

Dear parents and carers

Happy Hanukkah! Chag Hanukkah Sameach!

To those of you celebrating from 14 December - 22 December, we wish you a Hanukkah filled with happy memories.

What has been happening this week?

Nursery children have learned all about *The Nativity* this week and have made a small world installation with camels, palm trees, wooden houses and the characters from the story. There have been many brilliant questions asked by the class about which animals are in the story? Why does the angel know Jesus and why did Jesus get a lamb for Christmas? The class have been making collages of Christmas trees and snowmen both requiring sorting of small, medium and large shapes. We have been getting into the Christmas spirit and our cooking this week was mince pies, which all the children ate heartily.

Year 4 have successfully completed their painting art project today where they used our new paint brushes to paint their dragons which they have taken lots of time with drawing small, intricate details such as individual scales.

This week **Year 5** visited the National Army Museum as part of our science unit on forces. We learnt about different types of parachutes and how the forces of gravity and air resistance affect their speed. In teams, we designed and made our own parachutes and tested them. Did you know some parachutes have a hole in the centre so they can travel more accurately to their target?

Everyone at Princess Frederica has enjoyed having the **St Martin's Christmas Posada** on display in school. The children have learnt about the journey taken by Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the Nativity story. Happy Christmas to the Princess Frederica family. Mr Chantler

This week we enjoyed two amazing performances of the Nativity. **2 Honeysuckle** featured on Thursday and **2 Thistle** today and they were supported by year 1 children and their violins. The singing was beautiful and the children spoke their lines clearly and confidently. Many children sang solos and showed great courage (our theme of the term) standing in front of such a large audience. Well done to Mr Tang for the writing, playing and organising!

Head Girl and Head Boy Report

In Monday's assembly we read the first part of the Nativity story and thought about others who are having a difficult time and how we can help them. In art we have been drawing self portraits and learning how to get the proportions right. In geography we made posters on how fast fashion is bad for the environment. On Thursday we had a school council meeting and discussed ideas for the Spring Term school menu with our head chef, Sonia. We decided that we would like pizzas back and would also like to have chicken goujons on alternate Fridays. We also made suggestions for some fruit based desserts.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jess and Vishan

Change of staffing in Reception Buttercup

As you may know, Miss Leighton has been covering Miss Howell's maternity post since October. Miss Leighton will soon be leaving London for her home town in the north of England and her last day with us will be on 16th December. We would like to thank her for going above and beyond for children and colleagues and for sharing her musical talents with us. We have appointed Miss Aktar to continue covering Miss Howell's maternity leave and she will be joining us from 15th December.

Change of staffing in 2 Honeysuckle

In year 2 Honeysuckle, Ms Ahmad is also on maternity leave. We are sure that you will join us in congratulating her on the birth of a baby boy called Yaseen. Mr Zambuto will be covering her post during her leave.

ABC Fund - please donate

Our ABC Fund - achievement beyond the classroom - was created by the school's governors to support some of the most important 'extras' that make Fred's such a special place for our children.

The fund helps to pay for a significant part of our **music** provision, which brings so much joy and confidence to our pupils. The fund also supports our **sports** offer, ensuring children have the opportunities and equipment they need to thrive.

Looking ahead, if we can raise enough money, our next goal is to provide additional mental-health support for our children—something we'll be sharing more about next year.

This is where we really need your help. A small monthly donation—just £20 per family—would make a huge difference. We are aiming to raise £70,000, and thanks to the generosity of many of you, we are already on track for £50,000.

Thank you so much to everyone who donates already. If you haven't yet joined them, please consider doing so, and give as generously as you can. Together, we can make sure every child at Fred's continues to benefit from these opportunities.

Please use this link to set up a monthly direct debit or make a one off donation.

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/6771#!/DonationDetails#%2FDonationDetails>

Music at Princess Frederica

Upcoming Music events

Monday 15th December at 6pm

Carols @ St Clement Church, Sirdar Road, W11 4EQ

The whole school community is invited to join the carol service. Please do join us. We are hoping for anyone from the following groups to come to play if possible.

- the string ensemble;
- year 4-6 brass players

These groups will be rehearsing at St Clements church at 5pm.

Wednesday 17th December concerts

1:30pm- Year 4 Steel Pans and Recorder Group

3pm- Year 5 & 6 Steel Pans, recorder and class bands

Friday 19th December

Church service at St Martin's 10am.

The brass players, and the string ensemble will be playing, and leaving school for a rehearsal shortly after 9am.

Music Lessons

Extra-curricular instrumental music lessons have finished for the term.

Christmas at Princess Frederica

On Wednesday 17th December we will be having our Christmas lunch and this will also be **Christmas Jumper Day**.

On Thursday 18th December there will be **class parties** but we will not be asking for food and drinks to be sent in by parents. Classes will have free time to either watch a Christmas movie or play some games.

Freds Spirit Wear is back!

We're excited to share some specially designed winter items for our Freds community, available now on the Spirit Ink website. These are offered at a low cost, and every purchase helps support our school.

Take a look and place your order here:

<https://spirit-ink.co.uk/collections/princess-frederica-full-collection>

Share the Joy This Christmas — With Everest's Winning Card!

We're delighted to announce that **Everest won the Christmas Card Competition at his new secondary school, Cardinal Vaughan**, and his beautiful design has been professionally printed into Christmas cards now available for purchase.

All profits will go directly to the **School of Joy in Bethlehem**, a school for children with special needs founded by Fr. Mamdouh Abasada. Every pack you buy helps support their vital work.

How to Order

- **£10 for a pack of 10 cards**
- **Order deadline: Wednesday 17th December**
- Everest will hand out the cards **after school on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December**

Please yvette_ee@mail.com for bank details to transfer payment. Once received, I'll place the order through his school Parent app and the school will print your pack.

Early orders are greatly appreciated so printing can be organised in time.

Thank you for supporting the School of Joy — and for celebrating Everest's achievement at his new school!

Holiday Club

See the attached leaflet for information about Chillie Kids Club holiday camp which is holding upcycling workshops for children.

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th December at 6pm - Lifefull Schools Carol Service at St Clement Church

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December at 1:30pm - Year 4 Steel pans Concert

Wednesday 17th December at 3pm - Year 5 and 6 Steel pans concert

Friday 19th December at 10:00am Christmas Church Service at St Martin's

Friday 19th December at 1:30pm - End of Term

Class assemblies at 10:00am in the main hall

Friday 16th January - 4 Cherry

Friday 23rd January - 3 Bramble

Friday 30th January - 4 Apple

Friday 6th February - 3 Hawthorn

Friday 13th February - 2 Thistle

Friday 27th February - 1 Sage

Friday 13th March - 2 Honeysuckle

Friday 24th April - 1 Thyme

Friday 1st May - Reception Buttercup

Friday 15th May - Reception Dandelion

Friday 12th June - Nursery

PSA cake sale dates:

22nd and 23rd January - Year 2

26th and 27th February - Year 3

19th and 26th March - Year 6

23rd and 24th April - Year 4
14th and 15th May - Year 5

Have lovely weekend
With kind regards

Nicola Christopher