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## NEWSLETTER - December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe that we are almost at the end of term - that flew by! As is often true this time of the year, many of the children have been off school unwell. Could I please remind you all that you should notify us before 9.00 am on the first day of absence - there is an answerphone if you are ringing out of school hours or you can use Parent Mail. If the absence is extended, we would appreciate it if you could keep us updated. Please can I remind you that children will need to be kept off school for 48 hours following any sickness or diahorrea.

On behalf of the Governors and the staff, we wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year when it comes, and look forward to continuing to work together in 2023.

With regards

Mrs Sally Dreckmann

Headteacher

### So Many "Thank yous"!!!

#### BBC Children in Need

Many thanks to those families who donated towards this worthwhile charity. We raised an amazing £255.40 for Children in Need this year.



#### Harvest Festival

We were overwhelmed by the amount of donations given by you. These were collected by UK Harvest and sent to those families in the community most

in need. We would also like to thank Farndell Estate Agents for donating a number of food items.



#### Christmas Fair

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who came and supported our Christmas Fair last Friday. The majority of the stalls are made up of donated items and I know at times it seems like we are constantly asking for things, but it does mean



that most of what we make on the night is profit and can go directly towards school projects to benefit the children. So, thank you for the tombola gifts, the small lucky dip toys, the bottles, the sweets, the toys and cakes and anything else you were kind enough to donate.

A lot of work goes into organising and running the Fair and we couldn't do it without all the helpers we get both in the run up to the event and on the night manning the stalls. A huge thank you to the team of staff, students, parents and other relatives for all the time they gave. In particular, a big thank you to Mel, Debbie, Shereen and Katherine and their band of helpers from the PTA for making the event such a success. We would also like to thank Tom from Jumping Jacks who supplied the inflatables and also to Neil for his special "appearance" on the night!



We will let you know in due course how much has been raised.

### Christmas Shop



Just a reminder that we have our annual Christmas shop for the children on Friday 9th December. Your child will be taken into the shop by their class

teacher where they can 'purchase' a gift for a friend or family member. Members of the PTA will then wrap the present for them to bring home. Please can your child bring in a suggested £1.00 donation on this day. Thank you.

### Visit to Rose Green

The children in Reception had a lovely time on Monday walking to post their letters to Father Christmas. Our thanks to the Reception parents who helped with this trip.



### Save the Children

We are supporting the "Save the Children Fund" Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Children may come to school in a festive jumper instead of their school sweatshirt if they wish and bring in a £1 donation for this charity. Please can they still wear their normal school trousers and skirts.



### Christmas Concerts

We hope by now you will have got your ticket to see your child's Christmas concert. Please could we also ask you to bring any loose change to the Christmas concerts as we will be collecting for the charity, the Chestnut Tree House. Thank you.

### Linking Voices

At Rose Green Infant School, we believe all the children in the whole school should be part of our School Council and every child then has the opportunity to have a voice.



This week we had our first 'Linking Voice' meeting. We have one representative from each class who is the link between the children in their class and Mrs Sugden, the staff and governors. After each meeting with Mrs Sugden, the Linking Voice shares what was discussed in the meeting with their class in a Class Council meeting. At the next Linking Voice meeting, the Linking Voice will then talk to Mrs Sugden and the rest of the Linking Voices about what their class has said in response to the questions for discussion. The idea is that all of the children will have an opportunity to put forward their own ideas and be more part of decision making.

The first Linking Voices are:

Sycamore - Charlie F  
Willow - Lily G  
Oak - Gracie  
Ladybird - James  
Hedgehog - Isaac  
Butterfly - Lucy  
Bluebell - Thomas  
Poppy - Emma  
Sunflower - Harper

They will wear a special badge to show others that they are the Linking Voices.

### School Christmas Post Box

The school's Christmas Post Box is now in the library if your child would like to post their Christmas cards. Could you please make sure that the cards are addressed using the child's name and class clearly on the front of the envelope. The Year 2 classes will be sorting the cards and delivering them to the correct classes. Please could we ask that you do not include chocolate or sweets in Christmas cards.



### Before/After School Clubs

Just a reminder that this week is the last week for after school clubs; the exception being Year 2 Cricket which finishes on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Further information on the clubs we will be running after Christmas will shortly be circulated.

### School Uniform

You may recall that we recently undertook a survey to ascertain parents' views on whether they wished to continue with our current uniform supplier. Having counted the forms we received back, 59% of families wished to stay with School Trends compared with 41% who preferred to switch to a local supplier. We have therefore decided to go with the majority and keep with School Trends as our uniform supplier for the time being. A few parents had commented on the need to try uniform on before purchasing. Just a reminder that a small amount of stock is kept in the school office for you to compare sizes and to purchase.

### School Governors

We would like to welcome Mrs Allaway and Mrs Thas onto our school governing body as parent governors.

### Holiday and Leave of Absence Requests

Just a reminder that requests for absence from learning will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Absence request forms are available from the school office.

### Makaton Magic

Please see the attached sheet showing the signs the children have been learning during November.



### TERM DATES / INSET DAYS for your information

#### Remaining Inset Dates (School closed for staff training days)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**2022/2023**

Autumn term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Starts: Monday 5 September</li><li>Half term: Monday 24 to Friday 28 October</li><li>Ends: Friday 16 December</li></ul>
Christmas break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday 19 December to Tuesday 3 January</li></ul>
Spring term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Starts: Wednesday 4 January (Tuesday 3 is an Inset Day)</li><li>Half term: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February</li><li>Ends: Friday 31 March</li></ul>
Easter break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April</li></ul>
Summer term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Starts: Monday 17 April</li><li>Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June</li><li>Ends: Friday 21 July</li></ul>

Dates for your Diary - more details to follow (New dates in **Red**)

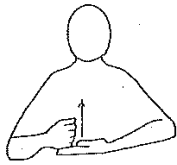
Event	Date	Time
Reception Christmas Concert	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm
Reception Christmas Concert (no pre-school children please)	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 am
Save the Children Fund Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	
PTA Christmas Shop	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	am
Year 1 Christmas Concert	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year 1 Christmas Concert (no pre-school children please)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 am
Year 2 Christmas Concert	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm
Year 2 Christmas Concert (no pre-school children please)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15 am
Christmas holidays	19 <sup>th</sup> December - 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
Start of Spring Term for children	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	

We will update the diary soon - new dates for the Spring term will be in the January newsletter.



# Makaton

We have been learning the following signs this month



Help



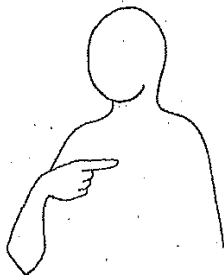
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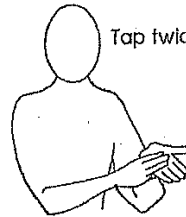
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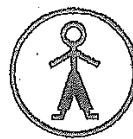
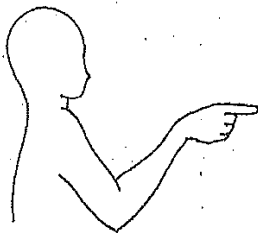
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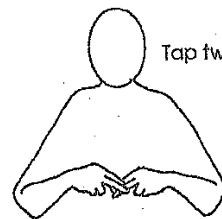
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You



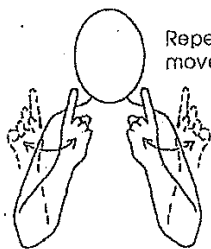
Daddy



Tap twice



Music



Repeat movement



To Dance

