

# December

The countdown to Christmas has begun! This is a magical time of year and the staff team are planning lots of fabulous activities.

## Musical Performances

We have planned for children to perform 3 times during their time in the Infant school.

**Nursery and Reception** will perform in a **Spring Showcase**. This will be held on Tuesday 28th March. Performances at 9:15am and 2:30pm.

Nursery and Reception parents will be invited to this nearer the time.

**Year 1** will perform in a **Christmas Nativity**. This year it will be on Tuesday 13th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Year 1 parents are invited to this performance. Please see details below.

**Year 2** will perform a **leavers' assembly** at the end of the academic year. Dates to be advised nearer the time.

Year 2 children have not been able to perform for Christmas due to COVID and so they will perform at a Christmas Carol concert for their parents on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15am.

For **all** performances there will be a ticket system which allows all parents fair and equal access to one of the performances and reduces the **over-crowding** in the hall. The links for the Y1 and Y2 performances will be open at 12 o'clock on Monday 5/12/22.

**We will not be able to admit babies, toddlers or children to the performances.**

**Unfortunately, no exceptions can be made.**

**A crèche will be provided. Please request a place when booking on the link.**

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

From **Monday 5th December** children will be able to bring **Christmas cards** for their friends. Envelopes should have the full name and class so that they can be delivered.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide lists of children's names.



On **Thursday 8th December** our delicious **Christmas Dinner** will be served. A letter to book the meal was sent out for children who currently have a packed lunch.



On **Tuesday 13th December Year 1** will be putting on their Christmas Nativity. There will be a performance at 9:15am and 2:30pm. Year 1 parents will receive a link to book a seat.



**Thursday 15th December at 9:15am Year 2** Carol Concert. Year 2 parents will receive a link to book a seat.



On **Thursday 15th December** our Christmas parties will be held. Children may bring clothes to change into on the party day.



On **Friday 16th December** children can wear Christmas themed clothes to school.

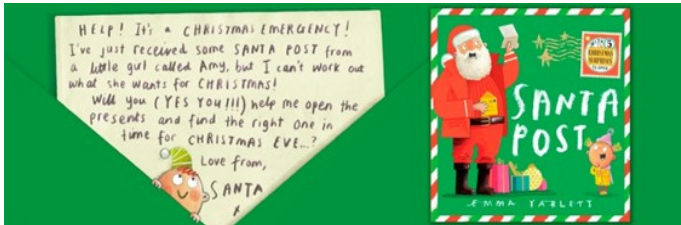




## Fantastic Reads for Christmas



As we approach the exciting and busy build-up to Christmas, it is a good time to think about some Christmas stories that you might like to look out for!



### ***Santa Post by Emma Yarlett***

Santa receives a letter down the chimney from Amy. Unfortunately, it lands in the fire and gets burnt so Santa can't read what it is Amy wants for Christmas. He enlists the help of some festive friends to try to make Amy's Christmas special. There are little letters and parcels to open which make this wonderful story even more fun to read!

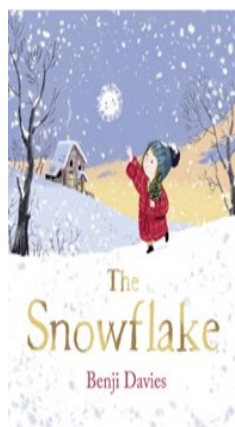


### ***What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks***

This story is set on Christmas Eve when the ladybird visits her friend, the spider. She hears two very bad men talking about their plan to steal Christmas presents while the children are asleep. The clever ladybird has to think quickly and find a way to stop them.

### ***The Snowflake by Benji Davies***

The Snowflake is a magical story that features a tiny snowflake that doesn't want to fall and a little girl who wants to find the perfect tree for herself. This book has beautiful illustrations and a heart-warming story that reminds us that everyone has a place in the world.



## **STAY SAFE ON THE INTERNET**

Everyone is shopping more and more online, especially at Christmas. Unfortunately, criminals use this time of year to scam shoppers as they know everyone is desperate to buy at the lowest prices.

Phishing' is when criminals use scam emails, text messages or phone calls to trick their victims. The aim is to make you visit a website, which may download a virus onto your computer, or steal bank details & personal information.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/phishing-scams>

## **SAFEGUARDING**

The school takes its safeguarding duty seriously. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you must contact the school or the Birmingham Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) on **0121-303-1888**. All calls are treated in confidence.

The school website calendar is updated regularly with term dates or forthcoming events.

## **CRIME PREVENTION,**

### **SAFEGUARDING, BEHAVIOUR AND SECURITY - CCTV**

We would like to remind all parents that we have CCTV cameras operating across the whole site and focused on all the entrance gates and playgrounds. The information is shown on screens in both offices and records on to DVD recorders.