcome, for Diwali

I can't believe where this half term has gone – how is it nearly December? With only three weeks left the Christmas preparations are upon us. Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent so from next week we will start to put up decorations, the Christmas productions start to gather pace and expectations start to grow! In the diary dates to the right, I've listed the major events for the rest of the term but please keep your eye on the Newsletter over the next few weeks as I will use this to flag arrangements for the following week – if you look at the Newsletter you can't miss anything!

### Christmas Production Costumes

Yesterday, I sent a letter outlining if you have any unwanted costumes from previous productions to drop them into us and we will try to recycle for this year. Please send anything straight to the office (or hand to us at the gate in the morning).

### Thanks for Visiting!



Thanks so much to Dr Arumugam and Dr Somasundram who visited Dormice Class (Yr R) this week to talk about Diwali with the children. It is so lovely when parents are able to come in and share aspects of their roles, jobs, experiences, faith and cultures and this contributes to our vision aim of 'open our minds' to wider aspects of life in the UK. Thanks!

### Dates for your Diary:

- Sat 6 Dec** 2-4pm FUS Christmas Fair
- Weds 10 Dec** Last week of swimming for Hedgehogs (Yr3/4)
- Weds 10 Dec** 3pm Hedgehogs (Yr3/4) Listen2Me Concert
- Weds 17 Dec** Christmas Productions Day
- Thurs 18 Dec** Christmas Lunch
- Fri 19 Dec** 2pm Christmas Church Service all welcome



### INSET Days left for 25/26

- Mon 5 Jan
- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May

### New Caterers from January

A change is coming in January, a new caterer is taking over. Current catering is HC3S – Hampshire Catering. They are underwritten by Hampshire County Council which has ceased the service as it is no longer economical. Us, along with most of the rest of the county schools, will therefore be moving over to the County brokered caterer Chartwells. Information has started to come through about this service this week (which is why it hasn't been mentioned before), so we have sent out new menus and parents of children who received allergy menus should have received those this week too. The new cost of the meals will be a reduction from the present at £2.75 (Years R, 1 and 2 continue to be eligible for free meals). The menu choices are pretty similar to the current arrangements and critically because our current cook Emma Pawling will be transferring to Chartwells, she knows the children well, especially those with allergies, and is so lovely whilst serving them!

### Check you haven't missed these communications this week:

- Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Squirrels (Y1/2) no more Junk modelling supplies
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Email prep for Christmas
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Email school catering changes

### Christmas Fair

Don't forget the FUS Christmas Fair is approaching – Saturday 6th Dec 2-4pm.

### Thanks!

Our little Remembrance shop raised £177 for the Royal British Legion!

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### **Make a Christmas Tree decoration for Next Week**

One of our favourite school traditions is that if children would like to, they can make a Christmas decoration to help decorate our tree.

They can make them out of any material, they just need to be a modest size, no larger than 10cm (larger ones may have to be hung at the back). Remember to include a hook (a paperclip bent to shape works well) or a loop to hang with.

Any decoration relating to Christmas themes will work, so stars, angels, nativity characters, presents, candles, holly etc. so children can make them 2D or 3D and could use any material.

Please feel free to help them if they need it – this might be something you enjoy together over the weekend. A google search will immediately give you some ideas, if you need some help.

Children can bring them in at any point next week so they can hang it on our tree in the hall.