



This week, it has been wonderful to see the children take to assessment week with such great enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to their learning! Well done all – you should be extremely proud of yourselves.

It is also beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Christmas trees have appeared and are fantastically decorated (many thanks to children in Y3 and Y2!) and the school is a hive of excitement with our upcoming Nativity, KS1 Production and Visit to St Andrew's Church.

**Read on for a round up of other events from this week...**

**Mr Chris Butler**  
**Headteacher**

## **Christmas Surprise!**

On Tuesday 13th December, the school will be hosting a Christmas surprise for all of our parents and carers. To allow us to share our Christmas surprise with you, the school gates will be open from 14:40 for you to enter the school ground and the KS2 playground. The children will be in the school hall, so please make your way to see them in there and to experience our little Christmas surprise celebration!

## **Visit to St Andrew's Church**

On Monday 12th December, the whole school will be visiting St Andrew's Church to participate in a Christmas service led by the school. This will happen during school time. Whilst at the church, we will sing some Christmas songs together and children across the school will do some Christmas readings to the rest of the school.

## **Christmas Dinner reminder**

A reminder that Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 14th December. Hopefully, you have signed up by now. If you haven't and your child(ren) wants one, please speak to the office. On this day, it is also Christmas Jumper Day, so children can come in wearing their festive jumpers!

## **Meet our Governors**

Each week, one of our dedicated Governors will introduce themselves in the newsletter. Our Governing Body is made up of a mixture of people: co-opted (community) governors, elected parent governors and Girton Glebe staff. Please read to find out who our governors are, what they do, and how you can get in touch with them!

### **Pieter Wallace** **Parent Governor/Vice Chair**

Pieter has been a Girton resident since 2011 and a school governor at the Glebe since 2015. He is the link governor for English, for SEND and for the Curriculum and the current vice-chair. He has a daughter in year 3 and a son who went through the school, leaving in 2021.



His professional background is in education where he has over 20 years of experience working in the secondary sector. He is currently employed as Deputy Principal at a local Cambridgeshire Secondary School where his roles include supporting school improvement, curricular development and staff training. He is chair of the Cambridgeshire Area Partnership Curriculum Deputies group and has previously worked closely with the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge developing their initial teacher training programme.

## **House Points**

Here is a running total of house points from the start of the school year:

**Churchill:** **634**

**Robinson:** **705**

**Trinity:** **574**

**Newnham:** **589**

## Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing,  
Pigs in Blankets and Gravy

or

Festive Pastry slice filled with Mushroom & Cranberries in a  
Cream sauce

Roast Potatoes

Medley of Vegetables

Mince Pies or Christmas Vanilla Cookies

**MERRY CHRISTMAS** from Sarah and the catering staff

## Year 5 Christmas Unwrapped

This Wednesday, Willow had a wonderful time at the Baptist Church learning all about the Christmas story! We joined in some Christmas crafts, went on a story hunt around the church and even got some squash and a cupcake. It also raised some really interesting questions which we can't wait to explore in our RE lessons in class.

## Thank you from FOGG

Thank you very much to everyone for your help and support in making the Christmas Fair a great success! Whether this was by donating prizes, baking for the cafe, helping to set up and run stalls, or attending, it is very much appreciated. Thank you to the School Choir and Mrs Knowler for your fantastic performance.

This was the first time we have been able to hold a Christmas Fair for a couple of years, and it was brilliant to see people from the whole community enjoying themselves.

**You all helped us to raise over £1200**, which is an amazing amount for the school. We are in discussions with Mr Butler regarding how this money can be best used for the benefit of the children.

**Best wishes, FOGG Committee.**



*Christmas Unwrapped*

## FOGG Christmas Jumper Second-Hand Sale

Next week, FOGG will be hosting a Christmas Jumper Exchange!

Bring your unwanted festive jumpers to school on Wednesday 7th/Thursday 8th and leave them with the school office.

On Friday 9th December, come and choose a new one! The jumpers will be available from the lobby at the front of the school. There will be a suggested donation to FOGG of 50p for each "new" jumper you take away with you.

Please join us in this great way to reduce landfill, raise money for the school and get in the festive mood!

## Celebration Assembly

A huge well done goes out to everyone in school for working so hard and demonstrating our core values this week. Our focus this week has been our Core Value 'Perseverance'.

Congratulations to all of those children who have reached 10 house points and have – therefore – received a sticker and to those who have received a pencil for reaching 25 house points!

Well done to all of those celebrated in our assembly.

Maple  
**Mikey and Freddie**

Birch  
**Guy and Josephine**

Lime  
**Peter S and Lev**

Cherry  
**Ashley and Scarlett**

Willow  
**McKinley and Valerie**

Oak  
**Sofia and Amelia**

## Upcoming dates

6th December at 14:00  
**KS1 Production**

8th December at 09:00  
**KS1 Production**

12th December  
**Visit to St Andrew's Church**

13th December at 14:45  
**Christmas surprise**

14th December  
**Christmas Jumper day and lunch**

15th December  
**EYFS Nativity**

15th December  
**Author visit, Keith Hatton**

16th December  
**last day of term**

4th January  
**beginning of term**

17th January  
**Young Voices at The O2**

19th January  
**Birch Class Assembly**

2nd February  
**Maple Class Assembly**

13th – 17th February  
**Half term**

2nd March  
**World Book Day**

13th March  
**NHS Vision Screeners (Ash Class)**

27th March  
**Easter Assembly**

28th March 14:00 – 15:00  
**Year 3 and 4 Production**

28th March 15:40 – 17:30  
**Parents' Evening**

30th March 09:00 – 10:00  
**Year 3 and 4 Production**

30th March 15:40 – 19:00  
**Parents' Evening**

31st March  
**Last day of term**