

Dear Parents/Carers

We are currently gearing up for Christmas with the arrival of our Christmas tree and the preparations for our first ever school performance. It has been fantastic to see the whole school community participate in the production and the many decorations that have been made and donated by our students. Below are some of the many homemade decorations students have created:



Christmas Jumper Day



We are proud to be supporting Save the Children with their Christmas Jumper Campaign 2023. On **Friday 15th December** we will ask students and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper/Top and donate £1.00 to charity. Students will be expected to wear the rest of their uniform alongside their festive jumper. PE lessons will continue as normal therefore students will still need to bring their PE kit if necessary.

School Show

This December, we will be hosting Chilmington Green's first ever school show 'The Chilmington Grinch'.

All of the students have been hard at work developing scenes from a very well-known Christmas Story. Students will be preparing a special song in their form groups, and we are asking students to bring in festive items for this performance. Students will receive further information from their tutors.

We are excited to welcome you on Monday 11th December to come and watch your child perform!

We will be hosting two shows during the school day. Attendance is free of charge but you are welcome to make a donation to charity on your arrival. Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before the start.

Show 1: 1:20PM – 2:10PM – **Blue group** and **Red Group**

Show 2: 2:30PM – 3:20PM – **Yellow Group** and **Green Group**

Due to capacity, the show will be performed twice. Please can you confirm via the following form - **Christmas Show Sign Up** - who will be attending for your child as we need to be aware of numbers for capacity. Please note that we can only accommodate two guests per child.

Swimming Lessons and Extra Curricular Activities

From January, we will be working with Ashford School to broaden our extra-curricular offer. As part of this, it is possible for us to run swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoon, dependent on student interest. The

lessons are aimed at students who are currently unable to swim 25 metres unaided and who would benefit from a Learn to Swim programme. The cost of this is subsidised by the school, however there will be a charge of £6 per session to cover the cost of transport and the instructor. The swimming club will run throughout Terms 3 and 4.

If you are interested in your child participating in swimming lessons, please could you inform Miss Wood at rebecca.wood@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk by Monday 27th November. Please be aware that there is a minimum group size for this club to run. We will confirm if we have sufficient students to run this activity on Friday 1st December.

Our current offer of extra-curricular clubs will end at the end of this term. We will share with parents/carers a form to sign up for clubs for Terms 3 and 4 on Friday 1st December.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 13th December, we will be offering a festive Christmas lunch for all students. This is not compulsory and your child may bring a packed lunch as normal. If you would like to opt in, please inform Harriet Ingman at harriet.ingman@chilmingtongreenschool.org.uk by Friday 1st December who will add a payment of £2.40 to your Squid account.

Key Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 30 th November	Inset Day – School Closed to Students Flu Vaccination Consent required by this date.
Friday 1 st December	Inset Day – School Closed to Students
Monday 4 th December	Flu Vaccinations – More information can be found in our Newsletters Page of the Website
Friday 15 th December	End of Term (3.20 finish)

Parents' Evening Dates

Group	Date of Parents' Evening	Bookings open on Arbor	Bookings close on Arbor
Green	29/11/23	17/11/23	28/11/23
Red	10/01/24	02/01/24	09/01/24
Yellow	17/01/24	05/01/24	16/01/24

Traffic Outside School

As the weather becomes colder, we have seen an increase in the number of students being dropped off and collected by car. Please could all parents/carers drive and park considerately to ensure the safety of students being released from school.

LEGO® - Can you help us build up our school bricks/sets?

If you have any spare/unused LEGO® bricks or sets at home, we are looking to build our collection in order to deliver LEGO® Therapy interventions.

This intervention employs the use of three key roles 'Engineer' 'Builder' and 'Supplier' to build a model together using LEGO® bricks. This is facilitated by a trained adult, although child led, to allow the children a means of developing their social communication skills. If you do have any unwanted LEGO, please drop off to our school reception. Any donations are very much appreciated.

I look forward to welcoming parents/carers into the school for the Parents' Evenings over the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal