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Class: _____

FLIXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

5th December 2018

Thank you to all of those parents who attended Parents' Evening appointments over the last week or so. It was great to see so many of you looking so proud of your children's efforts, their learning and the work they have produced.

I look forward to seeing lots of you again at one of our many Christmas events over the next couple of weeks:



Friday 7th December

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity:

1Y/2K 9:15am
1B/2JM 2:15pm

Tuesday 11th December

Nursery Sing-a-Long

Morning 11:00
Afternoon 2:45

Friday 14th December

Reception Christmas Assembly 9:15am

Juniors' Carols on the Playground 3:00pm



The children will also all be involved at some point over the next few weeks in a Christmas baking activity with Mrs Tatham, so you can look forward to some tasty festive treats coming home to be shared.

Please Help!

There have been a few issues over the last couple of weeks which I need to let you know about – please bear with me, because it will sound like a moan, but these are all important!

Please avoid driving down Mardale Avenue and Delamere Road – both are not designed to take the volume of traffic a school with over 400 pupils creates. We have had several incidents lately of drivers damaging parked cars (including in the staff carpark) and being aggressive when challenged about their driving. All of this can be avoided easily – just think of both roads as 'no-go' zones, park elsewhere and walk the rest of the way – it's healthier and it's safer. It would be really helpful if this message was passed onto grandparents or other adults who pick up as well, as they sometimes don't know and inadvertently cause chaos.



Children are supervised on the Junior Department playground from 8:45am in the morning, and should not be arriving before that. Some children are arriving at 8 o'clock in the morning! If you need morning childcare, please contact Little Diamonds, who run the before school club and book your child a place. The playground, nearly an hour before the start of the school day, is not a suitable place for a child to be. Please also only allow your child to use the main entrance to school

if they are late – the playground entrances are children’s way in in the morning, and their way out at the end of the day, unless they are Year 6 monitors.

Please ensure your children are adequately supervised at the end of the school day as well. We have had several accidents caused by children being allowed to play unsupervised on the Adventure playground, and we have also had disturbing reports of some children causing damage in our neighbours’ gardens on Trevor Road, by climbing fences and also throwing items into them.

Obviously, that cannot be tolerated and unfortunately, if there is no improvement in the situation, we would have to, reluctantly, stop families using the equipment after school, which would be a great shame. Please make sure you know what your children are up to at the end of the school day – it would be a pity if the unacceptable actions of a few had such a large impact on the enjoyment of the many.



Saying Goodbye

We have some staff leaving us at Christmas, as a result of a post-amalgamation restructuring. We always knew, when the Infants and Juniors came together, that we would need to make some changes to our staffing complement, and that difficult process has now been completed. From January, our restructured Learning Assistant team will continue to support the high standards across all areas of school life and the broad, rich curriculum we are so proud of at FPS. Miss Dale, Mrs Adamiec and Mrs Stanley will be leaving at the end of this term, having chosen to retire. They have a combined service to the children of Flixton Primary School of more than 50 years, and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their service and their dedication to our children. I am also sure you will, like me, wish them every success and happiness in their future, and be slightly envious if that future involves holidays in term time!

Website App: The Story So Far...

Thank you to everyone who has so far downloaded the school app and requested a password. We are looking to start rolling out the features shortly, and will keep you informed. If you would like a login to the Parents’ Area features, and do not yet have one, please send your email address and child’s name and class into the school office and we can arrange one for you. As a reminder, please make sure you stay logged into the app to receive alerts and notifications. It’s also worth checking your phone settings to ensure the app’s notifications are switched on. At last count, we had 202 connected devices, which is brilliant!



I hope to see you before the Christmas holidays, but if I don’t, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mr Redmond
Headteacher