



29<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As seasonal festivities fast approach I write with information regarding Christmas events and a few other updates.

Across the school, plans and preparations are taking place for Christmas performances and we are hoping that you will be able to join us.

Dates for events are as follows:

**EYFS-KS1** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-10.30am *It's not my.....*  
**KS2** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm *A Magic Sleigh Ride*  
**KS3** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30-10.30am *The Jolly Christmas Postman*

The **14-19** students are planning a rather different and more relaxed event on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm where parents and carers are invited to join them in the hall for a *Yuletide Gathering* featuring refreshments, a craft table, a sketch and maybe a song or two.

Family and friends are very welcome to join and perhaps also join in with the festivities.

We have a number of other exciting events planned in school including a pantomime on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas jumper day Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, school Christmas dinner and a visit from a VIP with a white beard on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mr Bramble** You may be aware that Mr Bramble has not been in school recently. Unfortunately he has become quite unwell and children and staff alike are missing his presence and calming influence around the school. He will be out of action for a little while as he has been diagnosed with hip dysplasia and knee issues. Mrs Vincent and the vet are working out a treatment programme and we hope that once this is established Mr Bramble will be back to school. On behalf of Woodside, one of the KS3 children has also written to the Supervet, Noel Fitzpatrick, to ask for his advice.

#### **Traffic issues and parking in Colyers Lane and Birling road**

We are very conscious of how busy Colyers Lane becomes at the beginning and end of the school day. Over the years we have fully explored whether we can safely have a drop off point on site but unfortunately this is not possible.

It is important to stress that whilst the Welcome Team assist children and families to safely enter and exit the school, we do not have any powers regarding the volume of traffic or driver conduct and behaviour. I would encourage all those coming in to school to remain vigilant at the beginning and end of the day and to continue to prioritise safety.



This term we have had a number of complaints from residents regarding driveways being blocked. We request that you please park with consideration to our neighbours, some of whom have missed important appointments as they cannot get out of their driveways.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for completing your parent survey which we will publish with our responses in due course. We really do value all feedback and information that you share with us. As always, please do not hesitate to make contact with the school should you have any concerns or worries on 01322 350123 or [office@woodside.lseat.org.uk](mailto:office@woodside.lseat.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs K Freame**  
Headteacher

