



DECEMBER



Dear Parents, Children and Families,
It's finally December, and the festive spirit is well underway at GB! As the weather is becoming very wintry, please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately. All children must have a coat, and we encourage hats, scarves, gloves etc on particularly cold days. This also means **wearing full length bottoms on their PE days too**. May we also remind you that in the event that school is closed due to snow, we will notify you by text. Please make sure you update us if your contact details have changed! We will also update our social media channels and our website too! Finally, with just over two weeks left of the Autumn Term, may we wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!** We look forward to seeing you all feeling refreshed in January.



**** IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME of the YEAR ****

IMPORTANT REMINDER

NURSERY PARENTS:

You need to apply for your child's Reception place for **September 2022**. If you have not yet applied, please visit:

www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions ASAP.

Please note, your child is not guaranteed a place at George Betts. An application must be completed for all children.

⇒ wedding bells ⇒

After lots of cancelling and rearranging due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Miss Hand (Giraffes Class Teacher) finally got married on Saturday 20th November! She is now **Mrs Cockle**. We are sure you will join us in wishing the happy couple all the very best for their married life!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are really excited about our Christmas Dinner which will be on **Wednesday 8th December**. If you did not return your child's slip to confirm they wanted a Christmas Dinner, **you must send your child in with a packed lunch**. You would have also received a text message to confirm this. We are sorry that we have to be so strict, but our Kitchen Staff have had to pre-order the food from their supplier, so we are unable to make exceptions unfortunately.



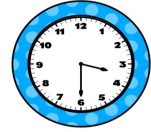


Please help to keep our school clean!

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in the amount of litter being dropped on our school site. Not only does this spoil our school, it is also harmful to the environment. We would be extremely grateful if we could have your support in tackling this, by speaking to your children and being extra vigilant when on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

DON'T BE LATE

Late collections - A Reminder



We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are collected late from school. This can cause a significant amount of distress to our children (particularly younger children), and causes an unnecessary amount of disruption at the end of the school day. **All late collections are recorded and monitored on a daily basis and persistent late collections will result in a parent meeting with the Senior Leadership Team.** Can we please remind you that children should be collected promptly at **3.30pm** daily. If you are unable to collect your child consistently at this time, we provide a paid after school club from 3.30 - 4.30pm daily. This has a cost of £1.50 per day, per child. If you would like to book your child a place in this after school club, please contact the school office.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

It's that time of year where your child may want to send Christmas cards and/or gifts to their friends. As always, your child's teacher can provide a list of first names for the whole class on request if you require.

Staffing update

- We are sad to announce that **Mrs Syropoulou** has made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this half term. 😞 She has worked at GB for 24 years... but has lots of wonderful things planned to fill her time from January! She will be truly missed by all of the children and staff (past and present).
- **Miss White** (Hedgehogs class) will join the Year 6 team from January and a new member of staff will join Hedgehogs class on a temporary basis to support Mr Watson.

DATES for your diary

Date	Event
Thursday 2nd December	Photos with Santa (pre-booked tickets only)
Wednesday 8th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children
Thursday 16th December	Class Parties - Non Uniform Day
Friday 17th December	Last day of term. <u>Children finish at the earlier time of 2:30pm</u>
Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January	Christmas holiday
Tuesday 4th January	Training Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 5th January	Children return to school for the first day of the Spring Term

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR