

A NEWSLETTER FROM



MS ELBOURNE-CLOAD



# HEADS UP

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Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach December and all our festive plays and activities, I wanted to update you on some of our news and recap on the calendar dates, as I am aware it's a very busy time of year!

Firstly, we are delighted to announce that Ms Mackay, in Early Years, is expecting a baby in the spring.

## Christmas Plays

The children are very busy rehearsing for the Christmas plays across both schools and, as per our earlier messages on Parentmail, we have had to limit the number of people we have in the hall at one time, so have offered each child 2 tickets for their play. I know this will disappoint many extended family members, but our priority has to be the safety of our school community.

The St Albans Food Bank will have a collection box at each play, so if you are able to contribute any food items it would be very much appreciated, as this can be a very difficult time for so many people. If you are not attending a play but would like to contribute, please drop your items at the school office.

## Play equipment after school

Please can we remind parents in both schools that the school play equipment is not allowed to be used by children unless they are taking part in a school activity. If children would like to access equipment after school they are able to use the public apparatus at the nearby Foxcroft Park.

## Salvation Army

The Salvation Army will be coming in to the Infant School on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December to collect new toys to be distributed to families in need (see Parentmail sent to infant children). Toy donations can be brought in from 2<sup>nd</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December. These need to be new and not wrapped please.

## Christmas Lunches

Infant School -Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Junior School-Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

Children are invited to wear a festive sweater and/or a festive hat/hairband to their Christmas lunch.

## House Winners

The winning houses will be announced on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and the winning houses will be able to come to school in non-uniform and enjoy a house-winners activity in the afternoon. The House Winners' days are in the calendar below.

## Junior School Trip

We are delighted to be taking the Junior School children back to the Odyssey Cinema on the last day of term. This was hugely missed last year, so we are really excited to have this back in the diary! We will all be walking to and from the cinema and have a packed lunch (brought from home) on our return. Please ensure your child

has a warm coat and is wearing their purple school cap as it will be a non-uniform day as usual on the last day of term. The film is always kept as a surprise until the children arrive but the films are always U rated.

In the event of a school closure (e.g bad snow conditions, boiler failure, etc)

If one or both schools had to be closed unexpectedly, the announcement would be sent via Parentmail, added to the website and an announcement would be sent via the Everbridge Emergency System which sends a text directly to anyone who has subscribed and makes announcements on local radio. This system is used by all schools in Hertfordshire so it is advisable to register at:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

### **December Dates for the Fridge**

These are the dates for the remainder of the term - **some are different to our original listing:**

<b>December</b>		
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Juniors	Y4 Chill Out Afternoon
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Juniors	All Teacher-Led Clubs finish
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Juniors	Y6 Chill Out Afternoon
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Juniors	Y4 Play to parents – 2pm & 7pm showing ( <i>tickets via Parentmail</i> )
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Infants &amp; Juniors</b>	<b>PTA Festive Fun Afternoon (3.20pm onwards)</b>
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infants	Salvation Army Toy Collection
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infants	Reception Nativity Play 9.15am & 2.15pm ( <i>ticket via Parentmail</i> )
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Juniors	Y5 Play to Parents – 2pm & 7pm showing ( <i>tickets via Parentmail</i> )
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infants	Infant Christmas Lunch ( <i>Seasonal Sweater and/or hat/headband</i> )
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Juniors	Juniors House Winners activity
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Juniors Infants	Junior Christmas Lunch ( <i>Seasonal Sweater and/or hat/headband</i> ) Infant House Winners Activity
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Infants & Juniors Juniors Infants & Juniors	Non-Uniform Day Junior School Outing ( <i>non-uniform, packed lunch &amp; purple hat</i> ) <b>1.15pm Infants/1.20pm Juniors - END OF TERM</b>
<b>January 2022</b>		
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Infants & Juniors	Start of Spring Term

In case I don't get the opportunity to see you in person, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break over the Christmas period and look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

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#### PARENT FEEDBACK

NAME :

(Optional but helpful if you would like a reply or explanation)

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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: