



This will be our final newsletter for 2023 and as such, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community - pupils, staff, parents, governors and FOLS - for their contribution to the school. We have made significant improvements throughout the year, with of course, more to work on next year. 2024 will provide many more opportunities for us all to continue to work together to enhance the learning of our pupils and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in January. Before then we hope you all have an enjoyable and restful Christmas with family and friends.

Alongside the newsletter this week, you will receive the termly Trust letter from our CEO, Alun Williams. In it he refers to the Ofsted inspections that have taken place in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership this term, including ours at Leigh on Mendip. We have had sight of the draft report and will of course share the full report with all of you as soon as we receive it - hopefully before the Christmas break. Meanwhile, Mr Williams refers to the positive outcomes we received from the inspection team which we are all really pleased with.

Our Christmas tree sale and FOLS Christmas fayre was last Saturday. We are pleased to announce that we raised a huge amount; the fayre raised £550 and the trees approximately £400! A huge thank you to all that were involved to make this such a successful event. Leigh School also won the 'Best children's tree' in the FOLC Christmas tree festival at St Giles' Church last weekend.

We've had a wonderful festive week this week; FOLS ran a very successful movie night on Monday and then on Wednesday, FOLS treated the children to a Christmas lunch complete with crackers. Finally, on Wednesday Swallow Class and Goldfinch Class wowed us with some fantastic singing in the Memorial Hall. Today there has been a lot of excitement about the trip to the Pantomime to see Peter Pan!



Next week we still have the Wiggly Nativity to look forward to on Monday. Robins, Goldfinches and Swallows class are watching their dress rehearsal before the performance to parents and families in the afternoon. Thank you to FOLS who are helping again with refreshments at this event. On Tuesday we have a fun day planned, with children allowed to wear Christmas jumpers.

A quick reminder that there will be no after school clubs on the last two days of this term and they will restart on Monday 8th January. You will receive an email about the clubs running in term three next week.

Finally, just a reminder that our last day of term is on Tuesday 19th December and the Spring term starts on Thursday 4th January.



Diary Dates

December

Monday 18th

Tuesday 19th

Kingfisher/Starlings Nativity performance to parents at 2pm in Memorial Hall

Christmas Jumper Day

End of Term 2

Term begins again for the children on Thursday 4th January following two INSET Days

News from the Classrooms



This week we've been practising our Christmas songs and had a lovely time singing them to the parents. We've been reading the story *The Christmas Pine* about the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square and had a very nice Christmas dinner on Wednesday.



Kingfisher and Starling class have been working very hard again this week with getting ready for the nativity play next Monday. Here is a photo from their fantastic dress rehearsal today!



We were absolutely blown away with the children's singing at our Christmas concert. It was lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces enjoying the festivities. What talented children we have!



Swallows have been having a very busy week from Christmas carol concerts to finishing their castles for DT. We also loved our final trip to Wren Woods with hot chocolate milk to warm us up!



FOLS

FOLS will be selling raffle tickets at the nativity performance on Monday and will be drawing the raffle afterwards. They will also be putting on refreshments.

FOLS are looking for a new secretary from January as Natalie Watts is standing down as she is now a parent governor. Please contact Jen Mullier, Belinda Davis or Natalie Watts if you are interested.