



November 2023

Dear Fellow Parents,

Here we are on the Christmas countdown, and we have some fantastic festive activities lined up for the Children.

Thank you to everyone who has already ordered **Christmas Cards** and items designed by the children, they also help raise funds for the school. If you haven't ordered yet, please note the deadline today Tuesday 14th November.

The **2024 Calendar**, full of beautiful portraits by the children, Order Form is out, and we have managed to hold onto the same price! The order deadline is Wednesday 22nd November. You can always pay by BACS, if it's easier than cash, or a cheque: Sort code: 30-95-76 / Account: 00204256. Ref - Calendar.

Christmas Crafts and Non-Uniform Day. We are doing a 'Night Before Christmas' non-uniform day on Monday 27th November, where the children are invited to come into school in sleepwear / onesies. We will also be going into school to complete Christmas Crafts with the children. The charge for the Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Crafts is £4 per child so please ensure the form is completed when it is sent out and payment is made as we have a fun day planned. We could do with one or two extra helpers if anyone is free, please let us know.

Christmas Tree Stars – on Monday 27th November the children will also be decorating the stars for the Village tree, the stars will be £1 per star as normal so please complete the form when it is sent so we know which children will be completing stars this year and which loved ones they are thinking of at Christmas time.

Back by popular demand! We are hosting two **Film Nights**. These will be offered to Reception through to Year 4 and will cost £6 per child, which includes a hotdog, popcorn, and drink. The dates for the Film Nights are Friday 24th November or Friday 1st December and will start straight after school. The same film will be shown on both dates, and both are limited to 30 children for health and safety reasons. The forms, confirming the movie and timings will be sent out this week so please complete and make payment (again by cash, cheque or BACS, reference Film Night) as soon as possible. Payment required prior to the event please. We could also do with one or two extra helpers if anyone is free, please let us know.

We have even more prizes available this year for the **Christmas Raffle**. Including two Lovely Hampers at each of the three children's performances on Thursday 14th December. Please bring handfuls of cash with you to buy tickets!

PTA Update

With members retiring we have had a small restructure. Louisa Cuthbert is Chair; Kathryn Fox has moved to Treasurer and Laura Marshall is Secretary. Amy Brisker has been joined by Jools Edmondson as a committee member. We are always open to accepting new members or 'parent helpers' please just let one of us know. Our next meeting is in January 2024 at the Shoulder of Mutton.

We still have the long-term focus on fundraising for a **"Wellness Pod"** in the school grounds. If your business or where you work would like to donate or offer a prize for our future raffle at our February Coffee Morning, please let us know, no matter how small, every little bit helps get us closer. The opportunities of what the Wellness pod can be used for with all that extra space are endless.

We welcome any fundraising ideas, or if you would like to help and support please don't be shy, let one of us know in person or by email longhorsleyadmin@fedlongwhaltschools.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your PTA Committee

Louisa, Kathryn, Laura, Amy & Jools

