

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Autumn 2 2023 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

## Friday Letter 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

## Parties

All the children had a great time at their parties this week, they all looked fab in their party clothes, played games, danced, and won prizes! Santa made an appearance too, which the children in Early Years and KS1 absolutely loved. Thank you to our parents and carers for providing such a wonderful spread, the children were spoilt for choice – so generous!

## Christmas Windows

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Window reveal. It was a bit of fun just before Christmas, with comments such as, 'Loved that!', 'This has topped it off – great idea!' and 'Thanks for the hot chocolate!' being made by parents and children. Nineteen children named all the windows correctly and received a selection box – well done! Thank you Mrs Calvert for the idea, and thank you to all the staff and children for putting so much effort into their windows. I wonder what we can do next year, perhaps something more challenging!

## Christmas Wishes and all the best for 2024!

For those who have a belief, Jesus represents hope, light and forgiveness and was born to save us!  
For others, light shines, and savours exist in family, friends, and people in the community who help us, and raise us up when all we see is darkness.  
As we all know, life at times can be difficult, and sometimes means the candles we burn become less bright, but where there is kindness, hope and love, there will always be less darkness.  
May we all remember to hold on to the people (especially around this Christmas time) who support and guide us, asking for help when we need it. May they be a light to us in dark places when all other lights go out!  
Jesus is described as the light of the world, and we are the light in our families lives.  
Thank you for all your support, kindness, and positivity this term, and well done to all our children for their hard work, compassion, and excellent attitude towards school! On behalf of the staff, governors, and children, have a lovely Christmas and we wish you the best for 2024!

Merry Christmas again, and we will see you all **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January!**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Farren  
Head Teacher

**Dates for the Diary – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.**

**Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent.**

**PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)**

**All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.**

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

## Spring Term 2023 – 6 week half term

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff INSET – Children not in school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school after Christmas

