



Dear Parents

Last week our Reception children and gardening club helped Emilia and Kath plant laurel in our Reception playground, over time this will result in our own natural border along Chamberlayne Road.



**Tickets for Santa's Grotto at the Winter Fayre are selling fast on Wisepay.** Parents can book a preferred time slot and then select the number of tickets they wish to purchase at a cost of £5.00 per child. There are nine time slots each lasting a maximum of twenty minutes, with ten family groups allowed into Santa's Grotto at a time. Parents will be able to take a photo of their child/ren with Santa and each child will receive a gift. Santa's schedule is very full at this time of the year, therefore places are limited and parents will need to adhere to the selected times. Please remember all adults must be accompanied by a child. Book now to avoid disappointment.

Please don't forget that next Friday is a staff training day and Franklin will not be open to our children.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest regards  
Janine Ryan  
Headteacher

**Headteacher's thought for the week**  
The key to life is accepting challenges.

### PTA News

The PTA have been very busy preparing for our Winter Fayre, one of the stalls they are running is a **produce stand**, so they are asking for **contributions** of homemade festive cakes and produce; please drop off at the school office by 12.00pm on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Lost Property

Please label your child's clothing clearly with a permanent marker or name tapes, then we can return their lost items to them in a timely manner.

### Christmas trees from Kensal Pines...

This local supplier of sustainably-sourced Christmas trees is selling their trees/mistletoe etc from The Church of the Transfiguration on the corner of Chamberlayne Road and Wrentham Avenue, 10% of all purchases will be donated to Franklin, if you take along a flyer from the office or the voucher emailed out last week.

### Stay and Play has returned on Wednesdays in the nursery front room

Sessions run from 9.15 until 11.00am. If you have any further questions please email Veera Patel, the wonderful parent volunteer who organises these sessions.

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By Diya Parmar Year 2

## Key Dates

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff training day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm-6.30pm	Winter Fayre – no after school clubs or care today
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	Y5/6 winter concert at St John's
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas performances Reception 9.30am Nursery 10.30am Y1/2 2.00 & 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch Christmas performance Y3/4 2.15pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Term ends at 2.00pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff training days
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent's Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term week



Riverford organic veg box deliveries has partnered with the PTA to donate £15 for every Ark Franklin parent that signs up with them.

Visit [riverford.co.uk](http://riverford.co.uk) to place your first order using code **SCH1196** to ensure that the Ark Franklin PTA benefits. If you're already with Riverford, please email [anneve@riverfordhomedelivery.co.uk](mailto:anneve@riverfordhomedelivery.co.uk) to let her know and they'll donate for you too!

**Thank you to the PTA for organising this.**

## Applying to join Reception for September

**2017.** Applications for September 2017 need to be in by 15<sup>th</sup> January, if you need support with this please contact Lourdes in the office.