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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers, I can't believe that we are almost halfway through this term already! It has been action-packed and full of lots of positive achievements as always.

There are quite a few things to update you on:



## Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying

Next week at St Keyna we will be marking Anti-Bullying Week. The children will have special assemblies and lessons. On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November in addition to the traditional Odd Socks Day, the children can also come into school wearing a variety of rainbow and/or clashing colours. The challenge is to be more colourful than Mrs. Gladman!

The theme this year is 'Banter'. KS2 children will be exploring this topic through ageappropriate activities that will help them to understand the difference between banter and bullying. KS1 and EYFS children will be focusing on using kind words.

## Achievements across the school in term 2 (so far):

- Our external school advisor carried out a detailed audit of the school, making many positive findings, including; classes are calm and the learning is purposeful, Phonics and Maths teaching are strong, the quality of music and singing is exemplary and that our school is highly inclusive.
- Evie in Y4 won a bronze medal in an Inter-school cross country event













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- Our boys and girls football teams performed very well reaching the quarter-finals and semi-finals.
- Some Y5 and Y6 children have taken part in Bikeability training and the trainers have commented on the children behaving excellently and being good cyclists as well as the school having a real sense of community.
- Reception and Y1/2 are making good progress with their Nativity plays

## Term 2 dates:

There are a several important and festive events which I would like to draw your attention:

| Date                | Event   |
|---------------------|---|
| W/C 20.11 and 27.11 | Y5 and Y6 Bikeability training  |
| W/C 27.11 and 4.12  | Y5 swimming   |
| W/C 27.11           | Anti-bullying Week  |
| 27.11               | Indoor Athletics team competing at Wellsway                           |
| 1.12                | Keynsham Schools Carol Concert (Y5 and Y6 – no parents unfortunately) |
| Thursday 7.12       | Whole-school inter-house running event                                |
| Thursday 7.12       | Little Gems trip to see 'Midnight Mole'                               |
| W/C 11.12           | FOSK Santa's giftshop   |
| Monday 11.12        | KS2 Carol Concert at 2.30 pm (tickets will be available)              |
| Tuesday 12.12       | Reception Nativity at 2.00 pm   |
| Wednesday 13.12     | Year 2 Nativity with Y1 as the choir at 2.00 pm                       |
| Thursday 14.12      | Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper/outfit day                       |
| Thursday 14.12      | FOSK Christmas Fair 3-5 pm  |
| Friday 15.12        | Class parties, finish at 3.15 pm                                      |
| Tuesday 2.1 and     | INSET days  |
| Wednesday 3.1.24    |   |
| Thursday 4.1.24     | Start of term 3   |

Letters with details about the two Nativity plays have been sent and the letter about the KS2 Carol Concert will be sent out tomorrow.

The menu with details on booking a Christmas lunch will also be sent out tomorrow with the deadline to book meals set as Friday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the Christmas Fair had to be moved to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> due to Santa's availability – he apparently is a very busy man at this time of the year! On the Christmas

jumper/outfit day (14<sup>th</sup> again) we will be collecting for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal and you will be able to donate via the My child at School app. The 14<sup>th</sup> is looking like it will be an explosion of Christmas cheer!

Thank you for your continued support of our school and please do catch me, send me a Dojo message, or phone the school office to get in touch with me whenever. We aim to be an 'approachable' school so please contact us with any relevant information, concerns, ideas, positives, etc.

With best wishes,

Steve Gumm



















