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## Newsletter 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Class News

Nursery	- have been enjoying role-play in our brand new post office!
YR	- have been learning all about 3D shapes and using the vocabulary faces, edges and vertices to describe them
Y1	- have loved learning our dances for the Christmas performance!
Y2	- loved the Treehouse Theatre pantomime!
Y3	- had a wonderful time taking part in the sports WOW day as well as watching the Treehouse Theatre perform
Y4	- have enjoyed exploring how water changes state and investigating how water evaporates
Y5	- thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills during our orienteering and handball sports WOW day
Y6	- have been inspired by Treehouse Theatre and are keen to put their experience into action

Dear Parents,

December has finally arrived! The Christmas decorations are up and Sparky the school elf has even made an appearance! It really is quite a magical time of the year for children!

Well done to the St Ives Choir who have brought light and joy to the residents at St Ives Care Home and Foxes Moon. They sang beautifully and brought a tear to the resident's eyes.

### Make & Take

Please join us for a special "Make & Take" event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. Join your child to experience the joy of creating something Christmassy that your child will be able to take home. Your presence will make it extra special! (If you have siblings, you can split your time!)

**Note: As spacing is going to be very tight with 30 children plus parents in each classroom, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate younger siblings. Thank you for your understanding.**

### Value of the week – Teamwork

We have been discussing the hot topic of 'Who is responsible for Antarctica?' this week in Picture News. Have a look at the charity, 2041 School, its aim is to preserve Antarctica.

### Online Safety

Protecting children, blocking illegal material and removing harmful content on major platforms are the three main goals of the Online Safety Act, which entered UK law in October. While demanding more accountability from social media companies in particular, the act revises – rather than replaces – the current digital safeguarding duties placed on schools.

With changes including the creation of new criminal offences and greater options when raising an issue with a platform, there's plenty for educators and parents to take on board. This week's guide provides a bite-size introduction to the Online Safety Act and highlights some of the key points.

### School Starters 2024- Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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## Dates for Diary

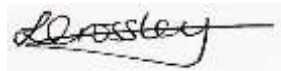
### December

4 <sup>th</sup>	Rocksteady Concert 10:00am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Make & Take afternoon 2:00pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Panto @ Verwood Hub (4pm & 6.45pm) KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch KS1 Christmas Production 2.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service 2:30pm – All welcome, wrap up warm!
15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term 1:15pm finish

### Updated PE Kit Days – Autumn Term 2

Reception	-	Monday & Thursday
Year 1	-	Monday & Thursday
Year 2	-	Monday & Thursday
Year 3	-	Monday & Friday
Year 4	-	Monday & Friday
Year 5	-	Monday & Friday
Year 6	-	Monday & Friday

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher



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